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CVE hosts farmer outreach seminar

An agricultural outreach program will be conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 13 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.

The purpose of the program is to educate the public on both state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to commercial vehicles in the farming industry. It is open to the public and individuals are encouraged to attend. A question-and-answer session will follow the conclusion of the program.

The program is coordinated by the Crittenden County University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and the Kentucky State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division.

For further information, contact Crittenden County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent Meredith Hall at 965-5236.

Local law reports peaceful holiday

Both Marion Police Department and Crittenden County Sheriff's Department report a quiet period over the Christmas holiday with no major crimes having taken place over the last couple of weeks.

MPD adds new officer to squad

Marion Police Department is adding a new officer to its ranks this week.

Heath Martin will be sworn in as a member of the force today (Thursday). He joins Chief Ray O'Neal, and officers Bobby West, Jerry Parker, Chuck Hoover, George Foster and Robert Harris.

Martin is the former superintendent of Crittenden County's Kentucky Transportation Cabinet state highway department. He spent 14 years there, leaving his post at the end of last year. Martin said Jason Samanns was left in charge at the highway department.

Public meetings

- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday at Marion Tourism Center.
- Marion-Crittenden County Park Board will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Marion City Hall.



This week's poll at The Press Online asked, "Which statement best describes your feelings toward U.S. 641 from Marion to Eddyville?" Nearly half of those voting believe the U.S. 641 improvement project should be four lanes. The results were as follows:

- The existing U.S. 641 should have been widened: 40%
- A new extra-wide two-lane road is fine: 5%
- The new road should be four lanes as was originally conceived: 45%
- No new project was needed: 10%



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A LOOK BACK AT 2013

U.S. 641 most notable story of year

STAFF REPORT

It's been at the fore of local news for years, but the ongoing development of an alternate U.S. 641 from Marion to Lyon County was the most notable story impacting the community in the past year.

From ongoing construction on the first phase of the new roadway to changes in the scope of the project announced over the summer to a preliminary design for the second leg approved late last year, U.S. 641 grabbed headlines in Crittenden County throughout 2013. With completion of the new corridor still years away, twists and turns along the ever-developing storyline are certain to make headlines again in 2014.

Grade and drain work for a new roadbed along the 5.5-mile segment

of an alternate U.S. 641 from Marion to Fredonia continued throughout 2013. As the road took shape, however, local leaders learned from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials that the scope of the new corridor had been scaled back from a four-lane highway to what is called a Super 2, two broad lanes of pavement with wide shoulders and limited access points to better accommodate today's wide over-the-road truck hauls.

A low traffic count was cited as the reason for this change in plans even as dirt and bridge work continue for four lanes in Crittenden

County. This prompted a visit from local political and economic leaders to Transportation Cabinet Secretary Mike Hancock in Frankfort to reiterate the need for four lanes, as the road was billed since well before the start of construction.

Then, a meeting in August in Fredonia allowed residents of the three counties – Crittenden, Lyon and Caldwell – affected by construction of a new U.S. 641 to weigh in on the eventual route of the proposed roadway from Fredonia to Lyon County. Proposals included widening the current U.S. 641 from Fredonia to Eddyville and new routes that would



allow for eventual four-laning.

After public input was considered by transportation officials, a preliminary route was unveiled. The new roadway will skirt Fredonia to the east, pass through the 300-plus acre Pennyville Westpark industrial park in Lyon County and eventually connect with U.S. 62 between Interstate 24 and the Western Kentucky Parkway (Interstate 69).

The proposal calls for the purchase of right-of-way for four lanes, but would initially be built only as a Super 2, just as is planned for the Crittenden County segment. If the traffic count along the new U.S. 641 one day reaches the Cabinet's threshold for four-laning, the additional two lanes would be added.

Frustration with changes and delays in the overall project spurred Crittenden County Magistrate Curt

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SPORTS



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Lady Rockets shine in Florida

Crittenden County's Lady Rocket basketball team played Friday through Monday at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla., picking up their first win of the season on Saturday against a New Jersey team. Pictured at the complex entrance are (from left) Cassidy Moss, Kiana Nesbitt, Meredith Evans, coach Angie O'Leary, Taylor Johnson, Maggie Collins, Mallory McDowell, Madison O'Dell, Francesca Pierce, Mauri Collins, Marie Riley, Courtney Beverly, Chelsea Oliver, Khyla Moss, Amanda Lynch and head coach Shannon Hodge. The Rockets and Lady Rockets play at Livingston Central in two key 5th District matchups on Friday.

Unemployment up from November 2012

STAFF REPORT

Unemployment is up slightly all across the state over the last year, but a continuing rebound in automotive manufacturing could bode well for the local economy.

The jobless rate in Crittenden County in November 2013 crept up from the previous November, rising from 6.6 percent to 6.9 percent. However, the unemployment rate was lower than the October 2013 rate of 7.3 percent, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET).

Crittenden County was certainly not alone in showing an increase in the jobless rate from November

2012 to November 2013. In fact, among Kentucky's 120 counties, 96 saw the unemployment rate increase, including neighboring Livingston, Union and Caldwell counties. Statewide unemployment also rose during the same period to 7.7 percent from 7.4 percent the year before.

"Kentucky's labor market has struggled since late spring," economist Manoj Shanker of the OET said in a statewide news release.

However, Shanker added that the outlook for manufacturing in the automotive industry is looking up. That's good news for Par 4 Plastics, Tyler Manufacturing Co. and Harminie Enter-

prises in Marion, all of which are manufacturers of automotive-related materials.

"Job growth remains strong in the motor vehicles sector," Shanker said.

Webster and Lyon counties were among the state's 16 counties last November to show a drop in unemployment since November 2012.

During November 2013, Woodford County registered the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.9 percent. Caldwell County unemployment was only 6.4 percent and Union County's came in at 6.5 percent. Leslie County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 16.4 percent.

Local jobless rate up to 6.9 percent

Below are the jobless rates for select counties listed from the state's lowest in November 2013 to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties listed between.

AREA	NOV. 2013	OCT. 2013	NOV. 2012
Kentucky.....	7.7	8.0	7.4
Pennyville.....	7.9	8.4	7.4
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1).....	5.9	6.2	5.3
Caldwell.....	6.4	7.0	6.2
Union.....	6.5	6.9	6.4
Crittenden.....	6.9	7.3	6.6
Webster.....	7.5	6.7	7.6
Lyon.....	7.8	7.7	8.0
Livingston.....	8.1	8.0	7.3
Leslie (120).....	16.4	18.0	13.0

Rates are not seasonally adjusted

New social networking app tied to Crittenden

STAFF REPORT

Last year ended with a bang for Jonathan Burdon.

The 2006 Crittenden County High School graduate is the founder of SocialCoaster Inc., a social networking startup in Nashville, Tenn., where he currently lives.

At press time Monday, the SocialCoaster app for mobile devices was scheduled to launch before the end of 2013.

"We are planning a huge launch of SocialCoaster for Dec. 30 after almost a year of planning, developing, etc.," Burdon wrote to The Crittenden Press last week in an e-mail.

SocialCoaster is a mobile application that identifies a user's behavior and location to predict events and places they might like to attend or visit. It also provides places of interest for different loca-



Burdon

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Community Christmas fulfills goals

By JASON TRAVIS

STAFF WRITER

Thanks to the generous support from the community, it was a merry Christmas for many children and their families in Crittenden County.

Distribution for the 39th annual Community Christmas was held Dec. 19 at the Carson G. Davidson National Guard Armory in Marion for gifts and toys and Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center for food assistance. Coordinated through the Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council, volunteer efforts and community support helped provide gifts and food to eligible families for Christmas.

Community Christmas committee member Nancy Hunt said last year's outreach helped assist 220 households, including 254

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EDITORIAL

State lawmakers’ tasks lying ahead include budget

It’s probably not marked on many people’s calendars for 2014, but state lawmakers will converge on Frankfort next week to begin another all-important session of the Kentucky General Assembly. Representing Crittenden County, Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) and Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) will on Tuesday join the commonwealth’s 136 other legislators at the Capitol to set the course for Kentucky’s future.

While the thought of politics may leave many rolling their eyes, this year’s session is particularly important because it is a budget year. Every even-numbered year, lawmakers meet for 60 days with a primary objective to produce a state spending plan for the next two years. That’s not always the smoothest of processes, with differences of fiscal opinions from either side of the aisle often leading to gridlock over funding the wide array of projects, initiatives and agencies looking for money.

Frustratingly, at an approximate cost of \$60,000 per day to taxpayers, a number of special sessions have been called in recent years to settle squabbles outside of the allotted days set aside for regular sessions. Let’s hope a more cooperative tone set in Frankfort during the 30-day 2013 session will continue through the weeks of this year’s Legislature. There is no justifiable reason lawmakers cannot establish a two-year budget and handle other pressing matters across three-and-a-half months of work.

But on lawmakers’ plates will be major issues like restoring educational funding, financing transportation projects, quelling a growing drug scourge and reforming an outdated tax code. The issue of expanded gaming is also set to rear its head once again under Gov. Steve Beshear’s administration.

To be specific, some details on these important issues making headlines before the gavel falls on the session include:

- State education leaders are asking for an additional \$336 million in the new two-year spending plan, primarily to restore funding to public schools to pre-recession levels. Local school boards from across the state have signed on to strongly back this request made to lawmakers.
 - Transportation projects from all corners of the commonwealth – from the largest metropolitan area in Louisville to rural areas like Crittenden County – are awaiting funding to continue key projects. Locally, of course, it’s the relocation of U.S. 641 on the minds of leaders. While the Marion to Fredonia section is slogging ahead toward completion, the second leg from Fredonia to U.S. 62 in Lyon County needs millions allocated for design work, just the first step in planning a new road that must be completed before any land is purchased, utilities relocated or dirt moved.
 - Drugs continue to plague Kentucky, with more deaths in a year’s time attributed to overdoses than to traffic collisions. Heroin, a growing epidemic from city streets to the most remote areas of western and eastern Kentucky, is already the focus of prefiled legislation with the backing of high-ranking state political leaders.
 - While tax reform seems a dry issue, coupled with expanding gaming, the governor and some legislators are eyeing the pair as part of the cure to revenue ills in the state.
- What this session accomplishes remains to be seen, but for those looking for heroic or daring moves from lawmakers in the upcoming session, remember that 2014 is also an election year.

Wanderlust plagues many of us

During the Christmas season, it’s no surprise that approximately 40 percent of Americans travel to far away destinations to spend the holidays. When they get back home, they settle down and life gets back to normal – for most.

However, for some folks, after being home from a long trip only a day or two, they immediately start planning their next one. The mysterious condition, known as wanderlust, comes from the German language meaning “one who has an enjoyment of hiking.” Today, we don’t actually hike that much, but we can certainly apply the term to our means of modern transportation.

