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Offices closing for Monday's holiday

All city, county, state and federal offices, including the postal service, will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Additionally, Crittenden County Public Library, Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center and the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service will be closed Monday. All courthouse offices will also be closed Saturday.

Center's fellowship meal set for today

The monthly fellowship dinner at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center will begin at 5 p.m. today (Thursday). Beans and cornbread will be served, and side dishes from visitors are appreciated. The meal is open to the community, but a \$5 donation for the benefit of the home-delivered meals program is requested.

Clerk's office now closed Saturdays

Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford's courthouse office is now closed on Saturdays, but business hours have been extended during the week to accommodate more customers. The office is now open all day during weekdays with extended hours until 5 p.m. on Monday and Friday.

"Most transfers and renewals revolve around insurance companies, the local PVA office and banks, and since they are also closed on Saturday, the office is limited as to what we can process, whether it is a needed lien release or proof of insurance," Byford explained. "Also, we've noticed that people just don't get out on Saturday mornings anymore. In the past, Saturday business was a big day. However, should someone need something and can't get here by 5 p.m., give us a call."

The office is charged with a variety of duties, including registration of motor vehicles, recording records of various legal documents, voter registration and tax duties.

Public meetings

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) in the judge-executive's courthouse office in Marion.
- Livingston Fiscal Court will meet at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the judicial center in Smithland.
- Marion Tourism Commission will meet at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at the welcome center.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall.
- Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday in the library meeting room.
- Crittenden County Extension Service District Board of directors will meet at 5:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Extension office in Marion.



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By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

Another piece of Marion's living history from the Greatest Generation was lost Sunday with the passing of Ronald "Tink" Hicklin at the age of 96. (See obituary on Page 7.)

Hicklin had been a fixture in the community since returning home from service in World War II as an airplane mechanic with the U.S. Army Air Force. Almost immediately upon returning home from the war, Hicklin became co-owner



of a dry cleaning business in Marion. It was in early 1946 that he partnered with his brother Ralph, who had also been in the military during the war, to open Marion Dry

Cleaners. Together, the two ran the business on East Carlisle Street for decades before Paul Vaughn bought the business in 1989. Hicklin remained on at the dry cleaners, continuing to work during Vaughn's ownership and then for a brief period under Frank Pierce, who purchased the business from Vaughn and changed its name to Coach's Cleaners.

Altogether, Hicklin spent



Hicklin

about 55 years working in the same building. He had also lived in that building for many years in an apartment above the business.

Last month, while recovering from a bout of pneumonia at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center, Hicklin took time to speak with The Crittenden Press about his experiences during World War II. His

story, told now after his death, is part of an ongoing series the newspaper has undertaken in order to share the tales of the community's few remaining veterans from that war.

On a cold December day just before Christmas, Hicklin's sharp memory of events that took place seven decades ago served to paint a vivid picture of his nearly 4 years of service to the country.

Like countless others of the

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Intersection upgrade

An upgrade to the traffic signals at the intersection of Main and Belville streets in Marion is nearing completion. Above, an employee of Davis H. Elliot Co. Inc. of Lexington, which has contracted with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC), is shown working last week high above the intersection wiring one of the eight new lights that will replace the two four-way signals currently hanging at the intersection. The work thus far has had minimal impact on traffic flow through the intersection. The new LED lights are significantly larger than the current signals. The work is part of an overall upgrade to the intersection that began in late 2013 with the installment of traffic detectors placed in the pavement which prompt a signal change based on traffic as it approaches the intersection. Previously, the signal was timer-based. KyTC spokesman Keith Todd said the crews with Elliot could finish their work as early as this week, but additional work would need to be completed by KyTC before the new signals become fully functional. Due to weather and other obligations by KyTC crews, he could provide no timeframe as to when that work would be finished. Just under 12,000 vehicles pass through the intersection daily.

School district joins lobby against electric rate increase

By **JASON TRAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Crittenden County Schools is joining other school districts across the Commonwealth in opposition to a proposed rate increase by Kentucky Utilities Co.

At a special called meeting of the Crittenden County Board of Education last week, school board members agreed to set aside funds to allow the Kentucky School Boards As-

sociation (KSBA) to represent the school district along with others in the state by arguing against KU's proposed electric rate hike.

In November, KU announced it would ask for a 9.6 percent increase in its electric rates. If the rate increase is approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) later this year, Crittenden County School District could see any-

where from a 10 to 18 percent increase in electric rates, according to Superintendent Vince Clark.

"(That) is a significant amount of money for our school district," Clark said at the Jan. 6 meeting, adding that KSBA is working to rally all Kentucky school districts to contribute money to help fight the proposed rate bump.

Clark said part of the issue is a push to classify school

districts as industrial customers, which would allow schools to be charged differently for their electric usage and would account for the higher end of the proposed rate increase of 18 percent. Clark stressed that schools operate at a fraction of what industrial customers operate, considering some industries may operate 24 hours a day or at least two shifts.

Addressing the cost of the

rate case intervention fee for KSBA to represent the school district, Clark said the more school districts in the state that participate, the lower the cost to each district. The most Crittenden County Schools would be charged is \$248. The minimum amount would be \$165.

If approved by the PSC, the rate increase could cost Crit-

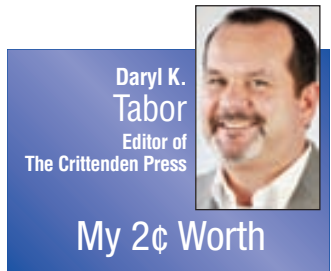
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Valuable life lesson on time taught by example Hicklin displayed

Time stops for no man.

As we each grow older, we may sometimes find ourselves wishing we could put the brakes on time long enough to catch our breath. You may feel life is passing you by at the speed of light, casting one year after another into the past quicker than you can count. There may be a series of life events quickly stacking up against you with seemingly no time between. Or you may look in the mirror and wonder where that once youthful image went in such a scurry.

But whatever pause we



take to gather ourselves, time keeps marching onward.

And time is a thief, and an unrelenting one at that. As it speeds by, it robs us of youth, spryness, carefree days, memories and eventually life.

Time claims thousands of victims every day across the world, but one in particular snuffed out on Sunday has left this community with yet another special hole that will never be filled quite exactly the same.

Ronald "Tink" Hicklin was a Marion institution. And after 96 years, all of which were spent here except for a hitch in the military during World War II, it's fair to say he touched countless lives. Always upbeat and full of conversation, you may have known Tink from the local dry cleaners, where he

worked for more than a half-decade. You might also have seen him on the golf course after taking up the game at an age when most people are winding down their activities. You could find him at church, Marion Bobcats baseball games, breakfast at Just-A-Burg'r and just about any veterans event put on in the community. Until just recently, you could also find him mowing his own lawn or raking his own leaves. But even when he had to hand over those jobs, he remained in the public eye until he fell ill recently.

Besides our conversations about baseball on one of my many trips to the dry cleaners over the years, I knew Tink as a proud veteran. Every day coming into and leaving from work at The Crittenden Press, I have been reminded of Tink and his patriotism from the American flag flying from his porch along with two small flags placed at the end of stair rails leading up to his North College Street home, which lies just across from our parking lot.

Every day, I will now be

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Rural delivery will suffer with more mail plant closures

By JOHN EDGECOMBE JR.
GUEST COMMENTARY

A friend of mine from South Dakota noted that the U.S. Postal Service delivered a lump of coal to many small towns at Christmas when it proceeded to eliminate overnight mail in most of the nation in 2015. That was a good description. USPS will slow delivery officially by one day for First-Class and periodicals mail. Many members of Congress have asked it to hold off. But USPS is plowing ahead.

It is time for lawmakers to consider how rural and small town mail is suffering.

The USPS plans to close more than 80 mail processing plants in 2015 (including Paducah's). Smaller plants will be consolidated into urban plants. It has already closed nearly 150 plants in the past three years and says service was not affected.

That is hard to believe, at least in small towns.

Longer road trips for most mail, traffic delays in urban areas to get sorted mail back to the local post offices, post office closings and shorter business hours have made claims of good service hard to trust. There is also the upheaval while workers lose their jobs or have to be re-trained. Now, according to the nation's mail agency, cost-cutting means admitting service will be even slower, even in urban areas, by at least a day.

What the public announcements do not say is that when America's mail sneezes, rural mail gets pneumonia. Cutting a service day is a big sneeze even in the metro areas. But rural and small town mail had already contracted the illness. Many subscribers who receive newspapers by mail have been disappointed by late deliveries. The scattered reports we may hear of delayed credit card payments and business invoices would be much

Change nearing

April 1 is when all mail delivered in 420 ZIP codes will start being processed in Evansville, Ind., rather than Paducah.

louder if consumers felt there was any point in complaining.

Unfortunately for many – seniors without Internet capabilities, lower income residents, rural folks without good Internet service and people who just don't trust the Internet – the mail is a necessity.

The USPS inspector general last October chastised the agency for not fully analyzing the impact from its proposed plant closings and the Postal Service said it would do so – but only after its slower service standards go into effect. In other words, it will consider whether it can reach its goals after it has lowered them.

Even before the change, it has been hard to find out how well rural mail is delivered.

The Postal Service provides a public report to its regulator, the Postal Regulatory Commission, on how well it performs against its service standards. (See Periodic Reports at www.prc.gov.) USPS gathers information on speed of delivery from several sources, including its own digital scanning. The greatest volume of mail is in urban areas, so national statistics may look OK. But the law doesn't require USPS to report on how the rural mail is doing. That is something Congress should consider.

For a full list of cities where changes in mail processing are scheduled in 2015, go to ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm; then open "2015 Network Consolidations."

(Editor's note: John Edgcombe Jr. is publisher of The Nebraska Signal in Geneva, Neb., and president of the National Newspaper Association)

Life is playing poor hand well

Back in the fall, my son Alec and my grandson Nicholas were fishing on an ocean inlet in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

We witnessed an amazing thing.

An osprey made a dive from the sky to secure a fish in its talons. Another day at the office for the osprey. Not quite. Normally, once snatching the fish, it would alight with its prey to fly off to its wife and kids waiting for supper. But, the fish was too big. The osprey could not rise out of the water with its catch. So, there the bird flapped, trying to stay afloat with its hefty catch still clutched in its grasp.

We assume that the water birds of prey fish every day and catch fish every day. Maybe they fish every day, but do not catch fish every day. It is doubtful this osprey was clutching to this day's catch out of greed. It could have been a week's worth of hunger.

The water eagle had to make a decision. Turn loose of the wonderful catch or drown.

Unless.

The bank was only 25 feet away. The bird then began to swim with fish in tow. To call it "swim" is being generous. It is hard to describe. Ospreys are not made to swim. Flapping the only wing not submerged in the water, this incredible water



Justice Bill **Cunningham**
Kentucky Supreme Court Justice

Benchmarks

fowl slowly and laboriously made its way to a rocky fringe of the lagoon. There, it landed, fish still gripped strongly in the right talons. It climbed up on to solid footing. For 15 minutes it flapped its wings and shivered the under feathers like a dog fresh from a bath.

He was getting rid of the excess weight of the water-logged body. Lightening its load for a takeoff.

And then, when nature or God or whatever, told this lowly creature it was time to go, he lumbered off on its solitary way. Like the old bulky and rattling C-130s I fearfully rode in so many times in the Army, our feathered creature ponderously gained altitude furiously beating its wings just above the surface of the water for a terrorizing time.

And then, it headed into the sky, home in time for supper with Molly and the kids.

Incredible.

Upon reflection, I realized that this lowly creature – this birdbrain – used amazing intelligence to extricate

himself from a seemingly hopeless situation.

What if he had been in open waters, maybe miles from shore? He would have had to release his prey. But he wasn't. He eyed the shore near at hand, which was his salvation. "If I can make it over there, I can lighten my load of water soaked feathers. With a firm footing, I won't have to lift off from this soaking mess I'm in. Patience. I can do this."

And so it made its ugly way to shore. And there, with the fish still clawed in its clutch, it had to think. Am I ready to take off? He possessed no computer chip buried in a composite jumble of wires and connectors calculating his weight to drag ratio. He was solely on his own, his wit against nature.

At some point – like a human decision to fill up the gas tank and leave for vacation – it made a cognizant decision. Time to go.

I went home that night and read about the Rosetta Mission. The European Space Agency had sent out a space craft 10 years ago to land on a meteor speeding through space 300 million miles from earth. That is not a misprint. Three hundred million miles from earth. And, it caught up with the fleeing meteor which was traveling 40,000 mph. That's right, 40,000 mph.

And...it landed on its sur-

face. At my reading of the report, it was sending back to Earth information about the composition of this meteor. There is much more. We'll leave it at that.

The mind can only absorb so much. After a while, the superlatives – amazing, incredible, unbelievable – become hollow, meaningless and redundant. For much of our space exploration, our adjectives have not caught up with our feats.

Intelligence. Which had the most? The human mind evolving over eons to master such a venture to the stars? Or the lowly osprey in the water, desperately holding to life? The mastermind of the Homo sapiens chasing meteors around the universe like a cowboy chasing down a stray calf? Or the ocean eagle, with its limited ancestry and the brain size of a lima bean?

Life is not in holding a good hand, but playing a poor hand well.

It's all relative. One effort was rooted in curiosity. The other – survival. In the grand scheme of God's unbelievable universe, I'd call it a draw.

(Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham is a former judge and practicing attorney in western Kentucky. He is a resident of Lyon County and author of several books. His column appears in this newspaper periodically.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Local board of ed to be commended

To the editor

The students and teachers, the administrators and the service workers of the Crittenden County school system deserve praise for working hard in their roles. But equally deserving of praise are the members of the district's board of education, not only for their work but for their leadership.

Chairman Chris Cook, Vice Chair Pam Collins, Bill As-

bridge, Phyllis Orr and Eric Larue are more than just elected officials. They are the link between the school district's citizens and its schools. They make some tough decisions, set policy for their district and create the conditions that enable students to succeed. In their individual walks of life as residents here, they are also part of the fiber of our community.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has chosen to join other states in observing January as School Board Member Recog-

nition Month, the 20th year in which it has done so. Our local school board members merit this appreciation.

As the demands of high-stakes accountability have increased for our schools, the job of our local board members has, likewise, become increasingly complex, requiring more time, training and knowledge. They also must ensure the safety and maintenance of school buildings and buses, support teachers by making sure they have adequate professional development, lead the

charge for programs that help students of every ability level and closely monitor the finances of the school system. There is not a single aspect of overall district operation that isn't tied to the work of our board members.

I am pleased to join with other community members in thanking the members of our Crittenden County Board of Education this month for what they do on behalf of our children.

Vince Clark
Superintendent, Crittenden County School District
Marion, Ky.

State Senate hits floor running with bill to address heroin problem

The Kentucky General Assembly convened the 2015 legislative session on Jan. 6. The first week of the odd-year session is traditionally spent performing organizational activities such as the election of leadership, appointment of committees and attending legislative ethics training. Committee meetings and the passage of bills normally do not occur until the session reconvenes in February. This year, the Senate used this first week of session to accomplish all of the normal tasks but also held committee meetings and passed legislation.

This was possible, in part, because both caucuses, the majority and minority, were able to select the leadership of both during the month of December. It allowed this chamber to begin its work immediately on the first day by naming our committee chairs, vice chairs and committee members.

Sen. Robert Stivers II (R-Manchester) will continue to serve as Senate President while Sen. David Givens (R-Greensburg) replaces retired Sen. Katie Stine as President Pro Tempore.

The Senate Republican leadership lineup includes Senate Majority Floor Leader Damon Thayer of Georgetown, Majority Caucus Chair Dan Seum of Louisville and Majority Whip Jimmy Higdon of Lebanon.

State Senate Democrats picked an entirely new slate of leaders for the session. Our leadership team includes Minority Floor Leader Ray S. Jones II of Pikeville, Minority



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

Senate in Review

Caucus Chairman Gerald A. Neal of Louisville and Minority Caucus Whip Julian M. Carroll of Frankfort, a former Governor.

Last Wednesday the Senate and the House of Representatives held a joint session to listen to Gov. Steve Beshear deliver his final State of the Commonwealth address. The governor discussed the progress made by Kentucky during his time in office, declaring "Kentucky is back, and we're back with a vengeance." He noted Kentucky has again become a national example of leadership and success, and challenged the General Assembly to put aside partisan politics, as we have in the past, and work together to move Kentucky forward. The governor proposed the passage of legislation to address the heroin epidemic, dating violence, and to increase accountability and transparency for Kentucky's early child care facilities.

Heroin is a growing problem in the Commonwealth, in part, due to the success of the General Assembly in combatting prescription drug abuse. There has been an increase in heroin overdose deaths in recent years as heroin has become cheaper and prescription drugs have be-

come more difficult to obtain. Heroin overdose deaths have increased more than six-fold since 2011.

The Senate passed legislation last Thursday – the first day we could pass a bill – to combat the heroin problem. Senate Bill 5 provides more treatment for abusers and increases penalties for dealers.

SB 5 dedicates \$7.5 million for drug treatment programs for inmates in county jails. Community Mental Health Centers will get \$5.8 million for treatment programs for addicts not in jail. To help state officials monitor heroin abuse and measure the effectiveness of the proposed measures, the bill increases reporting requirements for deaths related to heroin abuse.

The bill also authorizes naloxone, a medication used to counter the effects of an overdose, to be administered by first responders. The legislation contains "Good Samaritan" provisions designed to encourage persons witnessing an overdose to seek help without fear of prosecution for drug offenses. SB 5 also gives police officers the discretion to not charge someone with a crime who informs them of needles or other sharp objects in their possession during a search.

One of the more debated provisions of the bill requires longer sentences for persons trafficking any amount of heroin or fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is more potent than heroin. Some legislators pointed out that addicts that share drugs but do not sell them for profit are treated as



LRC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Senate Democratic Caucus Chair Gerald Neal (D-Louisville), speaks with Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) on the floor of the Kentucky State Senate on Jan. 6, the first day of the 30-day 2015 Kentucky General Assembly. Members met for the remainder of the week for Part 1 of the session, then adjourned until Feb. 3.

traffickers under the bill. Other members expressed concern that the bill applies tougher penalty provisions to both "peddlers" selling small amounts of drugs to support their habit and "traffickers" who are selling larger amounts of drugs simply to make money. The bill that passed the Senate requires a person convicted of selling any amount of heroin or fentanyl to serve 50 percent of their sentence before being eligible for parole.

This legislation is far from perfect, but it is a reasonable

starting point. When the bill is discussed in the House, I hope our colleagues will offer improvements that will allow us to find a comprehensive solution to the heroin problem.

The Senate got off to a strong start by moving quickly on legislation to address Kentucky's heroin problem. I hope we will maintain that momentum when the General Assembly reconvenes in February. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and working with my colleagues to address the issues that are

important to all Kentuckians. I need you to play your role in our representative democracy. I welcome your input as we consider legislation which affects issues which are important to you. You may reach me through any of the contact methods listed at the top of this page.

(Sen. Ridley, a Henderson Democrat, has served in the Kentucky Senate since 2004 representing Senate District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Webster, Union and Henderson counties.)



LRC PUBLIC INFORMATION
Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) confers with Rep. Kenny Imes (R-Murray) during a recess period in the Kentucky House of Representatives on Jan. 6, the first day of the 30-day 2015 Kentucky General Assembly. Members met for the remainder of the week for Part 1 of the session for organizational purposes, then adjourned until Feb. 3.

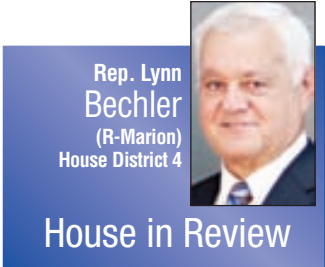
House faces local option sales tax, heroin issues

The 2015 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly convened last week. The week started with swearing-in ceremonies and ended in the House with committee assignments. In between, party leadership elections were held, the governor delivered his annual State of the Commonwealth address to a joint session of the House and Senate and ethics training was held.

This year's session is divided into two parts. Part I was held Jan. 6 through Friday, and Part II is scheduled for Feb. 3 through March 23.

I remain on the same committees as in the 2013 and 2014 sessions: Agriculture and Small Business, where I am honored to serve as vice chairman; Economic Development; and Labor and Industry. The highest ranking leaders of each party in the House also stay the same – Greg Stumbo, a Democrat, is the Speaker of the House and Jeff Hoover, a Republican, is the House Minority Leader.

Some of the issues that I anticipate will come before the House this year are heroin addiction, public-private partnerships, whether or not the Kentucky Constitution should be amended to allow cities or counties the ability to levy a 1 cent temporary sales tax for construction projects if local voters approve, expanded broadband and wireless phone service, unfunded liabilities in the Kentucky



Teachers Retirement System (KTRS) and 911 funding.

I would also like to see comprehensive tax reform and regulatory reform tackled, but I don't think the House has the collective will to address them at this time.

In an effort to provide transparency, I filed House Bill 167 that would require legislators to cast an up or down vote on increased or lowered gas taxes. Currently, a portion of the state's gas tax can rise or fall based on formula tied to the wholesale price of gas. This takes legislators "off the hook" should the tax be raised, and I feel we should be on the record when it comes to taxes.

I am cosponsoring House Bill 33 which would prohibit the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education from implementing the English language arts and mathematics academic content standards developed by the Common Core Standards Initiative and the science academic content standards developed by the Next Generation Science Standards Initiative.

In addition, I am a co-

sponsor of House Bill 46, which would change the election of statewide office holders such as the governor to presidential election years. This would save the state and counties about \$12 million combined each year when statewide elections are held.

I am also a cosponsor of House Bill 102, which would require all candidates for the same office to file by the same date. Currently, candidates running as independent have a different filing date than those running as members of a political party.

My next legislative update will be after the first week of Part II of this year's session.

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.

I can be reached through any of the contact information on the previous page. I am also on Facebook, and you can follow my periodic posts if you "Like" my Lynn Bechler, Kentucky State Representative page.

(Rep. Lynn Bechler is a second-term Republican state representative from Marion. He represents House District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of Christian County.)

NEWS BRIEFS

Local man indicted for sexual abuse

A Marion man has been indicted for first-degree sexual abuse by the Crittenden County Grand Jury.

Roy L. Fulks, 49, of Ky. 1901 was arrested and lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center, originally on a \$5,000 cash bond.

Court records allege that prior to June 1, Fulks subjected a 16-year-old minor to sexual contact.

Fulks appeared before Circuit Judge Rene Williams last Thursday. Following his arraignment in Crittenden Circuit Court, the judge approved a request by Fulks' court-appointed attorney, Paul Sysol, to lower the bond to \$1,000 cash.

Fulks was later released on that bond.

Kentucky State Police Detective Lloyd Ray is investigating the alleged abuse.

Fire destroys Tolu outbuilding Friday

An outbuilding was destroyed and a home suffered minor damage in a Friday evening fire in Tolu.

According to Tolu Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tony Alexander, a building on the property of Kevin Carter on Hebron Church Road caught fire and collapsed onto a large propane tank. Firefighters were not able to save the building, but were able to keep the fuel tank from possibly exploding.

"We got it cooled down in time," Alexander said.

He said the fire also

charred about a quarter-acre of land and caused some minor damage to the corner of a nearby home.

Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department assisted at the scene.

Sawmill's loader damaged by blaze

Firefighters were called to the scene of an equipment fire Monday evening at Marion Hardwoods Inc.

Damage from the fire at the sawmill just west of Marion on U.S. 60 was limited to a front-end loader, according to Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Billy Arflack.

"It's a total loss," he said of the equipment.

Firefighters were called out around 6:30 p.m. Arflack said they were not on the scene long, but were called back when a tire on the loader caught fire again.

No one was injured.

Arflack said he was told operators of the equipment believed it had run out of gas, so they put more in it. The loader would still not start, so the operator removed the key and went on to use another loader. Shortly after that, an employee noticed the original loader was on fire.

The fire chief said the blaze apparently started from an ignition or engine issue.

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tenden County Schools an extra \$2,000 to \$3,600 per month. Last fiscal year, the school district's monthly utility bill averaged \$20,000. That number accounted for all three schools in the district, as well as all district facilities such as Rocket Arena, the bus garage and maintenance building.

The proposed hike in utilities comes just as a recent state report showed Crittenden County Schools ranked in the top 33 percent of the state's school districts for energy efficiency. Clark indicated the district had already

implemented several energy conservation strategies to help save energy and money and cited the enactment of teacher and student leadership teams that help save money by turning off lights and unplugging computers and electric appliances over long breaks. Heating and cooling temperatures are also adjusted to conserve energy over breaks and on Fridays in the summer months.

Clark said the district closely watches how every dollar is spent as officials work to provide basic resources such as textbooks and safe transportation. He

indicated the proposed rate increase would be a direct hit to the district's general fund. Last month, the school district learned its state SEEK allocation would be cut by \$18,000.

School board members said at the meeting that the money spent toward KSBA representation is a very small amount

compared to what it could save the district from the proposed rate increase.

The decision on the rate increase is expected by this summer. Clark said that gives school districts time to voice their concerns on the matter.



Clark

TIME

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sadly reminded that Tink is no longer there.

At our community's most recent Independence Day patriotic service last July, Tink was the sole person to stand and be recognized as a World War II veteran. Though there are still a few other veterans from that greatest generation still remaining in the commu-

nity, Tink may have been the proudest until time called his number on Sunday.

Recently, I had the chance to visit with Tink at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center where he was recovering from an illness. We talked about his World War II experience, sports, his time in dry cleaning and local lore.

It was always such a pleasure to interact with Tink, whether in lengthy con-

versation or a simple chat as he made change from the old cash register at the cleaners.

Every person has cherished memories of various people who have touched their lives. That is why I honor Tink on these pages.

And if I learned anything from knowing him, it's that the clock of life never stops ticking, so simply accept it, hold on and make the best of things as you ride time out until its very end.

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to send the youth group on a mission trip this summer.

Circuit judge sentences three

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Rene Williams sentenced three individuals last week during the regular January session of Crittenden Circuit Court.

The following were sentenced following guilty pleas:

- Dean L. Kuehl, 59, of Marion pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years in prison for cultivation of marijuana (five or more plants), a Class D felony; and misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kuehl was given five years on the felony, 12 months on the possession charge and 30 days on the paraphernalia charge. The commonwealth attorney did not oppose probation, therefore, the judge probated the entire sentence for a period of five years.

The charges against Kuehl were brought by Kentucky State Police, alleging that in June 2014, the defendant was growing 19 marijuana plants in a bucket on his property and possessed processed marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

- Joetta Lee Nelms, 47, of Burna pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree promoting contraband for smuggling marijuana into Crittenden County Detention Center last July in a hidden zipper compartment behind the belt she was wearing. She also pleaded guilty to public intoxication, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia based on records of her arrest at Lake George.