The dictionary defines wanderlust as, “a strong or irresistible impulse to travel.” The desire to experience something new, even if they don’t know exactly what they’re looking for, seems to be wired into the very nature of those with wanderlust.

While wanderlust doesn’t seem to be a problem for those who have the time and the means, experts say the condition is sometimes tied to depression. If the restless can’t find peace in their own lives, they search for it in other places, as if the grass was greener in another location.

Some people believe that a different place with different people will change them or make them better. Some admit they are looking for a place that doesn’t exist or that they’re running away

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Defew’s Views

from something they can never get away from. Such is the weakness of wanderlust.

Through the years, I often heard my dad comment on his travels, which included seeing 49 states. (Hawaii was the only one he missed.) If his health had not failed, he would have still been on the road, finding new places to see. Like many folks, he suffered from wanderlust.

Growing up, us kids could always count on a great vacation. Even after we left home, we were always welcomed to spend time with our father and mother in Florida at a campground where he and Mom spent winters after he retired.

Part of his enjoyment came from studying people, sometimes up close, but usually at a distance. He noticed a consensus among the people he met which made him smile. When he told them where he was from, many travelers said they had been around the world, but found western Kentucky to be one of their favorite places.

“It’s got a little of everything – hills, valleys, trees, small towns, warm communities, friendly people,” they would say.

Some folks said they had been all around the world looking for the perfect place to call home and found it right here in our area. Dad agreed. We had it all, but it was fun for him to go to other destinations and come back home to the best place on earth — and start planning another trip.

For me, I’ve found a place somewhere in my soul between going and staying. My dad loved to travel; my husband loves staying home.

Luckily, I’m domesticated like my mom, and I’ve satisfied my love of seeing the world through my love of reading. Since moving to Livingston County in 1996, my husband and I have felt more at home than anywhere we’ve ever lived. Wildlife is abundant and special times with our friends keep our lives interesting. We have the best of both worlds and get to sleep in our own beds every night.

Recently, the epidemic of wanderlust has come home to us through some good friends, once residents of western Kentucky. Not only do they visit places, they buy property, live there a year or two, then sell and buy somewhere else. In the past three years, the couple have lived in three different locations in three different states.

She takes it all in stride. “My husband has always been like this. About the time I get all the painting and papering done, he’s ready to put out the for sale sign.”

Due to all the relocating,

she has become an excellent interior decorator!

Did I mention there is no cure for wanderlust?

However, if you are affected and would like to curb your desire to travel, there are things that can help. Try becoming a tourist of your hometown. Attend festivals, markets and events. Research the area and learn about its history; plan for another trip, even if it’s only for a weekend.

Let the planning and anticipation be part of the excitement. Talk it over with friends and share ideas; save your money for your next trip. Knowing how much it takes to travel is a big advantage and, having the money in your pocket, greatly increases the enjoyment.

Last month, we got a phone call from our friends. “Guess what? We’re neighbors again!”

They had been wanting to come back to Kentucky and finally found a place they liked. Of course, we were thrilled.

Could it be that they found a little bit of everything right here at our back door? We hope this will be their final move, but we try not to get too excited. Before they had gotten all their furniture moved, she says he’s already looking at some more property!

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

‘Duck Dynasty’ episode telling tale of society

Phil Robertson has been on the thoughts and lips of many Americans in the two weeks since The Crittenden Press last came to your hands. The matter has come full circle, with many twists and turns along the road.

First, if you don’t know Phil Robertson, he’s one of the stars of the A&E Network phenomenon “Duck Dynasty.” As I’m not a watcher of the show or the network, I had to do a little research. But apparently, the “reality” television program is about a bearded family in Louisiana that runs a duck call fabrication business.

It’s become all the rage in households across America, with around 10 million or so viewers each week.

In the January edition of GQ magazine, the patriarch of the family, Phil Robertson, expressed his Christian views on sexuality in an article that offended many in the gay

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My 2¢ Worth

and lesbian community, as well as the network. We won’t get into exactly what was said, but suffice it to say, he aired his views that homosexuality is a sin based on biblical teachings.

Upset at Phil’s GQ remarks, the network placed him on hiatus from filming on the show indefinitely. This was an outrage and shock to fans of the show, many Christian non-viewers and champions of free speech.

To me, it’s no surprise that the liberally-aligned Arts and Entertainment Network – unabashedly friendly to the ho-

mosexual community – wanted to distance itself from remarks that might harm its image. Thus, Phil was censored by A&E and placed on leave from his own show.

Did I say it was right? No, it’s quite the double standard to admonish someone for such conservative expressions while promoting viewpoints quite opposite to conservatives’ beliefs.

Do I understand why the network did it? Sure. The network, as a business, simply made a decision it thought was best for the bottom line.

For days, Phil’s suspension from his own show was all the rage on Facebook. Boycotts of A&E were pronounced. People blocked the network from their channel lineup and comments were shouted about censorship of conservative, Christian beliefs and the right to free speech. Eventually, the network

caved and decided keeping its “Duck Dynasty” cash cow intact outweighed punishing a star for remarks deemed offensive by some.

This episode is certainly a snapshot of the scourge in this nation that suggests conservative beliefs are best kept quiet while opposing views are OK to flaunt. But contrary to anyone’s belief, no one’s constitutional right to free speech was violated at any point. No one was jailed by the government for speaking their mind; a business simply decided to censure an employee who could have damaged business earnings.

Like it or not, free enterprise should be as legal as free speech.

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Boulder blocks rural county road

A boulder the size of a small house came crashing down onto Blackburn Church Road over the weekend before Christmas, completely blocking the roadway. No one was injured, but Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the road will be closed for several weeks while the county removes the obstruction from the roadway. The slide occurred about 3.5 miles off Ky. 120 in a rural eastern portion of the county just past Travis Cemetery Road. The boulder and several other large sandstone rocks believed to weigh hundreds of combined tons apparently fell after heavy rains saturated the soil below a bluff causing the ground to give way and no longer support the huge rocks. The largest boulder rests in the middle of the roadway, having created a divot several feet below the surface of the road. The slide also knocked down trees and pushed several tons of dirt and chunks of pavement into a ditch on the opposite side of the road. Newcom estimated it will cost thousands of dollars to remove the rock in addition to several thousand more dollars to repair Blackburn Church Road. Bids for removal of the debris are due today (Thursday), and Newcom is hoping removal can begin early next week.

Salem man pleads guilty to auto theft

STAFF REPORT

A Livingston County man who took a McLeansboro, Ill., woman’s minivan was sentenced last month to five years in prison, reports The (McLeansboro) Times Leader.

According to the newspaper, circuit court records from Hamilton County, Ill., show Lenwood Arnold, 25, of Salem pleaded guilty Dec. 19 in a Hamilton County court to theft, a Class 3 felony.

State’s Attorney Justin Hood said in a court document, reports the newspaper, that Arnold took a 2000 Dodge minivan Dec. 11 from Angelica Younglove’s residence at 404 S. Locust St. while she was sleeping. Hood added that Younglove had not given Arnold per-

mission to take the vehicle.

After Younglove reported the van stolen, a Saline County, Ill., sheriff’s deputy pulled over the vehicle and arrested Arnold.

The suspect is also facing a Class 2 felony charge of possession of a stolen vehicle in Saline County. A preliminary hearing is set for today (Thursday) in that case.

A Hamilton County judge ordered the sentence in that county run concurrently with the sentence in the Saline County case.

As part of a plea agreement, the newspaper reports, a charge of unlawful possession of a stolen vehicle against Arnold was dismissed in the Hamilton County case.

Tiline man jailed on 2 unrelated charges

STAFF REPORT

A Livingston County man was jailed last month on charges in two unrelated cases.

According to Livingston County Sheriff’s Department, Phillip Rayburn, 29, of Tiline last week was charged with the June 2013 theft of a set of keys belonging to Tinsley’s Dairy King, a Smithland restaurant. Ray-

burn was also charged with criminal mischief tied to a Nov. 2 incident in which all four tires were slashed on a vehicle parked at a residence on Riverview Drive in Ledbetter.

Both charges are misdemeanor offenses and both cases were investigated by Deputy Irvin Davis.

Rayburn was lodged in the McCracken County Jail.

Some won't receive Form 1099

It is almost time to be sending Form 1099s for tax purposes. Anyone receiving \$600 or less from our office will not be receiving a mailed 1099.

We are able to print a copy of this information (not on an actual 1099) from our system. So if you received less than \$600 from our office and would like documentation of these payments, we will be more than happy to print this information.

Also, we encourage individuals to closely look at their 1099 for accuracy. The software we use does not account for refunds. For example, if we issued a payment and for some reason we had to correct something, our software makes us repay the old payment



and re-issue the new payment. In this example, your 1099 would just show the amount of both payments, thus creating an inflated amount on your 1099. If you receive a 1099 with payments issued that appear more than normal, you can contact the office and we can print a report that will show the payments and refunds. Therefore, you would only report the actual

payments received not what is reported on the actual 1099.

FSA website
The Farm Service Agency's financial services website is available for producers to conveniently view financial information and conduct FSA business. The website, located at www.fsa.usda.gov/fmi, is accessible to producers who have an e-Authentication Level 2 account. Producers who do not currently have an account may register for an e-Authentication Level 2 account at tinyurl.com/cuum432. The financial services website allows producers to view summary and detailed information about specific payments, collections, out-

standing debt (excluding loans) and CCC-1099-G statements. This information can be helpful for record keeping and income tax preparation. If you have any questions about accessing the financial services website or obtaining an e-Authentication Level 2 account, contact the FSA office in Salem at (270) 988-2180.

Upcoming
- Jan. 17: Last day to return County Committee election ballots. *(Laura Kessler is the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency executive director at the Salem service center, which serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties. She can be reached at (270) 988-2180.)*



Pennyriple mayors Get up and Go

A handful of Pennyriple Area mayors, including Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander, continued their Get up and Go initiative last month to promote physical activity at parks and other recreational facilities in the region. The group of mayors most recently took to horseback at Pennyriple State Park in Christian County. There are 60 miles of equestrian trails in the park in addition to dozens of miles of hiking and biking trails, as well as miles of waterways to explore on the Tradewater River. The mayors will continue this series in the spring with trips to Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties. Princeton Mayor Gale Cherry said the purpose of the outings is to encourage the public to make exercise and eating healthier a New Year's resolution. At left, Cherry and Madisonville Mayor David Jackson sit astride their horses while Alexander stands by. An hour of horseback riding burns about 230 calories.