Upon recommendation by prosecutor Zac Greenwell,

Nelms was awarded pretrial diversion on the felony charges based on the condition that she complete terms of the drug court program.

- Lois McFarland, 60, of Marion pleaded guilty to being in possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; tampering with physical evidence; possession of drug paraphernalia and first-degree possession of a controlled substance. She was sentenced to a total of 10 years in prison, but the commonwealth's prosecutor will not oppose shock probation after McFarland serves a portion of the term.

She received five years for possessing the handgun and five years for the tampering charge. The terms are to run consecutively and a 12-month sentence on the mis-

demeanor possession charges. The case goes back to August 2013 when state police searched McFarland's home, finding a weapon and glass pipe, which she tried to destroy.

- A warrant was issued for Jamie L. Hall, 37, no address available, who failed to appear for a preliminary hearing on charges of first-degree promoting contraband at Crittenden County Detention Center. Hall is accused of smuggling methamphetamine into the jail on Nov. 12, 2013.

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Methodist church pastor Combs doubles as local Scout Master

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Known as the nation's premier youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, scouting is integral in helping young people become prepared for their roles in life. In recent months, local membership has almost doubled for the Cub Scout troop in Marion as young boys are learning about the benefits – and new adventures – associated with being part of the scouting program.

David Combs, pastor of Marion United Methodist Church, also serves as Cub Scout Master and Webelos den leader. Combs said the local Cub Scouts membership has grown in the last few months to about 25 boys. And more are encouraged to join. A charter organization for the local scouting program, the church hosts meetings at 7 p.m., each Monday night in its Fellowship Hall and meets at the same time as the Boy Scout troop. Those interested in scouting are invited to attend the meetings before joining the local troop.

Both a Cub and Boy Scout

as a youth, Combs has shared the importance of scouting with his own family. One of his sons is currently a Webelo. Another son earned Eagle Scout status, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. Currently a few local scouts are working on their own Eagle Scout projects which help benefit the community. Combs also hopes to establish a local Venture Scouting troop for teenage girls and is asking adults interested in female leadership positions to volunteer.

Combs said there is a lot to be gained in scouting, from developing skills on how to properly build a fire, discovering various aspects of the outdoors, earning merit badges and learning about the importance of community. For example, each year local Boy Scouts help with collections to stock the church's food pantry, which feeds those in need throughout the year. Combs said the volunteer hours the Boy Scouts give back to the community working on different projects is

nothing short of amazing.

"Hopefully when the boys get into college and a career, we will have instilled in them this idea of giving back to the community," Combs said.

In addition to camping and enjoying the outdoors, Combs believes scouting is a great way to teach youth a wide range of skills.

"There are a lot of things we teach in scouting that as parents we ought to teach our kids, things that probably 50 years ago fathers passed down to their sons," he said.

Combs also emphasized scouting provides parents with intentional time with their children and offers the benefit of fathers spending time with their sons, building and strengthening their relationships.

"You're out camping, fishing, or hiking through the woods," he said. "I know so many parents whose kids get in their teen years and they can't have a conversation with them or get them to stop and spend time with them."



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Marion City Council OKs paying for sewage back-up damage to home

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Marion City Council on Monday approved paying the cost of repairs to a home damaged by an apparent backed up sewer line.

Shelby and Harold Collins, owners of the 317 S. Weldon St. home in question, came before the council requesting reimbursement for the replacement of carpet and padding and any other damages caused by the overflow of sewage in a bathroom last month. After several minutes of explanation by the couple and discussion by the council and Mayor Mickey Alexander, Councilman Donnie Arflack made a motion that the city pay the family \$1,500 to cover an estimate to repair the damages.

"It still smells terrible," Shelby Collins told the council, adding that more than 60 gallons of sewage was removed with a wet/dry vacuum.

Though the Collinses have insurance on the home, they

did not want to turn in a claim for fear their premiums would increase.

There were multiple incidents of the toilet releasing sewage into the bathroom, said Vicky Collins, who rents the residence. She also had several personal items ruined by the overflow of backed up sewage.

The landlords believe the root of the problem is the city's fault.

"When sewage is shooting up, there has to be a back-up somewhere," Harold Collins told the council, referring to what happened when he removed the toilet to try to alleviate the problem before the city was called.

City Utilities Director Brian Thomas said, in fact, there was a blockage in a service line between the Collinses' home and a neighbor's house that the city quickly addressed once notified of the problem.

Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant said that unlike other cities, Marion does not

Zoning change would allow for building sales

STAFF REPORT

At Monday's Marion City Council meeting, an ordinance was introduced to re-zone a property on South Main Street from residential to commercial. The land sits across the street from Holland Medical Services.

Property owner Sheila Collins came before Marion Planning Commission earlier this month to request the change so that she can sell storage buildings from the lot, according to Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant.

The planning commission's recommendation to the council is to approve the change. A final vote on the measure is expected at next month's city council meeting.

currently have an ordinance stating that the city is not responsible for in-home dam-

ages from sewer back-ups, which are often caused by a plumbing issue within the house. However, his advice to residents or property owners dealing with a sewage back-up is to first call the city.

"Most times, it has something to do with their plumbing, but with people who don't have experience with these issues, it's always a safe bet to call the city," he said.

Bryant told the council Monday that in his eight years as city administrator, the city has paid for repairs to property damaged by backed up sewage a total of three times. He added Tuesday morning that he hopes the council didn't set a precedent by paying for repairs to the Collinses house.

Thomas said the need for repairs to the sewer system are pretty regular and that on any given week, the city is called out to address a problem within the system.

The city's original sewer system dates back to the 1950s, said Bryant.

Old political lines drawn despite calls for teamwork

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democratic House Speaker Greg Stumbo smiled to himself as he spied some buzzards circling the Capitol dome in Frankfort when he left the building last Thursday.

"It was a clear sign that they are waiting on the Senate agenda to arrive in the House," he said.

After a grueling election, lawmakers from both sides have made public pleas for bipartisanship to pass important legislation to combat the state's rise in heroin overdose deaths, give local governments a way to replace their aging and roads and bridges and protect women in abusive dating relationships.

That spirit of cooperation appears to have not survived the first week of the 2015 legislative session. The Republican-controlled state Senate has already approved four bills, including measures that would make it illegal for companies to force their employees to join labor unions and would require women to have a face to face consultation with a doctor at least 24 hours before having an abortion.

Both of those bills likely won't even get a hearing in the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives.

Likewise, proposals from some House Democrats that would raise the minimum wage and legalize medical marijuana could have a tough time in the Senate.

And even bills that both sides agree on could be in danger given the precarious

politics of the 2015 governor's race. The Senate unanimously passed an anti-heroin bill last Thursday that includes everything Beshear asked for in his State of the Commonwealth address. But its sponsored by State Sen. Chris McDaniel, the running mate of GOP gubernatorial candidate James Comer.

House Democrats have said they plan to write their own heroin bill, one that Stumbo said would likely include a needle exchange program to prevent disease among drug users. Some Senate Republicans think that could derail the bill in a legislative session limited to 30 working days.

A similar bill did not pass last year. House Democrats blame Republicans for running out the clock on the session's final day so the House could not pass the bill. Republican Senate President Robert Stivers blamed House Democrats for waiting until the last minute to bring it up for a vote.

"We waited a whole year, and how many people have either been incarcerated, have gone to rehab but even worse have died for the lack and failure to take this up in the other chamber," Stivers said.

Senate Democrats, meanwhile, have been critical of Stivers for changing the chamber's seating arrangement. Where Republicans and Democrats once mingled throughout the chamber, Republicans now sit as a group on the right side while Democrats are on the left.

HICKLIN

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16 million Americans who entered the war, Hicklin traded the comforts of home for the uncertainties of war while in the prime of his life. He was 23 when he was drafted and entered the military on Feb. 11, 1942, just a couple of months after the United States entered the war following the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

"We got caught with our pants down," he said of the surprise attack on the Navy's Pacific Fleet moored at the Hawaiian base. "I don't know how we ever won the war."

Prior to his induction, Hicklin had worked in Marion at Yates Tailor Shop, where owner Loren Yates also operated a dry cleaning business, and then City Drug Store. He would remain in the military until being discharged on Nov. 24, 1945, which allowed him to catch the annual Marion-Princeton football rivalry.

"I don't recall how it came out, but I remember going to the game," said the graduate of Marion High School.

Although he requested administrative work or photography for his MOS, or military occupational specialty, Hicklin was tapped to be an aircraft mechanic. The military didn't seem to care that he had no previous mechanical experience.

"It just happened to be that on that day they needed mechanics," he said.

His new vocation would take him across the country as he trained for his posting.

Hicklin was first taken from Marion by bus to Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, Ind., for official reception into the Army Air Force.

"The bus came up from Memphis, making several stops to pick up guys along the way, and picked up four or five of us from Marion," he said.

Wichita Falls, Texas, was his next stop. It was there he would receive basic training and his initial schooling on airplanes. From there it was on to San Diego, Calif., where at the Consolidated Aircraft Corp. he spent the next few months gaining intimate knowledge of the manufacturer's fabled B-24 Liberator bombers.

"I remember the World Series was on when I was at San Diego," the avid baseball fan recalled.

That memory was important to Hicklin, as it just so



FILE PHOTO

Ronald "Tink" Hicklin is shown during World War II on the South Pacific island of Saipan in front of a sign indicating the unit in which he served as an airplane mechanic, the U.S. Army Air Force's 871st Bomb Squadron.

happened that in the fall of 1942, his St. Louis Cardinals beat the New York Yankees for their fourth title.

After San Diego came Tucson, Ariz., where a B-24 training base was located.

In the meantime, the war in Europe was winding down.

"They saw we were going to be working on Japan instead, but the B-24s weren't long-range enough to go to Japan from our secure bases in the Pacific," Hicklin said. "So they turned their attention to building the B-29."

The B-29, dubbed the Superfortress, was a huge, four-engine bomber developed late in the war specifically for long-range bombing missions. It used primarily in the Pacific Theater of the war.

"Then, the first thing you know, I was going to Seattle, Wash., to study the B-29."

After having gone through B-29 orientation in Seattle, he was sent to Patterson, N.J., where the engines of the B-29 were made. He would spend roughly six months there studying the huge piston engines that drove the bomber.

From there, it was on to bases in Kansas, specifically

Pratt, Kan., where he would spend another year.

"You know Kansas is flat, flat, flat land, and they had to have a lot of runway to get those bombers off the ground with a bomb load," Hicklin said. "There were about four bases in Kansas where all that flat land was long enough to get them off the ground."

Altogether, Hicklin spent about 2 1/2 years stateside before being deployed in 1944 to Saipan, one of the Mariana Islands in the South Pacific where the U.S. had established bases. From there, American long-range bombers like the B-29 were able to reach the Japanese mainland.

"I was working on them while we were doing training missions and getting ready to bomb Japan," he said. "Just as soon as we got in gear, we started bombing Japan in about late '44."

Hicklin said the bombers left continuously from Saipan and other airfields in the Marianas archipelago on long-range missions to attack various Japanese cities.

"I don't know how far it was, but actually the planes would be gone about 14 hours,"

Hicklin recalled.

The torrid pace kept Hicklin and his fellow crew of eight mechanics busy. He specifically recalled a B-29 named Ponderous Peg as one of the planes of the 871st Bomb Squadron his team was assigned to keep in flying order.

While on the island, Hicklin said he endured only a couple of Japanese air raids.

"Thank goodness it didn't amount to much," he said.

Just 5 miles off Saipan lay the island of Tinian. It was from there that the most famous B-29 of all, The Enola Gay, left an air strip on Aug. 6, 1945, to drop the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Just three days later, another Tinian-based B-29, Bockscar, dropped a second atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, effectively ending the war.

"And that's how it was," Hicklin said. "We stayed there until they threw up their hands and surrendered."

The war officially ended on Sept. 2, 1945, with the formal Japanese surrender.

Hicklin wrapped up his war duties and was discharged in time to get back home in Marion by Thanksgiving of 1945... just before for the big Marion-Princeton game.

"That's about the running story of my service," he said.

Hicklin said he didn't mind all the traveling involved with his service, including his deployment in the midst of a war in the Pacific Theater.

"I thought since I'm being chosen for this role, then it suits me," he said.

Once home, Hicklin went back to his job at City Drug Store. But he stayed there only a couple months. His brother Ralph soon returned home from the war in Europe with no interest in returning to his previous job in Detroit. So, the brothers decided to buy out Yates' dry cleaning business in Marion.

Hicklin, who never married and had no children, would continue working in the dry cleaning business for more than a half-century.

As for his place in history as a part of the Greatest Generation that fought and won World War II, Hicklin was always proud of his service and looked back on it with joy.

"Oh, I liked it," he said. "It was quite an experience."

(Editor's note: The Crittenden Press will continue its effort to bring you the stories of as many World War II veterans remaining in Crittenden County as possible.)

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How sad the world does not see Jesus

How sad for the world that it does not see Jesus. With evil raging all around us and Leftist, pagans, atheists, communists, Jews and Muslims can't see the difference in America now and when she rabidly believed in and millions practiced the teachings of Jesus.

All the evils we are seeing today destroying lives and civilizations were fewer and farther between back then. Some of the evils, like the horrific murdering of innocents in the name of a religion, were unheard of.

How sad the rest of the world can't see how much more America has been blessed than any nation on Earth because she was founded on the Judeo-Christian principals.