Record deer harvest among Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's highlights for 2013

STAFF REPORT
Earlier this year, Outdoor Life magazine picked Kentucky as the nation's top spot for trophy white-tailed deer, and Crittenden County is one of state's premiere areas for deer hunting. The state produced 42 reported entries into the Boone and Crockett Club record book in 2012. "We've got more hunting opportunities now than we've ever had," said Karen Waldrop, wildlife director for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). "And we're nationally recognized as a deer destination." While it won't be known until later if hunters in Kentucky have topped that trophy mark this year, they have certainly enjoyed another record deer harvest. KDFWR's website reported 139,228 deer telechecked as of Dec. 26, up almost 6 percent from last year's overall harvest record. Just more than 2,900 of those deer were harvested in Crittenden County. Each of those num-

bers could climb some more with year-end totals. An unprecedented deer season stands as one of the department's highlights in 2013. The ongoing efforts by KDFWR to restore the state's bobwhite quail population and the expansion of Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and State Forest into Crittenden County, as well as new regulations permitting night coyote hunting, are all accomplishments of the wildlife division. Fisheries Division Director Ron Brooks noted the continued efforts to blunt the advancement of Asian carp as one of the division's key areas of focus in 2013. Commercial anglers netted almost 83,000 pounds of Asian carp over a two-day tournament held in March on Kentucky and Barkley lakes. Bighead and silver carp reproduce quickly and gorge on plankton that forms the base of the aquatic food chain. The department also worked to stem the Asian carp's migration up the Ohio

River. Trophy catfish in the Ohio River attracted attention this year. KDFWR engaged in a project with agencies from Indiana and Illinois and two out-of-state universities to determine the population status of blue, flathead and channel catfish in the Ohio River and whether trophy-sized catfish were being over-harvested. "The trophy fishermen, the folks that like to go to the tournaments, have all been saying for several years that the number of big fish is going down," Brooks said. "The pay lake industry, coincidentally, has been going up in terms of interest for having commercial fishermen bring them trophy-sized fish. They've got a trophy component at pay lakes now. "We got a bit concerned that the data we had prior to last year was maybe insufficient to look at size. So we put together a project, and it showed us that there were some potential issues in the upper portion of the river."

Earlier this month, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission voted in favor of new restrictions to limit the number of trophy catfish that can be taken daily by commercial fisherman and sport-fish anglers. Legislative approval is needed before the restrictions become law. If passed, anglers fishing on a sport fishing license would be allowed to keep one blue and flathead catfish more than 35 inches long and one channel catfish more than 28 inches long on the Ohio River with no daily creel limit on fish under those limits. These important 2013 accomplishments will bring better hunting and fishing in the future. They also will improve overall fish and wildlife populations for the enjoyment of all Kentuckians.

FFA members eligible for scholarships

STAFF REPORT
Monty's Plant Food Co., a Louisville -based manufacturer of plant and soil enhancement products, is accepting applications for five \$1,000 college scholarships. They will be made in conjunction with the National FFA Organization to high school seniors who are FFA members. To be eligible, students must also meet criteria including:
- Be a resident of Kentucky.
- Live on a family farm.
- Plan to pursue post-secondary education and study agronomy and crop science, sustainable agriculture, soil science or soil conservation.
- Have a minimum high school GPA of 3.25.
- Have participated in community service.
A complete list of criteria is listed online at montysplantfood.com/FFA. Scholarship applications are available online at www.ffa.org/scholarships. The deadline to apply is Feb.

1. The Monty's Plant Food Company scholarships will be awarded in May 2014. "FFA is a wonderful leadership program and we are proud to partner with such an influential organization to offer scholarships to young people in agriculture," said Dennis Stephens, president

of Monty's Plant Food Co. "We value education and are pleased to help students pursue a college degree." Each year, the National FFA Organization awards approximately \$2 million in scholarships sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation.

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As part of AmeriCorps' annual Make a Difference Day in October, AmeriCorps volunteers at Crittenden County Elementary School helped coordinate the collection of more than 875 pounds of food that helped food pantries in the county.

Nicole Cates is an AmeriCorps volunteer at CCES, and she credits students there for their hard work during the food drive.

"It is always amazing to see how much children are willing to help others in need," Cates said.

This is Cates' second and final

year as an AmeriCorps volunteer. Originally from Madisonville, she has lived in Marion for eight years. She works in the special education department at CCES.

While she spends most of her day with kindergarten students, she does work with second-, third- and fifth-grade students, assisting in reading, handwriting, math and self-help skills. She works closely with special education instructors on goals students need to meet.

"The best part of my service at the elementary school is the kids.

Whether you are connecting with them academically or on a personal level, I believe our kids are awesome. I have learned a lot about who I want to be as a person because of the students," Cates said.

"The staff is quite exceptional as well. The teachers at CCES work tirelessly to create the best environment possible for the students to learn."

For individuals who have an interest in joining the AmeriCorps, Cates gives this advice: "I say do it. The experience will be life-chang-

ing. Anytime you are able to put others above yourself in service work, you will be emotionally rewarded."

Cates keeps a full schedule once the school day ends. She is the mother to an 8-year-old son and is currently enrolled at Madisonville Community College. She enjoys spending as much free time with her family as possible.

"Between being a mother, wife, student and my service with AmeriCorps, I am just excited to get to bed at a decent time," Cates said.

CCHS, CCMS learning centers see busy semester

STAFF REPORT

As another semester of school is set to begin next week, both 21st Century Learning Centers at the middle and high schools have seen a high number of student participation.

The Crosswalk Learning Center opened for the current school year on Sept. 4 and has already seen 206 different students participate in one or more academic, enrichment or entrepreneurial programs. Last year, Crosswalk served 247 Crittenden County High School students through its program and is set to see more than 300 students for the current school year.

Crosswalk Learning Center site coordinator Cheryl Burks said the program would not be successful without administrators, staff, students and teachers participating in and using the resources the program provides.

"I have set several goals for this school year, and we are

Officials apply for educational funds

Crittenden County School District has submitted a 21st Century Learning Center grant for Crittenden County Elementary School, according to Schools Superintendent Rachel Yarbrough. If the grant is approved, the supplemental educational program resulting from the funding would be called Action Alley Learning Center.

Over the last few years, the

school district has received 21st Century grants to establish the Bridgeway Learning Center at the middle school and the Crosswalk Learning Center at the high school. These centers provide tutoring as well as enrichment opportunities for students.

School officials hope to be notified in February regarding the grant's status.

meet Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7 a.m. The fit club helps students track and monitor their own fitness and work toward meeting their personal fitness goals," Shewcraft said.

The Bridgeway Learning Center recently purchased VEX robotics curriculum and equipment and will be starting a robotics club in January that will be led by CCMS science teacher Neal Bryant.

Students were also given the opportunity to tour Murray State University's campus and attend a men's basketball game. Students were identified and selected from their individual learning plan and those selected either showed an interest in attending Murray State or were interested in an athletic career, such as coaching, sports medicine or officiating.

Shewcraft said additional college tours and job shadowing opportunities will be available in the spring semester.



Crittenden County Middle School students who recently visited Murray State University through the Bridgeway Learning Center are (from left) Katlin Young, Emma Herrin, Kylie Collins, Texas Young and Travis Kinnis.



Meredith Hall, Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, helps set up Community Christmas gifts before distribution day Dec. 19 at the Carson G. Davidson National Guard Armory in Marion.

GOALS

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children and 58 teens, totaling 521 individuals.

"All of the 254 children were sponsored," Hunt said. "It was pretty hectic at the end, and I wasn't sure we were going to have enough donations to write the vouchers and enough sponsors. We were delivering some late sponsor gifts through (Dec. 21), but everyone was covered."

Each teen received a \$70 gift voucher and had the choice of shopping at seven local stores. Each family re-

ceived a grocery food voucher valued at \$20 per family member. A total of 69 individuals received food vouchers plus groceries during distribution at Marion Baptist Church.

Hunt said 93 individuals, churches or organizations were responsible for sponsoring all children signed up through Community Christmas. Sponsors spent an estimated \$75 per child, or just more than \$19,000.

Cash donations totaled \$17,093. A total of \$16,480 was used for food and teen vouchers. Hunt said funds left over will be reserved for 2014 Community Christ-

mas.

"We are thankful for everyone who donated money, sponsored a child or volunteered for the set-up and distribution days," Hunt said. "It's impossible to thank everyone individually since many of our donations are anonymous."

"I really appreciate the (contributors) who previously lived in Crittenden County but live elsewhere now. We had several to contact us to find out where they could send a donation."

A Community Christmas evaluation meeting will be held at the Jan. 16 Inter-Agency meeting.

Salem man, woman charged with assaulting state trooper

STAFF REPORT

A Livingston County man and woman were jailed last week in connection with the alleged assault on a Kentucky State Police trooper during an arrest on outstanding warrant.

According to a state police report, James T. Springs, 51, and Lacinda Jo Taber, 31, both of Salem, were charged with assaulting a police officer during an arrest made last Thursday afternoon by Trooper Donald Crawford. Springs also faces drug charges in addition to three other charges tied to his reported attempt to evade arrest.

Crawford reports that around 4 p.m. last Thursday, he observed what appeared to be a domestic dispute inside a vehicle on West Main Street in Salem. Upon approaching the vehicle, Trooper Crawford

identified one of the occupants as Springs, who had an active warrant for failure to appear on traffic-related offenses.

As the police officer attempted to place Springs under arrest, the suspect is said to have swallowed a small baggie containing a white powdery substance believed to be bath salts. Springs, according to police, then fled on foot from the car. As Crawford began to pursue Springs, the passenger in the vehicle, Taber, reportedly struck the trooper in an attempt to assist Springs as he fled on foot.

Trooper Crawford deployed his conducted electrical weapon (CEW) – similar to a TASER – on Springs. After getting one hand cuffed, the suspect is said to have again become combative, striking the officer. After a second deployment of the CEW, Springs was handcuffed without fur-

ther incident.

Springs was transported to Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services and transferred to Baptist Health Paducah where he was admitted for observation due to the suspected bath salts he ingested.

In addition to the warrant that was served on Springs, he was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, a Class D felony; tampering with physical evidence, a Class D felony; first-degree fleeing or evading police on foot, a Class D felony; resisting arrest, a Class A misdemeanor; and third-degree assault on a police officer, a Class D felony.

Taber was also charged with third-degree assault on a police officer and lodged in the McCracken County Regional Jail.

Livingston UTV thief arrested

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

A Livingston County man was arrested last month in connection with a child's utility vehicle stolen from a Livingston County home the weekend before Christmas.

Conrad Colt Taylor, 18, of Grand Rivers was arrested Dec. 23 by Livingston County Sheriff's Department for the alleged theft of a side-by-side UTV the week prior from a rural Livingston County residence. The miniature Polaris Razor ATV belonged to 7-year-old

Alleigh Butler.

An investigation led deputies to a residence 10 miles away on Iuka Road where the UTV was recovered. It had the drive chain broken, and someone had tried to spray paint it.

Taylor was arrested in connection with the case at his residence on Rowland Drive and charged with one count of theft by unlawful taking over \$500, a Class D felony.

Taylor was lodged in the McCracken County Jail.

Alleigh's mother, Keely Butler, said the child was initially heartbroken, but had a sense of relief when authorities found the vehicle.

Chief Deputy Devin Brewer said the case was brought to a quick and successful conclusion because several citizens provided valuable tips to authorities in a timely fashion.

"(That) is what led to the quick recovery of the UTV and ultimately the arrest of Mr. Taylor," Brewer reported.

APP

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tions and cities. It can be used to recommend concerts, sporting events or a favorite restaurant.

Burdon told The Tennessean in Nashville last week that the idea for the application came to him while looking for events and things to do in Music City.

"It's going to suggest events it thinks you'll be interested in that are around where you are currently located," Burdon told The Press while working on development of the app in February of last year.

The app works as a stand-alone social network that allows users to create a profile, add friends, view other profiles, send messages and view user photos. The home screen features random thumbnail photographs that show users what activities are occurring near their current location.

The photos are in real-time and update as members upload new photos.

SocialCoaster also allows users to collaborate for photo uploads during special events. For example, wedding guests can be asked to check-in via the bride and groom's SocialCoaster private wedding page. Every photo taken by guests who check-in will go onto that page.

Burdon told The Tennessean that he and his development team had learned over the years that photos are what social network users are most interested in.

"We want to give people an instant snapshot of what's happening around them," he told The Nashville newspaper last week.

Users can also connect the app with Facebook and Twitter accounts. Photos can automatically be posted live on Facebook walls.

SocialCoaster can be found on Facebook or SocialCoaster.com

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January 1934 was a busy month for Marion

I always like to start the New Year off with some of the happenings that were going on in our town and county 100 years ago. Unfortunately, there are no 1914 issues of The Crittenden Press on microfilm for the first 10 months of that year. So, I'll review some news items from 80 years ago in January of 1934.

First iron bridge built in county replaced by concrete

The first iron bridge to be built in Crittenden County was at the Old Water Mill Place on Piney Creek (located near Deanwood) 50 years ago. This bridge being no longer needed at that location because of a new concrete bridge built near it, is being moved to a creek in the Fords Ferry section. So far, as the material and strength of this old iron bridge is concerned, it should be serving humanity for quite some time.

Tobacco growers of Crittenden County

During the last three years, tobacco products in Crittenden and Livingston counties have been reduced to a minimum. In 1931, according to federal statistics, Crittenden County had 800 acres of tobacco and Livingston County had 700 acres.

According to the best local information, this crop has been reduced in both counties to about 500 acres. Extremely low prices have brought this drastic result about. The outlook for dark tobacco is not a great deal brighter.

The Agricultural Act offers tobacco growers adjusted benefit payments to reduce their crops. As stated above, our farmers have already reduced their crops drastically, but it should be made clear to every tobacco grower that the government will pay adjusted benefits for this reduction.

Civil Works Administration projects

The CWA payroll for Crittenden County this week will be approximately \$5,000. The lake site project and old cemetery project have been completed and a new project, the City School Public Park and Playground, has been started. When all proposed projects are under way, there will be approximately 500 men at work. The men chosen to be sent out on the various projects



Brenda Underdown
Crittenden County Historian

Forgotten Passages

in the county are selected by a committee of business and professional men who devote their time to this service without compensation.

1934 Chevrolet now on display

The new 1934 Chevrolet with "knee action" wheels, 89-horsepower "Blue Streak" engine, streamlined body and an imposing list of improvements and refinements is being shown today at R & D Motor Co. in Marion.

In the design and development of the new models, it is said particular attention has been given to driver and passenger comfort and every effort has been made to eliminate the unpleasant sensations of sound and feeling that prove so annoying to the motorist.

The new Chevrolet is longer – 112 inches of wheelbase – roomier, more powerful, smoother and quieter than its predecessor. The engine is placed several inches farther forward in the chassis and seating has been rearranged so as to provide more space for front and rear seat passengers.

In appearance, the sleekness which has characterized Chevrolet cars in the past is further accentuated by the actual length increase plus the treatment of the car design itself.

The increased power delivered by the new "Blue Streak" engine improves the flashing performance combined with distinct chassis improvement to ensure extremely fast, safe, economical and quiet operation. The new Chevrolet has a top speed of 80 mph, and its improved acceleration is in proportion. The "Knee-Action" wheels enjoy the advantage of being completely enclosed in a weather-tight housing – the coil springs and shock absorbers ride in a bath of oil.

Beauty contest

Miss Eilyne White,

blonde, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J.R. White, won the beauty contest held at Fohs Hall Monday evening and will represent Marion in the district pageant at Mayfield for the honor of being Miss Kentucky of the American Legion. The Marion pageant was sponsored by the Ellis B. Ordway American Legion Post 111. Miss White represented the City Service Station. Second honors went to Miss Christine Fowler, blonde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Fowler and third went to, Miss Dorothy Moore, blonde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Moore.

Bank deposits up

There has been a noticeable increase in bank deposits since the federal act providing for insurance of deposits up to \$2,500 went into effect. Kentucky banks are in sound condition, it was said, as is indicated by the fact that of the 281 state banks which are not members of the Federal Reserve, who applied for deposit insurance, 280 banks qualified and were admitted into temporary membership of the Deposit Insurance Fund.

Modern water purification

Marion's dream of a generation for a modern water purification and treatment plant was realized this past week when the new plant was put in operation for the first time. Since that time, the plant has been in operation each day and is working beyond the expectations of the engineers; but it will be several days before the water will be safe for drinking. The engineers stated that an excessive amount of chlorine must be carried in the mains to kill all bacteria which are lodged in the pipes due to the previous pumping of raw water into the mains. That Marion should have a fine water system is the reward of the untiring efforts of Mayor J.B. Threlkeld, City Attorney A.C. Moore, the city council and the local pride of many interested citizens.

Tolu native writes interesting article for Kentucky Progress Magazine

The winter issue of the Kentucky Progress Magazine is designated Hospitality Edition with the Ohio River the subject of an enthusiastic article by



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
At top, the featured car of the new year in 1934 was the "Knee-Action" Chevrolet with its long, sleek lines and glide-like ride. Above, one can see by all the cars that lined Main Street, Marion was a busy and prosperous town during the early part of 1934. At right, Watt Franklin, editor of The Crittenden Press, wrote a weekly Weather News Rhyme each week to add a touch of humor to the newspaper.

Tom Wallace, formerly of Tolu and now editor of The Louisville Times.

Mr. Wallace knows the river from every angle and writes of it with intoxicating appreciation. It is safe to say that no one will lay his article aside without planning a trip on the river. Notable artistic photographs accompany the article.

There are two pictorial features of notable interest. A group of pictures of Kentucky farm lands offers an eloquent invitation to farmers to turn their hands to the tilling of Kentucky soil, and a group of photographs of old doorways will lure countless lovers of fine architectural beauty as well as natural scenery.

(I wonder if there is a copy of this old magazine lying around waiting to be found in someone's base-

ment or attic. It sure would be nice to see this article and what Mr. Wallace had to say.)

Weather News Rhyme

Watts Franklin, editor of The Crittenden Press in January 1934, had a small weekly column known as Watts Franklin's Weather News Rhyme. It was an entertaining little poem about the latest news in town, plus some weather.

For Jan. 26, it read: "Here's big news! What do you think? City Water that's fit to drink.

"Blue butterfly will fly tonight; That's another unusual sight.

"Terry's Terrors play good ball; the bigger they are, the harder they fall.

"New Deal merits farmers praise; money for to-



bacco they didn't intend to raise.

"Eilyne White wins beauty race; that's one place you get in on your face.

"Bank deposits looking fine; Lots of money – but it ain't mine.

"I promised last week that I would quit; but I am still expecting that cold wave to hit."

(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.)

Superintendent joins handful of Kentucky school districts participating in pilot program

STAFF REPORT

Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, superintendent of Crittenden County Schools, has volunteered to participate in a pilot program for a revised superintendent evaluation model in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Across Kentucky, a handful of school districts are piloting the revised evaluation model. Dr. Yarbrough said she volunteered for Crittenden County because there will be a new teacher effectiveness model that will be piloted in every school district next year. She feels that as evaluations for teachers and principals change, it makes sense for the superintendent to also be on a more up-

dated model for evaluation.

The revised evaluation model is more comprehensive and descriptive in terms of the behaviors that a superintendent should exhibit. There are eight leadership standards in the model, with rubrics for indicators in each of the eight standards.

The standards include strategic leadership, instructional leadership, cultural leadership, human resource leadership, managerial leadership, external development leadership, micropolitical leadership and dispositions-the human elements. The rubrics for indicators in measuring each standard are exemplary/expert, accomplished, developing and

threshold.

"What I will be recommending for the board in January is to adopt this new individual leadership plan as the evaluation tool for me, as the superintendent in Crittenden County, for the next evaluation cycle," Dr. Yarbrough said.

"It's going to begin in January. The board would have to approve it."

The superintendent added that the model is not in its final version and may evolve into something different. However, it provides a tool to help develop goals around.

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400 die daily rather than lie

This old year closed out with 400 Christians massacred every day around the world just because they won't tell what so many professed Christians would call a little white lie. They refuse to say they are not Christian because they know the Bible says in Revelation 21:8 that "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."

Remember, the "eth" used on the end of 1600 English language words adds a future tense to the word. Not only will the liars burn, but they will continue to burn.

Our nation has championed more Christians and sent out more Christian missionaries to all parts of the world than all the other nations in history. With great sorrow and shame, the new year comes in with the nation led by a president who stands up and tells the world that he is a Christian and lies, lies and lies. Also as a Christian, the president supports homosexuality, lesbianism and killing unborn innocent babies, all of which call for the death sentence in the Bible.

Those looking at America in all those heathen countries who hate Jesus and all His followers surely make fun of their victims as they slaughter them, saying they are stupid to die as the President of the United States is a Christian and lies to the world.

My grief also is that many of those Christians who face death will be deceived because of Obama and lie, ending up in hell where Obama will be justly and horrifically abhorred along with all the other deceitful, power hungry hypocrites.

A black cloud hangs over America because people who disobeyed the Bible – many calling themselves Christian – voted in a man whom they knew supported these evils. Now, he has us in his evil clutches for three more long, evil-planned years.

God is just, America, and those who wanted their party more than they wanted principles and morals will pay an awful price. The worst they can suffer is seeing their children and grandchildren



suffering a bleak and mournful life. They will be in danger of hell, too, because they will one day read the wonderful history of what America once was while they are living in slavish conditions. They will hate their parents and grandparents who helped destroy the most blessed, free, peaceful and affluent nation that was ever on earth. That hate can destroy their own soul.

Everyone who voted for Obama would not have done so had he been a Republican, and God knows neither would I.