How sad they refuse to see Jesus, who so loved every one of them that He – being God in the flesh and feeling all the anguish, pain, rejection and death every other being in human flesh feels – did it all just so they could have peace on Earth and eternal joy in Heaven.

Of all the other gods man



makes unto himself to believe in, not one of them ever died for man's sins to be forgiven and hidden.

There are two reasons why these cannot see Jesus.

One is, Satan blinds their eyes as Jesus said in Matthew 12:15, "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

Jesus was quoting God when He spoke to Isaiah when the Israelites had left God and followed the way of the pagans, as the world is

doing today. Isaiah then asked God how long would this blindness be?

His answer is found in Isaiah 6:11-12: "Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, and the Lord have moved men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land."

We see this forsaking God all over the world and the chaos it has brought to all nations.

This wasting and desolation was brought on the Jews in 70 A.D., and they were scattered all over the world by the pagan Romans.

Leviticus 26:33-38 says, "And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste."

They are scattered to the four winds and the sword is still drawn against them, as is seen in France in the Jewish deli attack by Muslims, even this moment as I write this.

After Rome did all this to

the Jews, she paid with its own desolation by the hordes of barbarians coming down from the Alps time after time until its greatness lay in shambles.

This is the plan the Muslims have for all the world and the hoards of ISIS militants are giving us a preview and openly telling us what they will do.

They not only kill non-Muslims, but all Muslims who do not adhere to their brand of Islam.

The other reason the world doesn't see Jesus is, so many of those who profess Him do not exhibit His life or His qualifications to be His. They do not show the world the love, sacrifice, holy living, godliness, faithfulness and godly works, which happens when the scripture is fulfilled.

"The mystery that was hidden for generation which is Christ in you, the hope of glory," reads Colossians 1:26-27.

This mystery is seen in Christians when they care about their fellow man, giving their lives to teach by word and example in order to warn and work for their

Master by helping others and keeping His commandments.

It is those kinds of Christ followers who go into all the hostile world not only to proclaim the Gospel, but to work to help the people better themselves with schools, hospitals and soup kitchens. In many cases, they give their lives.

How many hospitals, schools, universities, orphanages, soup kitchens for the homeless and down trodden do the Leftists, atheists, pagans, communists and Muslims build for the betterment of their fellow man?

To my grief, America has turned her back on God in every way possible, and we are guaranteed by God that we will face the same fate Israel faced and is still suffering because they left God and did not accept Jesus when He came to save His own.

All the evil America has accepted has come on so fast. And all the crime and slaughter around the world happening in every country is occurring to such a massive degree and with such

rapid succession that I actually tremble seeing the promised chaos of all the world winding down to its demise with such speed, just as Jesus warned us of.

"Nation shall rise against nation, great earthquakes, famines and terrible diseases, distress of nations, with perplexity, men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the Earth. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory," read excerpts from Luke 21:10-26.

Look how many nations are against us and each other.

Not only must we be ready to endure horrible suffering here during all the evil that is to come on us, but we must be ready in our hearts and lives to face the Great and Faithful Honest Judge of the whole world, individually.

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

God desires to fill His people with love, holiness

By FELTY YODER
GUEST COLUMNIST

We find several words of exhortation in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, where the apostle Paul admonishes the church to not associate with unrighteousness and the works of darkness.

Thus, being separate from the unclean things, God will receive us, for we are the temple of God, and He will dwell in us. He will walk and perform his work in us. He will be our God, and we shall be His people. He will be our Father and we shall be His sons and daughters.

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves of all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God," reads 2 Corinthians 7:1.

With such wonderful promises, we can see that the potential of holiness is within the grasp of all believers. He who possesses holiness has pledged to abide and work in us.

The basis of this perfect holiness is love. The more we realize the love of Christ, the more we will be filled with His presence and power. God's desire is to fill all His children with perfect love and bring them into a state of holiness and righteousness.

This perfect holiness we are speaking about is a state of being that none of us has ever wholly experienced. Nor can we honestly say that the most godly person we have ever known was cleansed from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit.

We are all agreed that Jesus was the only person who ever lived a completely sinless and holy life. There is no argument.

Not one of us is free from some imperfection of character until the stain is removed by the blood of Christ. We cannot verify from past experiences that it is possible to live a perfect and holy life. The answer can only be found in God's

Word.

For the church to remain in a constant state of imperfection is contrary to the will and Word of God. Many of the assemblies of God's people – or dare we say, most all of the congregations – are pretty much under the old covenant. The old order could not bring the work of redemption to fullness, and therefore it had to be changed. (See Hebrews 7:11-12.)

The old order was good for its time, but it still ended in death. All kingdoms that end in death must give way to the Kingdom of God that issues forth the life. Righteous decrees issued by righteous men can only produce an unprofitable system.

The church has yet to emerge out of its cocoon and be freed from the bondage of sin, the flesh and the devil.

From the cradle to the grave, we have been taught that perfect holiness was unattainable as long as we

are in this mortal flesh. When enough people are convinced that it cannot be done; a maxim is crested: "No one can be perfect."

When we have never believed the various scriptures on the subject of coming into the fullness of Christ, then it should not come as a great surprise that men become indifferent and the church eventually becomes saturated with filthiness of the flesh and spirit. The sad thing is that they don't even realize the condition they are in, thinking they "have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked," according to Revelation 3:17.

In closing, we will quote a few scripture to verify what God has in store for all His children who can believe in it:

- Luke 1:74-75: "That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might

serve him without fear. In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."

- Matthew 5:48: "Be you therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect."

- 1 Peter 1:15-16: "But as He which hath called you is holy, so be you holy in all manner of conversation. Because it is written, be you holy for I am holy."

- 1 John 4:16-17: "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect that we may have boldness in the day of judgement, because as He is, so are we in the world."

(FeltY Yoder is a resident of the Salem community and has lived with his family in the area for two decades.)

Community church notes

- Salem Methodist Church will host its Third Saturday Singing at 6 p.m., this Saturday. The public is invited to attend. Call (270) 988-3459 for more information.
- Barnett Chapel Church will ordain Bro. Steve Tinsley (minister) and Bro. Donny Herron (Deacon) on Sunday during its morning service. A meal will follow.
- Upward basketball and cheerleading practice is held Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Marion Baptist Church. The weight room and walking track will be open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday; 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday. Upward games begin at 9 a.m., Jan. 24.
- Mexico Baptist Church's clothes closet is open 9-11:30 a.m., each Monday.

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

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Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.

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• Sunday contemporary service: 8:15 a.m.
• Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
• RA's, GAs and Youth Cruise: 5:45 p.m.
Pastor Mike Jones

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Father Ryan Harpole

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Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

Frances Presbyterian Church

Bro. Blitch Gray • Bro. A.C. Hodge
Wednesday night prayer meeting and youth service: 7 pm
Sunday school: 10 am • Worship service: 11 am
Every fourth Sunday evening service: 5:30 pm

Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church

State Route 506 • Marion, Kentucky
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Bible Study 6 p.m.
Pastor Daniel Hopkins
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Crooked Creek Baptist Church

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

Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Terra Sisco • Sunday School 10 a.m. •
Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training 6 p.m. • Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. • Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Pastor Tim Burdon
Minister of Youth Robert Kirby
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• Sunday school: 9:45 a.m. Bro. Steve Tinsley, pastor
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• Wednesday night Bible study: 7 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Rev. Trae Gandee

Life in Christ Church

A New Testament church 2925 U.S. 641, Marion
Sunday services 9 a.m. and 10:45a.m. | Wednesday services 7p.m.
➤ Chris and Sue McDonald, pastors

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Crayne Cemetery Road
Marion, Kentucky
Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.
Sunday school, 10 a.m. | Sunday worship, 11 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

— PAID OBITUARY —

Dycus

Eddie Hayden Dycus, 87, of Eddyville died Jan. 5, 2015, at Caldwell Medical Center in Princeton.

He was a member of Eddyville First Baptist Church, a 66-year member of Joppa Masonic Lodge No. 167 and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Clint and Polly Frances Hayes Dycus; his wife, Alice Daphne "Dude" Scillian Dycus; seven brothers, Hiram Dycus, O.R. Dycus, Thomas Carol Dycus, Charles Douglas Dycus, James Hayes Dycus and Thomas Clint Dycus Jr.; and a sister, Polly Hayes Dycus.

Dycus is survived by a son, William "Bill" and wife Lisa Dycus of Kuttawa; a sister, Ellen Frances Dycus Murphy of Franklin, Ky.; and two grandchildren, Kacie Dycus of Kuttawa and Ryan Dycus of Kuttawa.

Funeral services were last Thursday at Dunn's Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. Steve McVay officiating and Rev. Tim Purdue assisting. Burial was in Rolling Hills Cemetery in Eddyville. Masonic Rites were conducted last Wednesday at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Lyon County Lions Club.

Hicklin

Ronald F. "Tink" Hicklin, 96, of Marion died Jan. 11, 2015, at Crittenden Health Systems.

He was a member of Marion United Methodist Church, the VFW and was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II.

Hicklin is survived by a niece, Janet Hicklin of Houston; two nephews, Ron Alvis of Frankfort and Richard Franklin of Lexington; two great-nieces; a great-nephew; two great-great-nieces; two great-great-nephews; and special friends, Liz and Jerry Jackson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James T. and Eva Hicklin; three brothers, Ralph Hicklin, Richard Hicklin and Rob Hicklin; and two sisters, Mary Alvis and Lois Franklin.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Mapleview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to: Marion United Methodist Church Renovation Fund, 112 S. College St., Marion, KY 42064.

Hunt

Carman Ann Hunt, 79, of Rosiclare, Ill., died Jan. 6, 2015, at Hardin County General Hospital in Rosiclare.

She is survived by a son, Perry Hunt of Madisonville; a daughter, Traci Hunt of Rosiclare; two sisters, Lena Sue Mills of Tolu and Deborah Lee Mulkey of Tolu; a brother, William Richard Tinsley of Rosiclare; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Hunt was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Luda Sherer Tinsley; and a son, Richard Vincent Hunt.

No services are scheduled at this time. A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Lindsey Funeral Home in Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

— PAID OBITUARY —

Maholland

Maxine Maholland, 91, of Clarksville, Tenn., died Jan. 5, 2015.

She was born on Sept. 30, 1923, in Stewart County, Tenn. She was a retired secretary for Dr. James Bellenger's office and was a member of First Baptist Church of Clarksville for more than 50 years. She was also a member of the Women's Federated Club and former Worthing Matron of the Order of Eastern Star.

Maholland is survived by her daughter, Patricia "Patsy" and husband Ron Fletcher of Marion; a grandchild, Shannon Devine and husband Robert Tomlinson; two great-grandchildren, Alexandra Scott Tomlinson and William Tandy Tomlinson; a nephew, Steve and wife Andrea Maholland; and a niece, Terre Maholland and husband Alan Ralls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Burnice Scott and Sadie Allen Harrell (formerly Scott); and her husband, Homer F. Maholland Jr.

Funeral services were Friday at Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home in Clarksville with Dr. John Laida and Dr. Felts Dent officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Clarksville.

Online condolences may be made at Neal-Tarpley.com.

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Sperry

Joanne Sperry was born Jan. 30, 1938, and died Dec. 29, 2014.

She was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Sperry is survived by a son, Michael Sperry; a daughter, Athena Sperry; five grandchildren, Tonia Bradford, Lisa Nelms, Michael Bradford, Alex Sperry and Ronnie Sperry; a sister, Janet Weber; two brothers, Jim Weber and Don Weber; and six great-grandchildren, Tyler Rogers, MaKayla Nelms, Gracie Bradford, Dagen Bradford, Terri Bradford, and William Bradford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Sperry; a daughter, Terri Sperry Bradford; and two grandchildren, Charles Bradford Jr. and Anthony Rose.

The memories we have created with you will forever be in our hearts. The love you have shown to every person you have ever met did not go unnoticed and will never be forgotten. The empty place in our hearts can never be refilled. You were a truly amazing person. Until we see each other again, we will miss you every day for the rest of our lives.

Shuecraft

Barbara Jean Shuecraft, 80, of Salem died Jan. 8, 2015, at the home of her daughter in Salem.

She was member of Faith Church and of the American Legion Post 217 auxiliary.

Shuecraft is survived by two daughters, Oma and husband James Brown of Salem, Evelyn and husband Matt Sponaugle of Shenandoah, Va.; four sons, Jamie Shuecraft of Salem, Bill Shuecraft of Tinley Park, Ill.; David and wife Teresa Shuecraft of Salem and Tracy Shuecraft of Salem; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Shuecraft; her parents, Royal Grant and Alice Irene Hunter Stephenson; and a sister, June Stephenson Robinson.

Funeral services were Wednesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. Phillip Sanders officiating. Burial was in Lola Cemetery in Livingston County.

Condolences may be left online at www.BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

Tramel

Marilyn Pease Tramel, 78, of Evansville, Ind., died Jan. 6, 2015, at Deaconess VNA Plus Hospice.

She was born Sept. 27, 1936, in Evansville. She had worked with the Dream Center of Evansville. She was a member of Bible Center Cathedral, where she participated in the Prayer Band and Celebrate Recovery.

Tramel is survived by three sons, Steve Tramel of Marion, David and wife Laverne Tramel of Irvington, Ky., and Daniel Tramel of Evansville; two daughters, Susan and husband Mike Turner of West Virginia and Julie Haraughty of Evansville; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Ann and husband Vodra Wilson and Doris June and husband Bill Dossett; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Evelyn Gunn Pease; her husband, Fred Tramel; a daughter, Debra Elder; and a brother, Roy Pease Jr.