Jesus had more vitriolic, unmitigated wrath and disgust for hypocrites than any other kind of sinners. The entire chapter of Matthew 23 was to and about them.

One of the most pressing reasons is found in Verse 13, which reads, "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in."

His suffering and anger was because not only were the hypocrites sinning and lying about it all, but they were causing others to miss Heaven because of deceiving people to think they could go to Heaven living like the hypocrites.

Hypocrisy brings such shame and disgrace to Jesus and His message.

What is a hypocrite? One who professes to be a follower of Jesus and does not obey His Word.

The beloved John said in 1 John 2:4, "He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

The comfort to all who care is in Matthew 23:12: "And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

In a nation where people

turn from God, the worst rise to the top, and the most ruthless become the master and dictator.

The comfort is knowing regardless of how big, mean, powerful and ruthless they exalt themselves, they, too, will be abased and brought down sooner or later.

The heartache is all the damage they do and pain they cause before God can let all see just how cunning, convincing, deceitful and hypocritical they are.

Paraphrasing Matthew 23:4-7 to fit Obama, the verses could be interpreted as follows: For Obama binds heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but he himself will not move them with one of his fingers. But all his works he does is to be seen by men: He makes broad his promise and enlarges the borders of his power and loves the uppermost rooms at the White House and the chief podiums in the campaigns and greetings in the streets and to be called Messiah.

The most damning words and names Jesus had for

hypocrites are in Verse 33: "You serpents, you generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell?"

For those who tell you there is no hell fire, the word hell here was translated from the Greek work Gehenna, which means lake of fire. Look it up.

But Jesus, as I, wants people to change and end up in Heaven, and He proved it by telling them in Verse 37 how He would have gathered them to Himself. But they would not, and He still went on to Mount Calvary and was beaten horribly, nailed to a rough cross, hanged there six long and suffering hours and died just so those hypocrites and all others could be converted and end up in Heaven.

My prayer for the new year of 2014 is that millions of voters will become wise men who also will seek Jesus so God would be willing to bless us once again.

(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.)



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PACS holds toy drive

Pennyrile Allied Community Services of Livingston County hosted a toy drive Dec. 14 at the Dollar General Store in Salem. Coordinators raised \$400 plus lots of toys. Livingston County PACS community service block grant coordinator Ginger Dietz said 87 families and 186 children within those families received assistance. Dietz (at left) is joined by volunteers Ronda Taylor and Noah Dietz during the toy drive. The Ohio Valley Youth Group from Ledbetter also assisted with the toy drive.

Thank You

The family of H.F. Simpson would like to say thank you to all who visited, sent cards, food, flowers and prayers during his long stay in the hospital and after his passing.

Also, to our family, many friends and church families who came and was there for us at the funeral home. We say thanks to the pallbearers who had a hard task and to all who had a part in the funeral in any way. Remember us in your prayers.

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State police seek fugitive

STAFF REPORT
Kentucky State Police Post 1 in Mayfield is currently seeking a fugitive from justice. Herbert Wilford Smith, 37, of Smithland is wanted for numerous felony offenses. He is described as a white male, standing approximately 6 feet tall, and weighing 150-plus pounds with black hair and brown eyes.



Smith

Smith was indicted by a Livingston County grand jury in 2012 for theft by failure to make required disposition of property. In 2013, after failing to appear in court numerous times, he was indicted by another Livingston County grand jury for jumping bail. He currently has active warrants for his arrest, with bond amounts exceeding \$25,000. He is also wanted for questioning in other reported crimes that have occurred in other portions of the Post 1 district, namely Graves and Calloway counties.

KSP is requesting assistance from the public in locating Smith. It is believed that he may have initially fled to Florida; however, it is unknown if he is back in the western Kentucky area.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of this fugitive, they are asked to contact KSP at (800) 222-5555 or they make contact the Livingston County Sheriff's Department at (270) 928-2122.

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Buntin last month to publicly dub it “the road to nowhere,” summing up the frustration expressed by many local officials.

The next big hurdle for an upgraded U.S. 641 will be funding to complete the design work on the Caldwell-Lyon County portion of the new roadway. Local leaders hope for the money to be allocated by the Kentucky General Assembly during this year’s session of the Legislature.

- Another giant project making news in 2013 was the \$13.4 million acquisition by the Commonwealth of Kentucky of 4,200-plus acres in Crittenden County along the Tradewater and Ohio rivers to complete a five-year quest to secure more than 6,800 acres of forest and other property to complete the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area and State Forest. The deal complements a 2011 transaction acquiring an adjacent 2,571-acre tract in Sturgis.

Once privately owned by Alcoa and then Kimball International, the expansive area is now open to the public for hunting, hiking, fishing, bird watching and other activities and will be permanently protected for conservation use. Completion of the project was rated a top priority for the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program.

The area stands as a unique ecotourism attraction for Crittenden County

"It's the gem on the Ohio River," Kentucky state Sen. Dorsey Ridley of Henderson dubbed the property.

- A petition for alcohol sales in Crittenden County made another appearance, 13 years after a referendum on allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages failed.

The petition was introduced in January and would have required the signature of 971 registered voters within six months in order to be placed on the ballot. In early August, after a relatively quiet period from both supporters of and opposition to legalizing alcohol sales, petition organizer Jerritt Hovey-Brown announced the petition had fallen about 100 signatures shy of the required number.

- In June, Crittenden County native Scott A. Campbell was promoted to brigadier general, making him the highest ranking military officer known to have graduated high school in Crittenden County. After an exemplary career in the Kentucky Army National Guard, Campbell traded in his colonel's insignia for his general's star at a June 14 ceremony in Frankfurt.

- After a devastating flood in 2011 and a withering drought in 2012, Mother Nature's disposition in 2013 was much more agreeable. In fact, steady rains during the

Coleman

Betty Jo Davidson Coleman, 82, formerly of Salem, Marion and Morganfield, died Dec. 25, 2013, at Palm Valley Rehabilitation Center in Goodyear, Ariz.

She was born in Livingston County in 1931, moved to Marion and then to Phoenix in 1958. She moved back to Kentucky with her husband in 1981. She worked for several years at a Hallmark store, The Paper Doll, and then as a deputy jailer at the Union County Jail. She then moved back to Phoenix with her husband in 2006.

Coleman is survived by two sons, Charles “Charlie” and wife Loraine Coleman of Goodyear and Larry Coleman of Goodyear; a daughter, Sherri and husband Steve of Houston; nine grandchildren; a brother, Teddy and wife Glenda Davidson of Riverside, Calif.; two brothers-in-law, Otis Millikan of Marion and Bobby and wife Shirley Coleman; a sister-in-law, Linda Welborn; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John William Coleman; a daughter, Diane Anderson; a granddaughter, Michele Brown; a great-grandson, Kamdyn Caton; her parents, Ace and Verna Gibbs Davidson; and three siblings, Helen Nunn, Glen “Ace” Davidson and Sue Millikan.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield. Graveside services will follow at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

spring, summer and fall led to bumper crops for local grain producers. Corn and soybean yields across the state, including those in Crittenden County, reached monumental numbers for farmers.

- Crittenden Health Systems opened its new surgical wing in 2013, conducting its first operation in June. However, it was late fall before the entire project was completed, transforming the cramped quarters of the old surgical suite – one operating room and one endoscopy unit crammed into 3,900 square feet – into an expansive, state-of-the-art facility with three operating rooms and a large endoscopy unit. The new surgical suite is now 10,000 square feet and was unveiled to the public during an open house last month.

CHS broke ground on the new operating wing in December 2010. The final project was completed for just more than \$4 million after several snags during the construction process.

- CHS also got a new leader in 2013. Greg McNeil started his job as chief executive officer of CHS on Nov. 18, filling a vacancy that was created when Jim Christensen resigned the post last summer. McNeil comes to Marion from Lincoln County Hospital in Kansas, where he had served as its CEO since 2003. The Madisonville native has implemented cost-saving measures that include cuts to salaries and benefits and the elimination of positions.

“Fiscal stability is our No. 1 goal,” he said in an interview with The Crittenden Press shortly after taking the helm of the financial-struggling hospital. “We can’t keep losing money.”

- Gov. Steve Beshear made a stop in Marion in late October to formally dedicate a 24,800-square-foot, \$2 million-plus expansion of Siemens' manufacturing facility in Marion. The addition, built adjacent to the primary plant on South Main Street, was moved into earlier in the year and manufacturing there began in the spring. The new facility allowed for the addition of about 50 new jobs, bringing total employment at Siemens to about 250 locally. Earlier in the year, Siemens formally acquired the local manufacturer of rail automation equipment in a global deal with Invensys Rail.

- On Aug. 1, Almanzo “A.J.” Vasseur, 29, was killed after his half-brother, Britt Deckert, 26, allegedly cut him several times with a multi-blade claw seen in movies like “The Wolverine.” The two shared a home at 316 W. Depot St. in Marion with other relatives. Deckert is charged with murder in connection with the Vasseur's death.

The gruesome incident shocked the community and was the only murder to occur in the county last year.

Shuecraft

Allie “Kevin” Shuecraft, 52, of Marion died Dec. 17, 2013, at Baptist Health Paducah.

He is survived by his wife, Diann Shuecraft of Marion; two stepdaughters, Tammy Lemon of Kuttawa and Amanda Little of Marion; four sisters, Sonya Brantley of Kuttawa, Wyetha and husband John Wood of Princeton, Marquita and husband Doug Miller of Bowling Green and Yolanda and husband Dan Shuecraft Paducah; two brothers, Denzil and wife Carolyn Shuecraft of Salem and Wesley and wife Marcy Shuecraft of Salem; six grandchildren, Brit-tany Lemon, Dusty Lemon, Jaydon Cotton, Dakota Little, Allie Little and Kodi Fox.

Shuecraft was preceded in death by his parents, Allie and Venetta Shuecraft.

Funeral services were Dec. 21 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

Mills

Gerald Louis “Jerry” Mills, 64, of Benton, formerly of Marion, died Dec. 25, 2013, at his home.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was retired from the United Mine Workers of America and a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Mills is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Mills of Benton; a son, Jamey Mills of Paducah; a daughter, Susana Henry of Marion; three brothers, Donald “Donnie” Mills of Dawson Springs, William “Billy” Mills of Bowling Green and Hank Mills of Dawson Springs; three sisters, Elizabeth “Betty” Boyd of Robinson, Ill., Laura Smith of Dawson Springs and Elisa Nielson of Louisville; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim Fred and Martha Mills; and a brother, Tom Mills.

Memorial services were Dec. 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

Bunger

Donald Eugene Bunger Jr., 59, of Marion, died Dec. 18, 2013, at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

He is survived by his wife, Carla Bunger of Marion; two sons, Brad Bunger of Bowling Green and Adam Bunger of Bowling Green; a brother, Darryl Bunger of Covington; a sister, Debbie Bunger of Covington; two stepchildren, Ellen Frazer of Marion and Luke Frazer of Marion; a brother-in-law, Todd Lucas of Marion; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald E. and Betty Bunger Sr.; and a grandson.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Hall

Jack Hall, 88, of Marion died Dec. 23, 2013, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab in Marion.

He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church.

Hall is survived by two sons, David Hall of Nebo and Joe Hall of Marion; a sister, Helen Clark of Henderson; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Hall; and a son, Jim Hall.

Graveside services were Dec. 27 at Union Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

Rushing

Elvis Rushing, 51, of Ed-dyville died Dec. 19, 2013, at Lourdes Hospital in Chicago after a short illness.

He was a disabled veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the American Legion.

Rushing is survived by his fiancé, Opal Hammonds of Eddyville; a son, Austin Rushing of Paducah; a daughter, Sharee Rushing of Eddyville; his mother, June Connor Rushing of Princeton; five brothers, Jimmy Rushing of Marshall County, Mike Rushing of Caldwell County, David Rushing of Crittenden County, Billy Rushing of Evansville, Ind., and Jeff Rushing of South Carolina; and a sister, Kathy Ramey of Caldwell County.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Marshall Rushing; and a sister, Dorothy Knapp.

Funeral services were Dec. 22 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Roger Waters officiating. Burial was in Crayne Cemetery. Graveside military honors were provided.

Online condolences may be sent at MorgansFuneralHome.com.

Ward

Naomi Patton Ward, 91, a native of Crittenden County, died Dec. 23, 2013.

She was born Dec. 27, 1921, in the Frances community. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and White Shrine. She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Ward is survived by her loving children: a son, Timothy and wife Barbara Ward of Portage, Ind.; a daughter, Darlene Ward of Noblesville, Ind.; three grandchildren, Justin, Tracy and Genna; three great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Cooper and Callen; and many other loving family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Newton Ward; her parents, Moses and Polly F. Travis Patton; and six siblings, Collin and Carlton Patton, Gladys Harris, Velda Turley, Dukelea Brown and Puella Brasher.

Funeral services were Dec. 30 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial was in Frances Cemetery.

Condolences may also be left online at BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

(Note: Extended obituaries require a nominal fee. Please ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.)

Nichols

Nancy Martha Cook Nichols, 88, of Princeton, formerly of Dawson Springs, died Dec. 27, 2013, at Princeton Health & Rehab.

She was a 1941 graduate of Dawson Springs High School and worked at Potter & Brumfield Inc. in Marion. She was a member of New Hope General Baptist Church.

Nichols is survived by a daughter, Amelia Ann and husband Joe Farthing of Sturgis; a son, Elliotte Earl “Butch” and wife Rebecca Jackson of Utica, Ky.; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

She was born on March 7, 1925, in Dawson Springs, KY to the late Ira & Rosa Robinson Cook..

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ira and Rosa Robinson Cook; her first husband, Elliotte Earl Jackson; her second husband, Clarence Nichols; and a grandson, David Elliotte Jackson.

Funeral services were Dec. 31 at Beshear Funeral Home in Dawson Springs with Rev. Roger Waters officiating. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery in Dawson Springs.

Meek

William Alex Meek Jr., 74, of La Vergne, Tenn., died Dec. 17, 2013.

He was born June 19, 1939, in Montgomery County, Tenn. He attended Concord Community Church in Brentwood, Tenn., and was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Meek is survived by his wife, Mary Smith Meek of La Vergne; three daughters, Donna and husband Rick Effinger of Evansville, Ind., Teresa Meek of Hendersonville, N.C., and Marianne Totin of Charlotte, N.C.; a son, William and Lisa Meek III of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Patrick Meek of Clarksville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Iner Bright Meek; two brothers, Ryman Mitchell and Joe “Mickey” Mitchell; and two sisters, Ruby Kanagy and Francis Zoeller.

A celebration of life service was held Dec. 21 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.



Nichols

McCabe

Virginia K. Wilson McCabe, 92, of Chandler, Ind., formerly of Marion, died Dec. 29, 2013, at Hamilton Pointe Village in Newburgh, Ind.

She was of the Presbyterian faith.

McCabe is survived by two daughters, Judith and husband Harry Wilder of Chandler and Linda and husband Randy Clary of Henderson; two sons, Michael and wife Susan Newcom of Fort Worth, Texas, and Steven Newcom of Ashland, Tenn.; three stepdaughters, Wanda Boarman of Evansville, Ind., Onita and husband Larry Fitzgerald of Evansville and Sue Allen of Evansville; a stepson, Kenneth and wife Barbara McCabe of Ellington, Mo.; a daughter-in-law, Susan Heese of Grand Junction, Colo.; a brother-in-law, Gene and wife Sug Williams of Bunker, Mo.; 19 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Denver McCabe; a stepson, Den McCabe; a grandson, Kevin McCabe; a sister, Elizabeth Boyd; and her parents, Calvin and Gladys Wilson.

Funeral services were Dec. 31 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Repton Cemetery.

Singleton

Ronald Keith Singleton, 72, of Lola died Dec. 29, 2013, at his home.

He was a member of Carrsville Masonic Lodge and attended Carrsville Pentocostal Church.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Raye Singleton of Lola; two daughters, Jane Elizabeth Powell of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Susan D. Singleton of Lola; and a grandson, Jacob Powell of Murfreesboro.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil L. and Sue Elaine Singleton.

Memorial services were Dec. 31 at Carrsville Pentocostal Church.

Donations may be made to: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.



McCabe

New Year's financial resolutions require diligence

Many of us start the new year with intentions to make this year different. We often make New Year's resolutions which focus on improving our health, reducing stress or saving money. Unfortunately, good intentions alone will not lead to a change. To be successful, you need to develop a plan to make this year different. A New Year's resolution is simply a goal that you set for you and your family during the next 12 months.

As with any goal, the first step is to write it down. It



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can be as simple as one to three sentences that address what you want to accomplish and when you want to accomplish it. Make certain that your New Year's resolution is attainable. Many of us may want to win the lottery, but this

is not something that is realistic for most, so make certain your goal is within reach.

Post your goal in a visible place that will serve as a daily reminder to what you are working toward. This might be in the laundry room or on the refrigerator door.

Next, develop a game plan. What steps do you need to take to accomplish your goal? If your goal is to pay off a specific amount on your credit cards, how much do you need to save per month? Identify some

areas where you can reduce other expenses to have the additional money to pay on your credit cards. Can you set up automatic payments to make it easier to make the extra payment?

There is no doubt that many New Year's resolutions fail due to unforeseen obstacles. Take a few minutes to identify the obstacles which may limit your success, says Jennifer L. Hunter, Extension Specialist for Family Financial Management, University of Kentucky; College of Agriculture, Food and Environ-

ment. Identifying potential obstacles before they occur may help you develop a game plan to overcome the obstacle. Think about how you might avoid the obstacle or what resources you have that could help you overcome the obstacle.

For example, if your resolution is to reduce your credit card debt, maybe your first step should be to save a small emergency fund, such as \$500 or \$1,000, so that when a financial obstacle occurs, you can use cash instead of your credit card.

Track your progress and recognize small accomplishments as you achieve them. Do not feel discouraged if you need to rework your game plan. The most important thing is to not give up. If you miss a milestone or have a minor setback, take the opportunity to learn from the obstacle. What went wrong? What could you have done differently? Use this information to rewrite your plan of action to help you stay on track to accomplishing your financial goals.



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CCES students visit North Pole

The familiar hallways of Crittenden County Elementary School were transformed into a winter wonderland for one special night last month. On Dec. 18, CCES students and their parents got the opportunity to spend "A Night at the North Pole." This is the second year the school hosted the holiday event, which featured Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and many of Santa's elves. CCES teacher Mollie McGowan said the event allowed parents and their children to spend quality time together as they worked on a variety of craft projects. Administrators, faculty and staff helped organize the special evening. Above, CCES assistant principal Karen Nasseri helps kindergarten student NaiZayah Bell with a craft project.

Officials see increase in number of non-traditional students earning a GED

STAFF REPORT

Officials at the Crittenden County Adult Education Center saw 12 students receive their GED diplomas last month. With 31 graduates in 2013, the center surpassed its goal of 24 for the year.

Missy Myers, coordinator and an instructor at the local adult education center, said in addition to young adults, the center has seen more non-traditional students study and earn their GED.

Sandie Fitzgerald of Marion received her GED last July. She said it took a few months to earn her GED from the local center, but it was worth it to increase her future employment opportunities.

"I've been a stay-at-home mom forever," she said. "I thought I'd try something different and get my GED now that all my kids are grown."

Janie Gant received her GED Dec. 14 and now hopes to take nursing classes at Madisonville Community College.

"I'm really proud of her," Gant's husband, Lewis, said. "I knew she could do it. She had to believe she could do it."

Obtaining a GED can im-



Gant

prove an individual's chances of earning a better paying job or lead them toward an entirely new career path as they seek new opportunities in higher education. On average, a Kentucky high school graduate earns \$8,593 more per year than those who don't finish high school.

This year, the GED test will offer more rigorous standards by measuring college and career readiness skills. Despite the new standards, officials at the adult education center in Marion encourage individuals to visit their office on East Belleville Street for GED test preparation and study.

For more information call the center at 965-9435.

Casey named December Veteran of the Month by American Legion

STAFF REPORT

Boyd Ray Casey was honored as Veteran of the Month for December 2013 by American Legion Post 217 in Burna.

Casey was presented with a certificate and honored at the post's Dec. 13 meeting.

Casey was born in 1930 in Libertyville, Ill., and grew up in California. He moved with his family back to Marion and graduated from Marion High School in 1948.

Three years later, Casey joined the U.S. Air Force and served four years as a jet electrician.



Casey

His basic training was at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He then went on to Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts and to various training schools at Tillamook, Ore, Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, Ill., and Burbank, Calif.

He was discharged as a staff sergeant in December 1954. After his discharge,

he worked with his father, Bill George, operating heavy equipment.

Casey married Helen Scarbrough from Burna in 1956. They had two children. David Ray Casey was born in 1957 and Lynda Lee Casey in 1962.

Casey has a masters degree in education from Murray State University. He taught sixth and seventh grades at Hampton Grade School for four years. He then moved to Illinois to work in education and retired in 1987 from the Illinois State Board of Education.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

CCES students travel to Murray

Crittenden County Elementary School Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) students Caden McCalister, Kenlee McDaniel, Kate Keller and Lily Garnder traveled to Murray State University to participate in the 2013 STLP Showcase Competition on Nov. 7. These students took home a win by scoring 105 out of 118 points for their showcase, "Take a Stand," a project that encourages individuals to value and support each other instead of bullying. The team earned the opportunity to compete in Lexington in April at the state competition. STLP is a statewide program that uses project-based learning to empower students to use technology to learn and achieve. This program gives students at all three district schools an opportunity to use and model digital citizenship via projects, products and services that help them become college or career ready.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

CCMS receives new American flag

On Dec. 13, Crittenden County Middle School hosted an assembly featuring the changing of the American flag inside the gymnasium. McDonald's purchased a new flag for the school to replace an aging banner hanging on the wall beside the stage. Principal Teresa Marshall said she is not aware when the old flag was placed in the gym, but added that it will be preserved. Members of Boy Scout Troops 30 and 75 folded the old flag for preservation. "We presented a poster thanking McDonald's and the manager, Stephanie Maness, for doing this for our school," Marshall added.