Funeral services were Saturday at Alexander Funeral Home - West Chapel in Evansville with burial in Alexander Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to: The Dream Center of Evansville, 16 W. Morgan Ave., Evansville, IN 47710

Condolences may be made online at AlexanderWestChapel.com.

Sunderland

Paul Edward Sunderland, 70, of Salem died Jan. 9, 2015, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

He was a grave digger and member of Pinckneyville Baptist Church.

Sunderland is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Sunderland of Salem; two sons, Lynn Sunderland of Salem and Greg Hewitt of Marion; a daughter, Starla Sunderland of Ledbetter; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Charlie Sunderland of Marion; and a sister, Nora Johnson of Salem.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie Osborn and Dollie Mae Rushing Sunderland; and two brothers.

Funeral service were Monday at Salem United Methodist Church with burial in Lola Cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.



Tramel



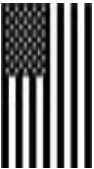
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NEWS BRIEFS

Smoking ban law urged by Beshear

Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear used his final State of the Commonwealth address last Wednesday night to urge lawmakers to pass a statewide workplace smoking ban.

Beshear said that Kentucky has one of the highest smoking rates in the country, accounting for about \$2 billion in health care costs annually. He noted that two-thirds of states already have smoking bans and half of Kentuckians live in cities and counties with local smoking bans.

Historically, Kentucky farmers owe much of their prosperity to the tobacco crop, which has created a strong tobacco culture in the state. Last year, a statewide smoking ban failed to get a vote in the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives. But House Speaker Greg Stumbo told reporters last Wednesday the body will vote on the ban in 2015.

— The Associated Press

Kentucky publishes new visitor's guide

A new guide is out listing attractions and getaways throughout Kentucky.

The 2015 Kentucky Official Visitor's Guide is free and available at welcome centers on interstates in Kentucky or request a mailed copy by calling (800) 225-8747. The Kentucky Department of Travel and Tourism says an interactive version will be available in

February online at Kentucky Tourism.com, and a printed guide can be ordered there as well. A PDF of the guide can also be downloaded.

The guide is divided into nine regional sections highlighting attractions and events in each. Attractions listed for Crittenden County include the Amish community, Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, Crittenden County Historical Museum and Wheeler's Log Cabin. Marion Pit Bar-B-Que, local lodging and the now-defunct Marion Bobcats are also referenced.

— The Associated Press

Thank You

Webster's has no words to describe the sincere and heartfelt thanks shown to us during Denny's sickness with cancer and recent passing. What amazing love and support each of you has given. Thank you seems so little for all you have done.

The many phone calls, cards, visits, food, love offerings, flowers, memorial donations and certainly all the prayers are truly appreciated. My family and I will never forget all the many acts of kindness shown.

We want to give a speical thanks to Brad Gilbert and the Gilbert Funeral Home staff for helping us in our time of sorrow. Also a special thanks to Bro. Roger Waters and Bro. Matt Grimes for your beautiful words of love and kindness for Den's service. Thanks also to Stacey Kilgore for the beautiful music you provided.

May God's rich blessings be with each of you. Please continue to keep us in your prayers in the days ahead.

*The family of Denny Maddux
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Fathers play an important role in language development

Recent research shows that fathers living with their young children in lower resource families are very important for their children's language development. Those effects last through their children's elementary school years.

The fathers lived in two-parent families in eastern North Carolina and central Pennsylvania. Researchers visited these families of



1,292 children when the children were six months, 15 months, and three years

old. They observed fathers playing and reading to their children at each age.

They found that when fathers used a wide range of vocabulary with 6-month olds, the children showed more expressive use of language at 15 months and more advanced language at age 3. It didn't matter what kind of mothering was going on.

The researchers won-

dered why fathers' use of language should be so important. After all, the mothers were using words the children knew all the time. Researchers guessed that fathers used new words and read books in different ways because they were not with the children as often, due to work away from home. Their interactions were more interesting to the children. The children

found that their fathers' play was special. They paid closer attention and remembered more of the fathers' language, than that of their mothers'.

As a result of this research the investigators challenged the assumption that fathers in poor families are harsh disciplinarians and unkind. This study appears to show that such fathers enjoy playing, reading

and talking with their children. Their behavior is likely to make a big difference in children's later school performance.

(Nancy Hunt is the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent at the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service for Crittenden County. For more information on programming, contact the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.)



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Barnes welcomed as 4-H agent

A welcome reception was held last Monday for Leslea Barnes, the new Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service Agent for 4-H and Youth Development. Barnes, a resident of Tolu, began her new position on Monday. She and her husband Adam have three children ranging in ages from 15 months to age 15. Adam serves as the Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent for the Livingston County Cooperative Extension Service in Smithland. Shown above, Barnes speaks with Barry Gilbert during the reception. She said being both a resident of the county and acquainted with many of the people will help ease the transition to the new position as 4-H agent for Crittenden County Cooperative Extension.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 15
■ Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council will meet at 9 a.m., at the Extension Service in Marion.
■ The Crittenden County Middle School January SBDM meeting has been rescheduled for 3:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
■ Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m., at the Extension Service.
Saturday, Jan. 17
■ CCHS cheerleaders will hold a prom dress sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. The cost is \$15 for the first dress and \$10 for any additional dress. Individuals price their own dress and keep all the money from the sale. For more information contact Cindy Crabtree, Cindy Travis or any CCHS cheerleader. Drop-off dates for prom dresses are 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Friday.
■ Western Kentucky Quilt Guild will hold its next meeting at 12:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Morganfield. Beginners to experienced quilters are invited to attend.
Monday, Jan. 19
■ In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday,

Crittenden County schools will not be in session.
Tuesday, Jan. 20
■ A Psoriasis and Fibromyalgia support group meeting will be held at 10 a.m., at the Extension Service.
Wednesday, Jan. 21
■ Livingston County Middle School SBDM Council will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the Cardinal Room Annex. All parents, interested community members and staff are invited to attend.
Thursday, Jan. 22
■ A meeting of the Pennyrile Chapter of Kentucky Retirees will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m., at the County Cupboard, located at 581 McCoy Ave. in Madisonville and proceed with the noon program.
■ Crittenden County Elementary School will host Family Fitness Night from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 26
■ Extension Homemakers Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m., at the Extension Service. Pat Fuller will present a program on hand embroidery techniques she uses for her quilts. Meetings are open to the public. For further information call (270) 965-5236.
■ Livingston County Middle School Efficiency Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the

Cardinal Room Annex. All parents, interested community members and staff are invited to attend.
■ Crittenden County Extension Service ANR Agent Meredith Hall will conduct a Farm Bill informational program at 6:30 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.
Tuesday, Jan. 27
■ Crittenden County Extension Service ANR Agent Meredith Hall will conduct a Beekeeping class at 7 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center. The public is invited to attend to learn more on the subject.
On-going events
■ Relay for Life of Crittenden County will hold meetings at 5:30 p.m., the third Monday of each month at the Crittenden County Courthouse. This year's theme is "Every Hero has a Story."
■ Veterans in Crittenden County looking for benefit information can contact Renita Duff with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays at (270) 322-9087.
■ All veterans are invited for coffee and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. each Tuesday at the VFW building located at 412 N. College St. in Marion.

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CCMS All-A Honor Roll

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Seventh-grade: Hannah Bell, Lily Berry, Shelby Cooper, Kirsten DeBoe, Jaycie Driver, Ashleigh Dunkerson, Lauren Gilchrist, Trinity Hayes, Kyrone Hicks, Skyler James, Ellie McGowan, Ellie Smith and Tanner Way.

Eighth-grade: Gavin Dickerson, John C. Duvall, Hannah Easley, Paige Gilbert, David Maness, Shea Martin and Shelby Summers.

All-A-and-B Honor Roll

Sixth-grade: Sarah Anderson, Hailey Belt, Tyler Boone, Nahla Callaway, Gage Campbell, Kalli Champion, Donovan Clark, Charity Conyer, Devin Corley, Cassidy Crabtree, Landen Crider, Walker Crittendon, Devin Doyle, Jaelyn Duncan, Lathen Easley, Amanda Estes, Douglas Ford, Carman Guess, Ashlyn Hicks, Mary Holeman, Isabella Holliman, Cameron Howard, Brandon Hunt, Gavin Hunt, Sondra Hunter, Katharine Keller, Abigail Kirk, Taylor Koerner, Aaron Locke, Caleb McDonald, Madison Morgeson, Jasper Morrison, Chandler Moss, Elijah Moss, Gabe Mott, Jimmy Newland, Southern Pate, Lillian Perryman, Sadie Pile, Jessie Potter, Zachariah Robinson, Dominic Rorer, Kyren Rozwalka, Seth Sarles, Allie Smith, Chase Stevens, Taylor Stoner, Quinn Templeton, Laela Turner, Emily West and Braxton Winders.

Seventh-grade: Morgan Barnes, Ashton Binkley, Jaylin Blackburn, Shelby Brown, Douglas Conger, Cortne Curnel, Abigail Darrow, Gavin Davidson, Mackenzie Dennis, Todd Haire, Emma Herrin, Hunter Jones, Michael Kirk, Lynzee Lynn, Trevor Peppler, Justin Phillips, Jenna Potter, Caitlyn Riley, Kyonna Ross, Ethan Shaffer, Andrew Smith, Emmie Smith, Victoria Starrett, Jordan Urbanowski and Harley Wesley.

Eighth-grade: Hunter Boone, Hannah Cooksey, Jesse Curnel, Julia Davidson, Ethan Dossett, Justis Duncan, Brianna Elder, Jake Gibson, Chris Haire, Hogan Hatfield, Caitlyn Lynch, Matthew Lynn, Sean O'Leary, Sean Overfield, Dylan Peek, Kenlee Perryman, Devin Porter, Payton Riley, Josh Sarles, RheaVynn Tabor, Sydney Taylor, Preston Tinsley, Sawyer Towery, Jenna Wallace, Kelsie Webster, Leah Williams, Charity Wolosonowich and McKenzi Zahrt.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

CCHS Academic Team members Katie Wheeler, Logan Bingham, Arry Schofield, Corbin Wilson and Cole Foster recently competed in the President's Cup. The President's Cup is a great opportunity for practice for the Governor's Cup, which takes place later this month. The CCHS Academic Team has been rebooted this year, after taking a few years off from competition. The team sponsors are CCHS teachers Kathleen Johnson and Howard Suggs.

CCHS forms academic team

STAFF REPORT

Members of Crittenden County High School's Academic Team participated in the President's Cup Jan. 7. The team won one out of three rounds. The next match for the team will be the district match for the Governor's Cup, which will be played at Henderson County High School. If the team advances, it will go to regionals in February and then finals at the Galt House in Louisville in

March.

CCHS hasn't had an academic team in about five years. Currently seven members have participated in practices and matches. CCHS teachers Kathleen Johnson and Howard Suggs are the academic team sponsors.

Practices are held each Monday after school. Johnson said team members read questions from previous years to become familiar with

the types of questions asked at quick recall events. Team members also play trivia games on their mobile phones to practice their speed. Johnson said most of the matches have been quick recall events where the students have five seconds to buzz in with an answer. This year the team is focused on quick recall and written assessments in math, science, language arts, social studies and arts and humanities.

Head elected to KSCA Hall of Fame

STAFF REPORT

Longtime Livingston Central softball coach Stan Head has been elected to the Kentucky Softball Coaches Association (KSCA) Hall of Fame.

Head's girls' fast-pitch softball teams won 236 games under his tutelage through a couple of terms that lasted 10 years. During those periods from 1998-2003 and 2011-2014, the girls lost just 95 games. That equates to a remarkable .713 winning percentage.

Last spring, Head guided the Lady Cardinals to a Class A state championship and fifth-place finish in the KHSAA State Championship.

In 2013, Head was the Second Region Coach of the Year and in 2014 the LCHS coaching staff was voted best in Kentucky.

Coach Head and the other new members of this year's Hall of Fame class will be inducted June 13 in Louisville in conjunction with the East-West All-Star Softball Weekend.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Livingston County softball coach Stan Head has been named to the KSCA Hall of Fame.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

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

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

further information.

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Menu is meatloaf, stewed potatoes, seasoned cabbage, cornbread and peach crisp.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is barbecue chicken, whole kernel corn, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll and tropical fruit.
- Monday: The center is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Tuesday: A legal aide will

be on hand at 10 a.m. Menu is beef stew, coleslaw, lima beans, pineapple delight and cornbread.

- Wednesday: Menu is sweet and sour chicken, rice, spring roll, Oriental green beans, apple crisp and a fortune cookie.
- Next Thursday: Senior Health Fair begins at 9 a.m. Menu is barbecue pork on wheat bun, twice-baked potato, baked pork and beans and an oatmeal cookie.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Blue Knights Chess team performed well at the 2015 Winter Scholastic in Lexington. Shown above are team members in their respective divisions: (top left) K-12-Cameron Daniel, Cole Foster, Benny Tucker, Gage Moore, Clay Stevens and Coach Don Winters; (top right) K-8-Coach Winters, Dominic Rorer, Skyler James, Chase Stevens and Cole Swinford; (above left) K3 – Brooke Winstead, Seth Morris, Nai’Zayah Bell, Abbey Swinford, Hayden Hildebrand, Thomas Jackson, Robert Jackson and Coach Winters (above right) K5 – Evan McDowell, DJ Morris, Gage Russell, Erica Darnell, Jalynn Hackney, Harli Morris and Coach Winters.

Blue Knights take home honors at Winter Scholastic

STAFF REPORT

It was another successful tournament for the Blue Knights Chess team Jan. 10 when it played in the 2015 Winter Scholastic in Lexington. The team proved they were ready for competition and brought home trophies in each section.

In the K3 section, Brooke Winstead, Robert Jackson, Thomas Jackson, Hayden Hildebrand, Seth Morris, Abbey Swinford, and Nai’Zayah Bell earned second place with 10.5 points, beating The

Lexington School and Meadowthorpe Elementary. The team was only 3 points away from top competitor Rosa Parks Elementary. Individually Brooke Winstead brought home fifth place in the rated under 500 category.

In the K5 section, Gage Russell, Jalynn Hackney, Evan McDowell, Erica Darnell, DJ Morris and Harli Morris tied for third with 11 points against some stiff competition from Meadowthorpe and Rosa Parks Elementary who finished with 17 and 16 points respectively. Individually, Jalynn Hackney placed first in the rated under 200 category and Evan McDowell placed fifth in the rated under 800 category. Gage Russell tied for third place overall with 4 out of 5 points out of over 50 competitors. This is only the third tournament for Hackney. Coach Don Winters said to bring home a first place trophy is outstanding.

The K8 team of Chase Stevens, Skyler James, Cole Swinford and Dominic Rorer placed third, beating Bates Creek Middle School by half a point. Winburn Middle School and Grant County Middle School took the top two places with 17.5 and 13 points, respectively. Individually, Cole Swinford placed fourth in the rated under 600 category.

The K12 team of Benny Tucker, Cole Foster, Cameron McDaniel, Gage Moore and Clay Stevens battled Lexington Catholic and Grant County. Crittenden went into

round 4 down only a half of point to Lexington Catholic. The Blue Knights placed second with 8.5 points to Lexington Catholic’s 10 points. Individually, Benny Tucker placed first in the rated under 800 category. Cameron McDaniel, Cole Foster and Gage Moore placed sixth, seventh and eighth respectively and Clay Stevens placed tenth.

Coach Winters said the Blue Knights represented their school well and proved to be a contender against some of the

top schools in the state.

“I am extremely pleased with all four sections and to bring home trophies in each one is outstanding,” Winters said. “Now that we know what we are up against, we will do our best to be ready for our regional tournament in February and the state team tournament in March.”

Regionals will be in Central City on Feb. 21, in which all four sections will try to qualify for the state team tournament in Lexington March 13 and 14.

CCES 2ND NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

Crittenden County Elementary School honor roll supplied to The Crittenden Press by the school

3rd Grade
Jennifer Bell
All-A Honor Roll: Jeremiah Foster, Ava Henry, Aria Kirk and Tristan Long.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Jaycee Champion, Keira Chaney, Jayden Conner, Quaid Cook-Brown, Mia Hackney, Kaylee Hewitt, Jessenia Medina, Emily Mattingly, Hurst Miniard and Tia Stoner.

Heather Bloodworth
All-A Honor Roll: Robert Jackson, Micah Newcom, Karsyn Potter, Abbey Swinford and Gattin Travis.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Jaylee Champion, Travis Champion, Allie Combs, Jaxon Hatfield, Shayla Jones, Ashayla McDowell, Hunter Miles and John Tinsley.

Mandy Perez
All-A Honor Roll: Kiley Croft, Haylee Perrin and Keifer Watson.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Noah Atchison, Carson Brown, Luke Drawdy, David Fritts, Chloe Jackson, Avery Johnson, Laycee Lynn, Sophia Madden, Kaylob Newcom and Tristan Yates.

Kinsee Potts
All-A Honor Roll: Maddie Travis.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Emily

Adams, Tanner Crawford, Riley Curnel, Lucy Haire, Addie Mundy, Turner Sharp, Wyatt Shewmaker, Alex Conner and Hannah Long.

Sarah Riley
All-A Honor Roll: Tyler Belt, Caden DeBoe, Bennett McDaniel, Cutter Singleton, Kailyn Stokes, Levi Piper, Isabella Wilson and Jasmine Woolley.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Lizzie Campbell, Casey Cates, Olivia Green, Gabe Keller, Payton Maness and Carly Travis.

Ashley Roberts
All-A Honor Roll: Allie Beard, Ckyl Corriveau, Katie Perryman, Marley Phelps and Ethan Abbott- Torres.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Hayden Cavanah, Brandon Deckert, Adrienne James, Brynn Porter, Rylee Remus, Gabe Rushing, Conner Simpkins and Riley Smith.

4th Grade
Rita Binkley
All-A Honor Roll: Zachary Counts, Raven Hayes and Caden Riley.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Ricky Alvarez, Briley Berry, Ayden Boone, Nathan Bozeman, Case Gobin, Lanie Greenwell, Taylor Guess, Sydney Harkins, Alex Jones, Preston Sisco and Lyl

Wesmolan.
Rebecca Bryant
All-A Honor Roll: Evan Belt, Seth Blackburn, Brylee Conyer, Addie Hatfield, Parker Kayse and Kaleb Nesbitt.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Callie Dempsey, Hannah Fisher, Colton Gilland, Maddux Hemrich, Emily Henderson, Mya Moore, David Valentine and Lexi Wesmolan.
Johnna Fitch
All-A Honor Roll: Tanner Campbell, Trevor Eifler, Jordan Hardesty, Karsen Shouse, Zakrey Stiles and Macie Hunt.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Natalie Buchanan, Genesis Calderon, Brilee Crittendon, Collin Epley, Wesley Fritts, Lily Gunlogson, Sam Impastato, Gavin Peek, Nick Pendley, Carly Towery, Alyssa Woodall and Paris Anderson.

Mandy Winders
All-A Honor Roll: Natalie Boone, Jacob Hoover, Evan McDowell, McKenna Myers, Kady Parrish and Jack Reddick.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Hannah Baker, Hanna Collins, Kara Fulkerson, Seth Guess, Laken Hunt, Kaden Langston, Jazmyn Lineberry, Madalyn Schiller, Tara Stinett and Kaydinz Tinsley.

5th Grade
Tammy Brantley
All-A Honor Roll: Tanner Beverly, Alyssa Bozeman, Holden Cooksey, Jordan Guess, Samantha Tinsley, Emma Waters and Coby West.

A-and-B Honor Roll: Hayden Adamson, Maggie Blazina, Maddox Carlson, Ethan Curnel, Courtney Fulkerson, Kaitlyn Guess, Chloe James, Jaden Long, Hadlee Rich, Tucker Sharp, Coleman Stone, Ryleigh Tabor and Chase Wesley.
Cindy Crabtree
All-A Honor Roll: Peyton Purvis, McKenzie Quertermous, Ethan Wallace, Jordan Watts, Raina West, Emma Williams and Dylan Yates.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Callie Brown, Erica Darnell, Trace Derrington, Jake Drawdy, Kollin Graham, Jaylynn Hackney, Hannah Herrington, Braydon Hill, Bryan Littlepage, Chloe Weathers and Faith White.

Ashley Frederick
All-A Honor Roll: Addyson Faughn, Aliyah Frutiger, Grace Roberts and Logan Young.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Ben Evans, Storm Franklin, Addy Kirby, Tate LaRue, Mallory Lynn, Harli Morris, Kendall Parrish, Gage Russell, Ethan Shewmaker, John Sigler, Emilee Whited, Katie Willan and Dennon Wilson.

Sara Omer
All-A Honor Roll: Luke Crider, Grace Driskill, Leah Long, Blake Martin and Dane West.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Kyler Alsobrook, Laurel Brown, Faith Connor, Daley DeBoe, Jacey Frederick, Jordan Long, Keifer Marshall, Cole McKinney, Cale Minton, D.J. Morris, Luke Mundy, Hannah Myers, William Poe and Dalton Wood.

Senior Center to hold health fair Jan. 22

STAFF REPORT

Make a resolution to start the New Year off right by getting a free health screening at the Crittenden County Senior Center. Representatives from Livingston Hospital will conduct a free senior health fair from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Jan. 22.

The health fair includes a cholesterol screening, blood

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The senior center is located at 210 North Walker St. in Marion. For more information contact (270) 965-5229.

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Early courthouses rich in character, local history



Ever wonder about the history surrounding our old courthouses? This article tells the history from the first courthouse built for the new county in 1844 until the present building, built in 1961.

The actual land for the first courthouse was sold to the county on April 12, 1842, by John S. and Nancy Gilliam for \$1. Justices of the peace for the county at that time were Joseph Hughes, James Cruce, Robert H. Haynes, Abner Larrowe, Peter Clinton, John D. Gregory, Martin Williams, Robert Hill, Henry R.D. Coleman and Samuel L. Phillips.

The justices of the county courts in Kentucky of the 1840s had the responsibility of total governmental administration to all parts of the counties not incorporated. The court appointed Joel E. Grace, William Hughes, Issac H. Wheeler, John Wright and Isham Clements as a commission to superintend the erection of the courthouse in Marion.

Sometime during this period in 1843, the little building that housed the county clerk's office was built. This building escaped being destroyed both times when the courthouse had burned. Since the county records were housed here, they were spared from being destroyed in the fires.

This commission was given the monies left in the county treasury after the tax levies of 1843 and 1844 had settled the just claims against the county, and they awarded the contract for the erection of the courthouse, a brick building, to H.B. Pierce.

(It was located near the same location and about the same size as the northern wing of the present courthouse.)

While the new courthouse was being constructed, the court met in the old Bethany Presbyterian brick church.

(This church was located near what is now the Old Marion Cemetery on the corner of Moore Avenue and West Gum Street. According to research by the late Bob M. Wheeler, this meetinghouse was on the northern side of a hill. The portion of the hill on which the building stood was cut down by the construction of U.S. 60's western entrance into Marion, which is now West Gum Street.)

On June 10, 1844, the court met in the "Old Brick Church," as it was properly known, near Marion. On motion of Joel E. Grace, Isham Clement, Isaac H. Wheeler and William Hughes – commissioners appointed to examine the courthouse and report the condition of same and the manner of the work done by the undertaker – ...it was



ordered that the courthouse be received by the court according to the specifications of Pierce, the court take possession and receive said building from Pierce and the court be adjourned to meet at the courthouse in Marion.

The court adjourned and moved its meeting to the first newly constructed Crittenden County Courthouse. Here, the court continued with their meeting from the Old Brick Church.

That courthouse was destroyed during the Civil War in January 1865. Local history has stated that it was burned by Gen. Hyram Lyon. It may have been burned by Confederate guerrillas, but Lyon on this date, was in Aberdeen, Miss. Here he penned his campaign report and listed the courthouses which he burned, and it does not list the one at Marion. He didn't even go through Crittenden County. (There is nothing in the court

records indicating how the courthouse burned, only of the rebuilding of a new one.) Former county historian, Thomas Tucker, said that the building was torched because Union soldiers were using it as barracks. But all records were removed before the fire, so they were all saved.

On Oct. 9, 1865, the Crittenden County Court met and appointed J.N. Woods, Alexander Dean and James S. Hill to be commissioners for the rebuilding of the courthouse, which would be the second building. At this meeting, the court stated what they wanted for construction of the new courthouse. The courthouse would be built of brick on the old foundation and as close to the plan of the former where burned.

The cupola would be much smaller than the one on the old courthouse, with the height of the rod not exceeding 40 feet. The roof



The three photographs shown above are from an old newspaper that depicted the historic courthouse as wreckers started tearing down its walls during the week of April 11, 1961. The walls were pulled down by a truck and cables as noted by the paper. Shown at left is a 1940s photo depicting the third courthouse, which served the county for 90 years. Even though it was getting on in years, it still had some beautiful architectural features – the decorative piece on the top of the windows, the intricate iron fence around the balcony, the arched entrances and the ancient cupola that held the massive iron bell. This bell is now housed at the Crittenden County Historical Museum.

was to be made out of tin.

At the March 12, 1866 court session, the court contracted J.K. Frick to draft a plan for the erection of the courthouse. The court accepted Frick's plans and the courthouse was to be completed by the first day of January 1867.

This courthouse was again damaged by fire in the early part of 1870 when a tinner, who was repairing the roof, left his torch burning and started a fire, which partially burned this building.

At the June 11, 1870 court meeting, the court ordered John W. Blue, W.H. Rochester and R.W. Wilson, who is appointed courthouse commissioner, for building committee and financial committee for the purpose of building the courthouse. The courthouse was to be built at same place and same form as the old courthouse.

At a court meeting on Oct. 10, 1871, the commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the new courthouse and filed their report. The court reviewed the report and accepted the courthouse. This was the third courthouse building.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, we find more interesting facts about our courthouse and public square:

In April 1893, the iron fence was placed around

the public square, adding to the beauty of the county's property.

In April 1906, the repair work on the courthouse was completed, and in its new attire, one would hardly recognize it as the old courthouse.

The cupola, which was considered unsafe, was removed and a new one built. The courtroom got a new dressing of wallpaper. Woodwork was re-varnished and metal ceilings painted.

In October 1920, the public well on the south side of the courthouse, which had been for several years in a state of disuse, was cleaned and repaired with a concrete cover and a new pump was installed. The well was one of the oldest watering places in town. It was 65 feet deep and 5 feet in diameter. The water was cold but free from the taste of minerals.

In June 1930, George Foster was the high bidder on the iron fencing around the east and north sides of the court yard. Foster paid \$30. On the south and west sides of the court yard, the fencing was still in place, providing a convenient hitching space for those riding horses or driving teams to Marion. In June 1940, John Graves bought the rest of the iron fence and a hitch rack was substituted.