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A visit with St. Nick

A Christmas party was held Dec. 20 at the Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion. In addition to a Christmas dinner, Crittenden County High School Spanish teacher Dusty Witherspoon and her students sang Spanish Christmas carols. Individuals also received Christmas presents and the opportunity to have a photo taken with Santa. Pictured above are (front from left) Juanita Harrison, Troy Martin as Santa and Phyllis Millikan; (back row) Rebecca Martin and Dorothy McEuen.

Gray pens holiday novella as follow-up to ‘Secrets’ trilogy

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Though the holiday has passed, it's never too late to bring a little bit of Christmas home to Crittenden County.

Noted author Shelley Shepard Gray's most recent release, "Peace: A Crittenden County Christmas Novella," is a fictional tale centered on the local Amish community. The book follows on the heels of Gray's "Secrets of Crittenden County" trilogy. However, those new to the series might want to read the initial trilogy before delving into the short holiday novel.

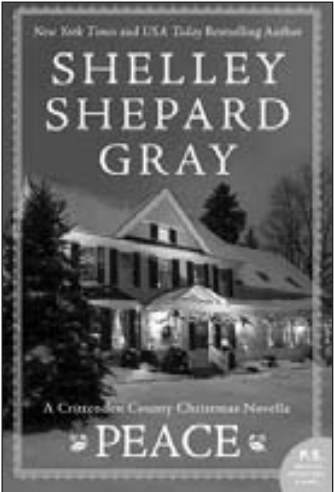
"'Peace' definitely goes with the 'Secrets of Crittenden County' trilogy that was published last year," Gray said. "I usually publish a Christmas novella to go with the previous year's series in order to let readers know what happens to some favorite characters."

For "Peace," Gray said there were storylines that many of her readers were anxious to learn more about, including that of Jacob and Deborah Schrock. The main storyline in "Peace" focuses on Chris Ellis and Beth Byler, two secondary characters in "The Search," one of the books from the Crittenden County trilogy. Gray described the book as a Christmas romance that was

a lot of fun to write.

Gray's books fall in the suspense-romantic genre. She said she first learned about Crittenden County when she was searching for a setting for a series.

"When I Googled 'Kentucky Amish,' a photo of Crittenden County popped up," she said. "I was immediately drawn to the photos, and soon, my husband and I drove five hours to visit.



When we visited, it was pouring down rain and the creek was rising. That's

when I knew I wanted to write a trilogy that had a good bit of both romance and mystery."

During a local book signing last year, Gray hinted about the possibility of publishing a holiday book set in Crittenden County.

"Even though I certainly fictionalized the area, I tried my best to convey the beauty of the area," she said. "I've now been to Marion three times. I think it's beautiful."

Next year will be a busy year for Gray, as she'll have six novels published. They will include the "Return to Sugarcreek" trilogy, which begins with "Hopeful" on Feb. 4, followed by "Thank-

ful" in May and, finally, "Joyful" in August. Next year's Christmas novella is entitled "Snowfall," which will revisit the Keim family and the "Days of Redemption" series.

"I'll also be publishing a historical Amish novella, set at the end of the Civil War," Gray said. "Finally, Zonder-van will be publishing 'Secrets of Sloane House,' which is a single-title novel set during the 1893 Chicago World's Fair."

"Peace: A Crittenden County Christmas Novella," released in October, is 256 pages and available online from most major book sellers.

Community CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 3
■ A seminar entitled "What Women Should Know about Finances," will begin at 10 a.m., at the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Office. Call 965-5236 to pre-register.

Monday, Jan. 6
■ Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual retraining classes beginning at 6 p.m. Jan. 6-10. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Thursday, Jan. 9
■ The CCMS SBDM Council will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the school library.

Monday, Jan. 13
■ A farm outreach program designed to educate the public on both state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to commercial vehicles in the farming industry will be conducted at 10 a.m. at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.

Thursday, Jan. 16
■ The Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council will meet

at 9 a.m. at the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Office. If school is not in session due to winter weather, the meeting would be cancelled.

Thursday, Jan. 23
■ Widowed Persons Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. at the Cabin and Bait Deli in Kut-tawa. The meeting will be cancelled in case of inclement weather. Residents of Caldwell, Crittenden and Lyon counties are welcome. For more information about Widowed Persons Support Group, contact Princeton Clinic of Pennyroyal Center, at 365-2008, extension 725.

Tuesday, Jan. 28
■ Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. at the CCHS library.

On-going
■ All veterans are invited for coffee and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. each Tuesday at the VFW building in Marion.

Crittenden County Elementary School November Rocket Role Models



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Third through fifth grade

(Front, from left) Isaac Phillips, Taylor Guess, Karsen Shouse, Jack Reddick, Zachary Counts, Evan Belt, Natalie Buchanan, (middle) Coby West, Savannah Esquivias, Storm Franklin, Emma Sosh, Maddox Carlson, Dylan Yates, Faith White, Jaden Long, (back) Taylor Koerner, Lilly Perryman, Jessie Potter, Caden McCalister, Tyler Boone, Xander Tabor, Cameron McNeely and Sara Jones. Not pictured is Madalyn Schiller.

Vincent named PADD director

STAFF REPORT

A familiar face is now in a new role at Pennyryle Area Development District.

Jason Vincent begins his role today (Thursday) as executive director of the Hopkinsville-based regional planning and development organization for western Kentucky's nine county Pennyryle

region, which includes Crittenden and Livingston counties.

Vincent moves up from his role as assistant director to replace Chris Sutton, whose retirement was effective Wednesday after 25 years with PADD.

Sutton's mother is from Crittenden County.

School board approves Pathway Academy changes

STAFF REPORT

Citing the need to match the rigor at the high school, Crittenden County Board of Education approved revisions to the Pathway Academy High School enrollment and graduation requirements at its Dec. 10 meeting.

In November, Vince Clark, supervisor of instruction for Crittenden County Schools, proposed initiatives that would raise standards for the program that allows students who have dropped out of high school to have an opportunity to earn their high school diploma in an alternative classroom environment.

Among the changes includes raising the number of high school credits to enroll in the program from 10 to 16. Increasing enrollment requirements ensures a student will stay in high school through their junior year.

Another change involves raising the graduation credit to 24, which would match Crittenden County High School's graduation requirement.

A mandatory attendance of 20 hours per week, with a commitment from 8 a.m. to noon each day will also become effective. Officials

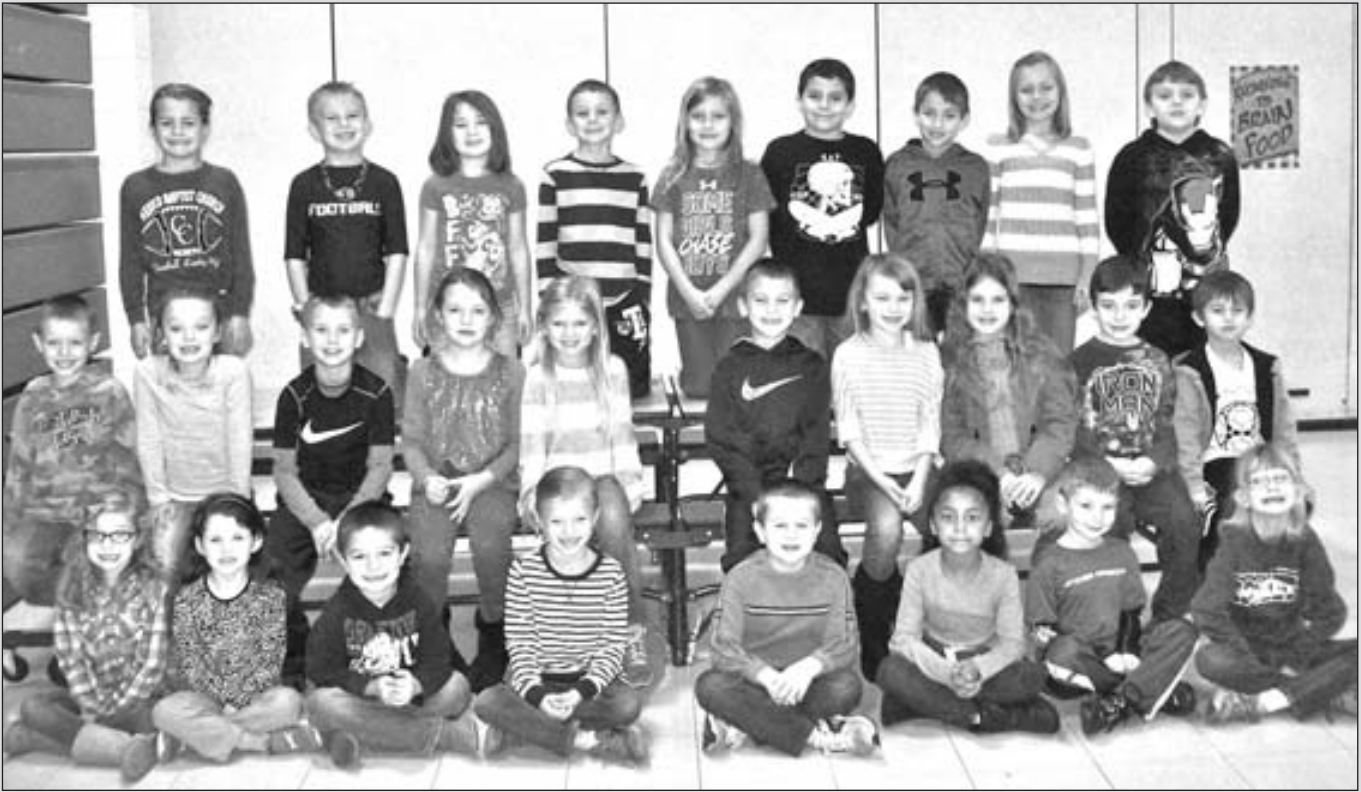
will work with students who have sustained employment to create an accommodating schedule.

The changes become effective this month.

Students will not be accepted into the program except during enrollment periods that occur July through August and in January.

Students who are currently enrolled in the Pathway Academy would operate under the current standards of 22 credits for graduation. Clark indicated those students would be given a reasonable amount of time to complete the program before being required to meet the new standards.