The courthouse built in 1871 stood through the

ages and cared for the people of Crittenden County until it was torn down in March of 1961. Most of the voters in Crittenden County decided that the old courthouse was in a sad, worn-out shape and needed so many updates and repairs that it wasn't worth the money to try and keep it. History loses out to progress and modernization, as we all know.

At the same time the courthouse was torn down, so was the little building, built in 1843, that sat next to it which housed the county clerk's office. At one time during the early 1900s, the county clerk and circuit clerk were both housed in this building. We were fortunate through these times that our records were never destroyed. Built in 1843, at the time it was torn down, it was the oldest building in Marion, as all others had been destroyed by fires at different times through the years.

In next week's article, we'll learn about the construction and dedication of our present courthouse and the items that were placed in the historic cornerstone.


(Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)



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NEWS BRIEFS

Greenwell named special prosecutor

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell of Marion has been appointed new special prosecutor in the trial of former McCracken County Judge-Executive Van Newberry and Deputy Judge Doug Harnice, who are accused of illegally altering zoning maps.



Greenwell

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway appointed Greenwell last week. Greenwell serves as the 5th Circuit Commonwealth Attorney, which covers Crittenden, Union and Webster counties. G.L. Ovey, 56th Circuit Commonwealth Attorney, had been prosecuting the case, but his Jan. 1 retirement left a vacancy and forced the trial to be pushed back. It was originally slated to begin Jan. 6. No trial date had been set at press time.

Newberry and Harnice allegedly illegally altered zoning maps sometime between 2007 and 2008. They are facing felony charges affecting at least 500 pieces of property. Both defendants deny the charges.

Marion joins fight to help homeless vets

Marion Mayor Mick Alexander announced Monday that the City of Marion is participating in HUD's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness program. The aim is to eliminate veteran homelessness by the end of 2015.

The Kentucky Housing Corporation has agreed to provide 100 Veterans Emerging Towards Transition (VETT) vouchers to serve the homeless veterans who are not able to be served by HUD's other programs, which only assist the chronic homeless and most critical cases. The City of Marion has the Homeless Veteran Certification forms that must be submitted for a homeless veteran to receive a VETT voucher.

"We will assist anyone interested in receiving a voucher in filling out the certification forms and will submit them to the Housing Corp.," said City Administrator Mark Bryant.

If you know of any homeless veterans in our area, please urge them to contact Bryant at (270) 965-2266, to get the paperwork started. You may also contact Bryant for more details.

Families can sign up for heating aid

The recent arctic blast that sent Kentuckians into a collective shiver arrived just as the window was about to open for low-income families that need help paying their bills to keep the heat on.

They can now sign up for crisis home-energy assistance. It's the second phase of a federal program commonly known as LIHEAP for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Mike Moynahan runs the program for Community Action Kentucky, the agency that administers the funds.

"What we consider to be a crisis situation is if somebody has a disconnect notice from their utility company or, if



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Rogers honored

During a special called meeting of the Crittenden County Board of Education on Jan. 6, Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark recognized newly-elected 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers of Marion with a plaque of appreciation for her service as attorney for the board of education. Clark thanked Rogers for her counsel and dedication to the school system. In addition to stepping down as Crittenden County's school board attorney, Rogers' election to the Family Court bench means she also departs from her duties as the school board attorney for Webster County School District. Crittenden County school board members held interviews for the selection of a new school board attorney during a closed session later in the meeting. No selection had been made at press time.

they heat with a bulk fuel, they're within four days of running out," he explains.

Moynahan says the average crisis assistance amounts to about \$250, with a cap of \$400.

To be eligible, family income must be at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, that's roughly \$2,600 a month before taxes.

For more information, call Pennyryle Allied Community Services' Marion office at (270) 965-4763. The office is located at 402 N. Walker St.

Moynahan estimates the program will help around 100,000 Kentucky families this winter.

"Three-quarters of the benefits are going to folks that are elderly, families with young children and veterans," he points out.

— Kentucky News Connection

Job fair set to help unemployed miners

Employers from around the region who have job openings that could be filled by workers affected by the closing of Patriot Coal Corp. mines in Union County will participate in a job fair on Jan. 29. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sandy Lee Watkins Lab at Henderson Community College's Sullivan Technology Center.

There will be no charge for employers to have a table at the fair, and all the former employees from Patriot's Dodge Hill and Highland mines, as well as former employees of support businesses impacted by the shutdowns, will be encouraged to attend.

"Patriot's workforce in western Kentucky includes some of the finest, most-skilled folks in our region, and I know other firms in our area could use their services," Kyn-dle CEO Brad Schneider said in a statement. "The mine closures are a dark cloud, but a silver lining could be the hiring of these talented people

with other local companies."

In addition to companies looking for new workers, education, training and social service and entrepreneurship support agencies will also have tables at the fair.

To reserve a table or for more information, contact Kyndle Economic Development Coordinator John Mathias at (270) 826-7505 or john@kyndle.us

— The Gleaner

Seminar to discuss Farm Bill programs

The University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service will be hosting a meeting later this month to help farmers get familiar with certain aspects of the new Farm Bill passed by Congress last year.

The meeting, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.

The program will focus on the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Program enacted by the Farm Bill. ARC/PLC provides revenue and price loss payments to eligible producers for the 2014 through 2018 crop years.

Meredith Hall, Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Crittenden County, will join her Ballard County counterpart, Tom Miller, in discussing which aspect of the ARC/PLC Program is best for individual producers.

Conway makes run for governor official

Democrat Jack Conway has officially filed to run for governor.

The Attorney General filed candidacy papers with the Secretary of State's office Monday morning. Conway officially announced his candidacy in May and has been raising money ever since, raising more than \$1.3 million.

But Monday's filing officially puts him on the ballot for the May 19 Democratic primary. His running mate for lieutenant governor is Sannie Overly, a state representative.

Conway is the second person to file for Kentucky's chief executive officer. Former congressional candidate Geoff Young filed in December. It's unclear if other top Democrats will challenge Conway for the nomination. House Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins is considering a run but has not made a decision.

Candidates have until Jan. 27 to file for statewide races.

At least three Republicans have said they will run, but none has filed yet.



Conway

2015 Distinguished Alumni searched for

Local education leaders are looking for nominees for the 2015 class of Crittenden County Schools Distinguished Alumni Awards, which will be presented before graduation in the spring. Both living and posthumous awards can be given.

Nominations may be made through Jan. 31, and selections will be determined by educational, professional and communities service accomplishments. The five-member selection panel will announce the honorees later this winter.

Anyone may nominate an individual. Recipients of the award must have graduated high school from a Crittenden County school. Applications are available online at www.thepress.com/DistinguishedAlumni.pdf.

Past honorees have included authors, statesmen, educators, research specialists, historians, geologists and scientists.

Any nominee not inducted will be considered by the committee for three years after the initial nomination is submitted. They will not need to be renominated until after that three years is up.

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PREP CALENDAR

Upcoming Games

Crittenden County Basketball

Friday
Boys and Girls host Trigg County

Saturday
Rockets at Marshall County

GIRLS ALL A CLASSIC

MONDAY’S GAMES

Lyon County at Crittenden Co., 7pm
THURSDAY, JAN. 22

Semis and Finals at Livingston
CCHS/Lyon vs. Dawson, 6 pm
UHA vs. Livingston - 7:30 pm

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

Championship, 6pm

BOYS ALL A CLASSIC

TUESDAY’S GAME

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FRIDAY, JAN. 23

Semis and Finals at Livingston
Lyon/UHA vs. Dawson, 6pm
Crittenden vs. Livingston, 7:30pm

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

Championship, 8pm

BASKETBALL

Hoops Fellowship Night;
Turley, Hadfield speakers

Curtis Turley, a former Crittenden County basketball player and successful journeyman coach, will be guest speaker Sunday evening at the annual Rocket Basketball Fellowship Night at Life in Christ Church. Noah Hadfield, a senior on the boys' basketball team, will also speak and the Life in Christ Worship Band will perform. Turley is a graduate of CCHS and Western Kentucky University. He played here in the 1970s, scoring 724 points, which is among the top 30 scorers in school history. He was inducted into the local hall of fame in 1999 and into the Kentucky Association of Basketball Court of Honor in 2007. He coached at Warren Central, Henderson County, Daviess County and Graves County among other places. His teams played four times in the Kentucky Sweet 16. He was the Kentucky Coach of the Year in 1996 and National Federation Coach of the Year in 1998.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Deer Archery	Sept. 6 - Jan. 19
Turkey Archery	Sept. 6 - Jan. 19
Raccoon, Opossum	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 10 - Feb. 28
Rabbit	Nov. 10 - Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 10 - Feb. 10
Bobcat	Nov. 22 - Feb. 28
Duck	Nov. 27 - Jan. 25
West Goose Zone	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Pennyrile Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
White-Front Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Snow Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Dove	Dec. 20 - Jan. 11
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 1-6
West Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 7-8
Snow Goose	Feb. 9 - March 31
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round

Deer seasons ending

The final days of Kentucky's deer hunting are upon archers. This will be the final weekend of the season, which ends Monday. That is also the closing date for archery turkey season.

KY elk heading north

Kentucky will help Wisconsin boost its elk herd by providing 150 elk cows, calves and yearling male elk over the next 3-5 years. "Kentucky's own free-ranging elk herd began with the release of seven elk from Kansas in 1997," said Commissioner Gregory K. Johnson of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. It's only fitting to pay it forward, the commissioner added. Elk trappers in the coming weeks will focus on areas with the highest number of complaints about nuisance elk. Elk will be held in quarantine in Kentucky for disease testing before being transported to Wisconsin.

LBL turkey quota hunt

Turkey quota hunt applications for Land Between the Lakes will be available starting Feb. 1. Hunters may apply online at lblquotahunt.hometracker.com or by phone at 270-924-2065. Application fees are \$5 online and \$7 by phone. Quota hunt dates for the Kentucky portion are April 11-12 youth hunt 15-under, April 14-15 and April 18-19. The non-quota hunting season, which does not require prior application, runs for 14 days, April 20 and May 3 in Kentucky. All applicable state licenses and LBL Hunter Use Permits are required.

Pivotal Game: Trigg-Crittenden to decide 5th

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's best start to a basketball season in more than a half century ran into its first major roadblock Friday at Lyon County.

Prepared for the rematch, Lyon bested the Rockets 73-56 at its homecoming event and put Crittenden County in a must-win situation for Friday's home game against Trigg County.

It seems as though every time Crittenden County and Trigg County get together on the basketball court, there are major stakes on the table. Friday will be a rematch of last year's Fifth District Tournament championship with former Rocket Peyton Croft (now Trigg's coach) squaring off against his former coach and good friend Denis Hodge and his Unknown Guys in Gray, as they were dubbed after beating Trigg in December.

The Rockets have to clip Trigg again this time if they want to capture outright the regular-season district crown. They would need to knock off Livingston again later this month to seal the deal. A Trigg win at Marion Friday could create a tie between the Wildcats and CCHS for the top seed in post-season play. A coin toss would determine who plays the No. 3 seed in the first round, which appears to be Lyon at this point.

Crittenden beat Trigg in its first game of the season at Cadiz. That was Trigg's second outing of the year and the Wildcats were working without their star inside player Detaveon Day, who is averaging 18 points and 11 rebounds since sitting out two games.

CCHS also beat Lyon 57-53 back in December as part of the Rockets' 10-1 start to the season. It was the best 11-game beginning since 1951 when Crittenden County reeled off nine straight wins before losing to eventual state champion Cuba in the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament. Only three members of that 1951-52 team are still living. They are Don Brasher, Charlie Brantley and Bruce Ordway. That team finished the season 26-4 and was upset in the district tournament.

For the Rockets, losing at Lyon was a big setback, but a poor shooting effort by CCHS and hot hands for Lyon made the outcome clear by



Crittenden County's Dakota Watson (24) has inside position against Lyon's Josh Mincey, but it wasn't enough on this long rebound. View or download hundreds of other action photos at the Rocket Basketball Blog at The-Press.com.

the start of the fourth period. Despite shooting 29 percent in the first half, Crittenden managed to hang around by a dozen.

However, Lyon's guards were blasting away from long range and getting tons of points in transition. Lyon senior Jerrico Wilkerson, perhaps one of the best guards in the region, scored 27 points, had 10 assists and 12 rebounds.

Wilkerson was crowned homecoming king on the same night. The 12th-grader is a 4.0 student planning to study biomedical engineering in college. His basketball prowess spoke volumes in this game as he led a team that shot 50 percent from the floor and made seven three-pointers.

Crittenden rallied late in the third quarter to pull within 10 on a Noah Hadfield shot in the lane. Seconds

later, Wilkerson drained a trey at the third-period buzzer to propel his Lyons to a 15-4 run over the next six minutes.

Rocket senior guard Landon Young scored 21, about his average. However, no one else reached double figures for the Rockets. Lyon put three players in double digits, including shooting guard Jack Rooyakers, who nailed four three-pointers, en route to 18 points.

■ Tuesday at Webster County, the Rockets were easily dispatched by the 14-1 Trojans. Webster has the best record in the region but is ranked behind Hopkinsville and Henderson County. Young scored 20 of Crittenden's 35 points.

Lyon 73, Crittenden 56
Crittenden County 7 13 16 20

Retaking Control

Lady Rockets stop skid with win over Dawson; critical matchup Friday

STAFF REPORT

At the halfway point, Crittenden County's Lady Rockets are three games above .500, enjoying some success that's been lacking over the past three seasons, yet in a state of bewilderment at times due to inconsistent play.

Crittenden's first 15 games have produced topsy-turvy results. After winning the first five, Crittenden lost to Hopkinsville then dropped one of three at the Russellville Christmas tournament, starting the New Year with an impressive 8-2 record that could have just as easily been 10-0.

Since 2015 started, however, the girls are 1-4. The Lady Rockets broke a four-game skid Tuesday night by whipping visiting Dawson Springs 56-13. Leading up to that, Crittenden had lost in consecutive order at University Heights, Lyon County, Webster County and Hopkins Central. The road games were very unkind to the Lady Rockets, exposing some weaknesses that coach Shannon Hodge has been working diligently to repair – namely improving the team's mental and physical toughness. Winning on the road requires those traits.

Granted, UHA and Lyon are among the best in the region, and despite mid-level marks, Webster and Hopkins Central are very athletic, but coach Hodge hasn't been pleased with the last week's effort.

What's certain is that with its improved credentials, Crittenden isn't going to sneak up on anyone. Teams are bringing fierce defense at the Lady Rockets, trying to keep senior Chelsea Oliver and sophomore Cassidy Moss in check. The two are averaging 15 and 13 points, respectively.

The Lady Rockets will need all of the firepower they can muster Friday night as Trigg County comes to Rocket Arena for a Fifth District rematch. Crittenden beat Trigg 52-38 in early December. A sweep of the Lady Wildcats would keep in order CCHS's hopes of at least a share of



Crittenden County leading scorer Chelsea Oliver is averaging 15 points a game, but she's starting to draw more and more defensive attention like at Webster County last weekend. View or download hundreds of other action photos at the Rocket Basketball Blog at The-Press.com.

GIRLS 5TH DISTRICT STANDINGS		
Team	Overall	District
Lyon County	10-2	4-1
Crittenden County	9-6	3-1
Livingston Central	8-5	2-2
Trigg County	7-7	0-5
Remaining District Matchups		
Trigg at Crittenden, Friday		
Lyon at Livingston, Friday		
Livingston at Crittenden, Jan. 30		

the regular-season league title.

Crittenden's chances to win the district outright were dashed Friday at Lyon County as the girls lost 56-39 to the Lady Lyons. CCHS had beaten the Lyons earlier at Marion, but on homecoming night at Edyville, queen Barrett Blackburn lit up the Rockets with 13 points in a decisive win. Rebecca Somers added another 13 as Lyon never trailed in the game.

Crittenden trailed by seven at the half, but Lyon outscored CCHS 20-10 over the next 10 minutes and won going away.

Big blast ends losing streak

Dawson Springs (4-11) was terribly outmatched by the Lady Rockets Tuesday as CCHS broke its only losing streak of the season. Crittenden's defense held the Lady Panthers to just three points the entire second half.

Oliver led the resounding victory with 21 points and Cassidy Moss added 13.

Comeback falls short

A fast-paced contest Monday at Hopkins Central (11-7) left Crittenden behind 16 points early. How-

ever, the Lady Rockets found their rhythm in the second half with a more physical presence around the basket and pulled to within four in the final two minutes. Some missed foul shots and a turnover hurt the girls' chances of perhaps making it closer as they lost 55-50.

Oliver and Cassidy Moss had 18 points apiece and Meredith Evans had 14 rebounds.

Happy hands at Webster

Webster County's athletic lineup brought some active hands to the defensive side, frustrating the Lady Rockets Saturday at Dixon.

A number of first-half Crittenden turnovers allowed the Lady Trojans (9-8) to jet out to a 14-point lead. The Rocket girls turned up the intensity on their side in the third period and pulled back to within eight. Crittenden started drawing some fouls by pressing the ball inside in the fourth period, but made just four of 10 foul shots.

Webster went on to win by 22 as Cassidy Moss scored 18 for Crittenden but Webster held Oliver to a season-low five points.

Crittenden 56, Dawson Springs 13
Dawson Springs 5 5 1 2
Crittenden County 12 17 13 14
DAWSON – Al.Mills 2, Huddleston 2, An.Mills, Cotton 4, Hendrix, Whalen, Robinson 4, Mitchell, Woolsey, Orten. FG 4. 3-pointers 0. FT 5-12. Fouls 17.
CRITTENDEN – McDowell 5, Oliver 21, C.Moss 13, Lynch 4, Evans, Nesbitt 5, K.Moss, Pierce 4, Riley 1, Davis 3. FG 20. 3-pointers 2 (McDowell, Oliver). FT 14-25. Fouls 12.

BOYS 5TH DISTRICT STANDINGS		
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Crittenden County	10-3	3-1
Lyon County	8-8	2-3
Livingston Central	1-11	0-4
Remaining District Matchups		
Trigg at Crittenden, Friday		
Lyon at Livingston, Friday		
Livingston at Crittenden, Jan. 30		
DISTRICT CLASH : AT A GLANCE		
<i>Friday at Rocket Arena</i>		
	Trigg	CCHS
Avg. Points	65	61
Avg. Points Allowed	60	54
Field Goal Shooting	40%	41%
3-Point Shooting	28%	32%
Free Throw Shooting	59%	65%
Leading Scorers		
Trigg	Detaveon Day	18
CCHS	Landon Young	22
Leading Rebounders		
Trigg	Detaveon Day	11
CCHS	Colby Watson	6
Leading 3-Point Shooter		
Trigg	Debo Mayes	29%
CCHS	Landon Young	35%
Leading Foul Shooters		
Trigg	Detaveon Day	68%
CCHS	Landon Young	75%

Lyon County	20	12	17	24
CRITTENDEN – Young 21, Hollis, Dickerson 6, D.Watson 9, Driver 2, Hadfield 2, Greenwell, Tolley, Coleman 2, James, Hicks 7, C.Watson 4, Lundy, Stephens 3. FG 21-52. 3-pointers 4-14 (Stephens 1, Hicks 1, Young 2). FT 10-12. Rebounds 31 (D.Watson 8). Fouls 18. Fouled Out: Dickerson.				
LYON – Ray, J.Rooyakers 18, B.Rooyakers 3, Jo.Wilkerson 12, Je.Wilkerson 27, Mincey 6, Mincey, Wilson, Wadlington, Murphey 2, Board, Gilbert 5, Martin. FG 25-52. 3-pointers 7-12 (Je.Wilkerson 3, Ja.Rooyakers 4). FT 16-21. Rebounds 31 (Je.Wilkerson 12). Fouls 14.				

Webster 68, Crittenden 35				
Crittenden County	7	3	18	7
Webster County	20	18	19	11
Crittenden County				
CRITTENDEN – Young 20, Dickerson 1, Hlcks, C. Watson 5, D. Watson 8, Driver, Hadfield, Hollis 1. FG 12. 3-pointers 3 (Young). FT 8-17. Fouls 18.				
WEBSTER – Yates, Carter, Pruitt, Shoulders 15, Bell, Roland 16, McMain 14, Smith, House, Ellis 1, Simms 3, Stubblefield 7, Edmonson 8, Durrance 4. FG 24. 3-pointers 5 (Stubblefield, Simms, McMain, Roland, Shoulders). FT 15-19. Fouls 14.				

Hopkins Central 55, Crittenden 50

Crittenden County	8	11	14	17
Hopkins Central	15	20	10	10

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 6, Oliver 18, C.Moss 18, K.Moss 2, Nesbitt, Davis, Lynch 2, Evans 4, Pierce, Champion. FG 17. 3-pointers 0. FT 16-23. Fouls 18.

HOPKINS CENTRAL – Hughes 1, M.Campbell 15, Moody-Copeland 2, Combs, Medlen, LaCara Campbell 9, LaCora Campbell 8, Ly.Campbell 6, White 14. Faulk. FG 24. 3-pointers 2 (M.Campbell). FT 5-12. Fouls 20.

Webster 57, Crittenden 35				
Crittenden County	7	8	8	12
Webster County	15	12	11	19
CRITTENDEN – McDowell 3, Oliver 5, C.Moss 18, K.Moss 2, Nesbitt 4, Lynch 2, Evans, Pierce, Riley 1, Davis, Champion, Collins. FG 11. 3-pointers 0. FT 10-27. Fouls 17.				
WEBSTER – Pritchett, Keeney 4, Woolfork 2, K.Payne 10, A.Payne, G.Keeney 2, Winstead 2, Duncan 12, K.Keeney 14, Winders 2, Gibson 9. FG 19. 3-pointers 1 (Duncan). FT 18-25. Fouls 20.				

Lyon 56, Crittenden 39				
Crittenden County	4	12	10	13
Lyon County	15	8	19	15
CRITTENDEN – McDowell 5, Oliver 12, C.Moss 5, K.Moss 1, Nesbitt 5, Lynch 6, Evans 2, Pierce, Riley, Champion, Davis 3. FG 14. 3-pointers 1 (McDowell). FT 10-17. Fouls 13.				
LYON – Ellis 2, Somers 13, Johnson 4, Bingham, P'Poole 11, Blackburn 13, Melton, Williams 4, Holloman, Murphey 5, Hill. FG 23. 3-pointers 5 (Blackburn 3, Williams, Sommers). FT 6-9. Fouls 17.				

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Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-28-c)

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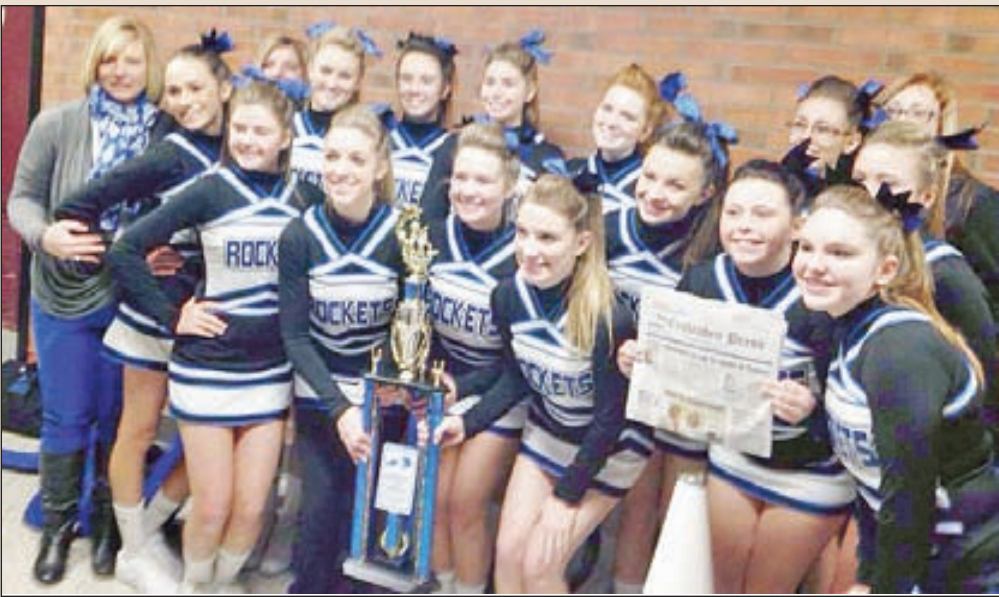
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Cheerleaders finish 2nd

Crittenden County High School's cheerleaders finished runner-up in the KAPOS Open State Class A Cheer Competition last weekend in Richmond. Crittenden's squad took second place overall in the medium division against other competitive teams with 12-16 participants. Pictured above are squad members with their trophy from last weekend.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Chamber inducts new officers

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce inducted three new officers to its board of directors last week. Swearing them is Chamber Chairperson Robin Curnel. The new officers are (from left) Elizabeth Floyd of Legacy Oxygen and Medical Supplies, Wendy Lucas of TransAmerica Insurance and Financial Consulting and Todd Perryman of Farmers Bank and Trust Co.

RELAY

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the desire to abbreviate the event since many participants work the same day as Relay for Life is held and would rather have six fun hours where momentum isn't lost during the overnight.

Also at the meeting, it was announced Relay for Life of Crittenden County received the All-American Relay Award. The award recognizes communities that show growth, retention, Relay branding, diversity and leadership in incorporating five areas of development within Relay events and throughout the year. Those areas include fundraising development, event development, leadership development, team development and survivorship development.

In addition, local Relay for Life Parish was recognized by the ACS with the Mid-South Award for Excellence in Advocating and Fighting Back. The award is given to volunteers who go above and beyond their duties, recruit new teams and help open doors for the ACS.

"I'm definitely honored. I didn't do it alone. I have a great group of people that work with me through the committee, through the teams," Parish said on receiving the recognition. "Everybody works together. It wasn't just me."

It was also noted that Relay for Life of Crittenden County received an award for being in the top 10 per capita for the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the amount of money raised. That means out of all 120 counties in the state, Crittenden County placed in the top 10 for the average money raised per resident.

Since 1997, \$697,571 has been raised in Crittenden County to help fight in the war against cancer. Last year more than \$43,000 was raised. This year's goal is \$45,000.

Relay for Life of Crittenden County meetings are held at 5:30 p.m., the third Monday of each month at the courthouse in Marion.

This year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story."



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Representing the Calvary Crusaders Relay for Life team, Jennifer Matthews (right) was presented a plaque last Thursday by Relay for Life of Crittenden County Chairperson Natalie Parish for third place in most money raised for the 2014 event. The team raised \$5,547. Crittenden Health System employees placed first with the most money raised at \$5,793, followed by Sugar Pines, which raised \$5,595.

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