The alternative school has been successful, with more than 50 students obtaining their high school diploma through the program.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kindergarten through second grade

(Front, from left) Peyton Smith, Alivia Caudill, Braxton Garrett, Chloe Hunt, Canaan Cullen, NaiZayah Bell, Cooper Crawford, Macie Conger, (middle) Thomas Jackson, Leauna West, Brady Belt, Braylynn Ennis, Jenna Maxfield, Caden Howard, Hannah Mott, Kinley Wilson, Levi Burris, Matthew Conger, (back) Sofia Watson, Bennett McDaniel, Emily Adams, Noah Atchison, Lizzie Campbell, Ethan Torres, Conner Simpkins, Allyson Bradham and Hurst Miniard. Not pictured are Ameer Bear, Tyler Smith and Abbey Swinford.

Chandler gets reappointment to state board

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Steve Beshear has reappointed Tommy W. Chandler of Providence to the Kentucky Personnel Board to serve for a term expiring Jan. 1, 2018. This order is effective today (Thursday).

Chandler is a retired lawyer and 5th Judicial Circuit judge serving Crittenden, Webster and Union counties.

Fohs Hall

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For further information call Shyrle Estes at 704-1068.
You can also e-mail shyralestes@yahoo.com.

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BASKETBALL

Upcoming prep games
Crittenden County Schedule

Friday
Varsity DH at Livingston Central
Saturday
Rockets at Madisonville
Monday
Rockets at University Heights
Tuesday
Lady Rockets at Ballard Memorial

FOLLOW ONLINE

For Rocket basketball 24/7
See Rocket Basketball Blog
at The-Press.com

Crittenden Middle School
Games and Scoring Summaries

BOYS

8th Grade Tournament
Lyon County 34, Crittenden 24
CCMS Scoring: Logan Belt 12, Landon Brooks 4, Adam Beavers 3, Gavin Dickerson 4, Kyle Castiller 1.

GIRLS

8th Grade Tournament
Caldwell County 29, Crittenden 24
CCMS Scoring: Mauri Collins 9, Kenlee Perryman 3, Madison O'Dell 2, Madison Champion 8, Shelby Summers 2.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Archery Deer	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Archery Turkey	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Crossbow Deer	Nov. 9 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 11 - Jan. 31
Trapping	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 23 - Feb. 28
Duck	Nov. 28 - Jan. 26
West Goose Zone	Nov. 28 - Jan. 31
Pennyrile Goose	Nov. 28 - Jan. 31
Muzzleloader Deer	Dec. 14-22
Free Youth Deer	Dec. 28-29
Dove	Dec. 28 - Jan. 3
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round

UMPIRING

Softball officials wanted

Anyone interested in umpiring softball in Region 2 may contact Del Brantley at (270) 836-0649 or attend the meeting at 2 p.m., Jan. 5 at Broadway Elementary in Providence.

Baseball ump's wanted

The Pennyrile Umpires Association is looking for umpires to work high school baseball games this spring. If you are interested in umpiring, contact Matt Bell at 270-871-6956 or email him at matt.bell@webster.kyschools.us.

GIRLS IN FLORIDA

KSA HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT
ESPN WORLD WIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Crittenden 40, Fairport Harbor (OH) 20
Fairport Harbor 4 5 4 7
Crittenden County 13 13 3 11
FAIRPORT – Harless 1, Ondo 9, Babbitt 2, Hites 6, Rowan 2. FG 8-44. 3-pointers none. FT 4-6. Rebounds 14.

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 0-2, 1-2 1, C.Moss 5-14 0-0 10, Oliver 6-14 5-9 17, Collins 2-4 0-0 5, Nesbitt 2-9 1-2 5, Lynch 0-1 0-0 0, K.Moss 0-3 2-2 2, Riley 0-1 0-0 0, Evans 0-1 0-1 0, Pierce 0-0 0-0 0, Beverly 0-0 0-0 0. FG 15-49. 3-pointers 1-1 (Collins). FT 9-16. Rebounds 28 (Oliver 10).

Crittenden County 45, Hammonton (NJ) 31
Hammonton 5 2 11 13
Crittenden 12 10 12 11
HAMMONTON – Clever 5, Benjamin 14, Winder 4, Arkman 8. FG 11. FT 9-15.
CRITTENDEN – McDowell 0-2 0-0 0, C.Moss 6-11 2-5 14, Oliver 7-16 4-8 18, Collins 1-4 0-0 2, Nesbitt 3-9 0-0 6, Lynch 0-0 0-0 0, K.Moss 1-4 0-0 2, Pierce 0-5 1-3 1, Evans 1-5 0-0 2, Riley 0-0 0-0 0, Beverly 0-0 0-0 0. FG 19-56. 3-pointers none. FT 7-17. Rebounds 33 (Oliver 10).

Mt. Dora Bible (FL) 44, Crittenden 35
Crittenden County 10 10 4 8
Mt. Dora Bible 14 12 6 12
MT. DORA BIBLE – Hutchison 2, Mon 7, Bonner 18, Todd 13, Cundar 4. 3-pointers 1. FT 7-15.

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 1-4 0-0 2, C.Moss 4-15 0-0 8, Oliver 7-18 2-4 16, Collins 2-12 0-0 4, Nesbitt 0-0 0-0 0, Lynch 1-6 0-0 2, K.Moss 1-1 0-0 2, Pierce 0-1 0-0 0, Evans 0-0 0-0 0. Field Goals 16-57. FT 2-4. Rebounds 24 (Oliver 7, Collins 6). Fouls 9.

FIFTH DISTRICT GAME

Livingston Central 52, Crittenden County
Livingston Central 8 17 17 10
Crittenden County 15 8 9 6
LIVINGSTON – Campbell, Padon 7, Head 3, Adams 2, Stafford, Barnes 4, Lampley 15, Lei-decker 18, Williams 3. FT 8-16. 3-pointers 4 (Leideckerr 2, Padon 2).
CRITTENDEN – McDowell 7, C.Moss 9, Oliver 11, Collins 5, Nesbitt, Lynch 4, K.Moss, Pierce. FT 2-6. 3-pointers 2 (McDowell, Collins).

See the Rocket Basketball Blog for More Details
<http://cchsrocketbasketball.blogspot.com/>
or access the site through www.The-Press.com



Rematch Friday
ROCKETS AT LIVINGSTON

Belt tightens hold on spot around basket

STAFF REPORT

It's been a crazy early-season run for the Rockets but there's no rest for the weary. Crittenden County travels to Livingston Central for a pivotal Fifth District rematch Friday then takes on non-district powerhouses Madisonville, UHA and Graves County over the the following week or so, plus league foe Lyon County.

For Rocket coach Denis Hodge, there's little time to celebrate his team's early Fifth District momentum, beating Lyon and Livingston in their first meetings, nor lament three straight losses by narrow margins in the McLean Holiday Tournament.

Hodge said his team should have and certainly could have won two or more of the Christmas break games.

"Being in those types of situations can help you, too," the coach explained. "We have a tough stretch of games coming up which we're hoping will get us ready for the district, for winning a championship."

The road to the Fifth District title continues Friday with rematch against Livingston. The Rockets beat the Cardinals just before the break, largely thanks to the play of center Devin Belt, the team's fresh-

est face.

Belt is quickly taking over the inside position, helping ease the pain of graduation losses of Bobby Knox and Devin Clark.

The 235-pound, 6-foot-3 Belt wears a size 13 shoe. Hodge knew his new center was big, but wasn't exactly sure what to expect. Although Belt had proven his athletic ability as a high school baseball player and golfer, he hadn't tucked in a Rocket basketball jersey in ages. A senior, Belt hadn't played since middle school, other than pickup games around town.

Hodge says he could see this summer that Belt would be an immediate contriubtor, but truth is Belt has been the biggest surprise this season for most fans.

He's averaged 12 points and nearly double-digit rebounds so far, and in the last game before Christmas, Belt poured in 21 points, grabbed 15 rebounds, basically taking over the game in overtime as Crittenden beat Livingston Central 50-48 on Dec. 20 at Rocket Arena.

"I was glad (that Belt came out for the team) not because of basket-

NEW YEAR'S EVE RESULT

Crittenden hosted Trigg County in a key district game Tuesday night. However due to a holiday-forced early deadline, the Press was unable to get the result in this issue. See the basketball blog for more The-Press.com.

ball, but because I just enjoy being around him as a person," Hodge said. "His performance on the court has been a plus for me, fans, teammates and the student body."

Indeed it has. Belt was perfect from the floor, going 3-for-3 and scoring all of the Rockets' baskets in OT against arch-rival Livingston. Sophomore Dylan Hicks and junior Landon Young combined for three fouls shots in the extra period.

Crittenden trailed by five early in overtime after missing its first three shots. Livingston was down to just five players – dressing only seven for the matchup. Two Cardinals had already fouled out. It was a crazy game with 59 fouls. Livingston was 25-for-48 at the char-

GAME SUMMARIES

BOYS

McLEAN COUNTY HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Mayfield 48, Crittenden 41
Mayfield 15 13 17 8
Crittenden 18 0 11 12
MAYFIELD – Bacon 18, Love 12, Kennemore 6, Felts 1, Bright 2, Roman 2, Downing 3.
CRITTENDEN – Owen 11, Young 11, Hicks 5, D.Watson 2, Belt 10, Dickerson, Champion, C.Watson 2, Gilbert, Tinsley.

Allen County 67, Crittenden County 65
Allen County 14 19 10 24
Crittenden County 14 18 11 22
ALLEN COUNTY – Harper 27, Sikes 16, Spencer 4, Day 2, Cook 2, Simmons 9, Clarke 1, Wood 6.
CRITTENDEN – Owen 8, Hlcks 3, Young 8, Belt 15, D.Watson 8, C.Watson 2, Dickerson 13, Gilbert 6, Tinsley 2.

Hopkins Central 51, Crittenden County 49
Hopkins Central 10 15 14 12
Crittenden County 11 15 12 11
CENTRAL – Barnhill 5, Myers 8, Grant 4, Troutman 6, Scott 8, White 12, Coakley, Paris 4, Greer 4.
CRITTENDEN – Owen 24, Hicks 2, Young 7, Belt 8, D.Watson 5, Gilbert 1, Dickerson, Champion, Tinsley 2, C.Watson.

FIFTH DISTRICT GAME

Crittenden County 50, Livingston 48, OT
Livingston Central 11 3 10 16 8
Crittenden County 5 9 15 11 10
LIVINGSTON CENTRAL – Woodward 13, Wright 6, Sloma, Gilbert 2, Ramage 18, Thompson, Miller 9. FG 11-34. FT 25-48. 3-pointers 1-5 (Ramage 1-5). Rebounds 37 (Ramage 12). Fouls 24.
CRITTENDEN COUNTY – Owen 15, Young 2, Dickerson, Hicks 2, Gilbert, Champion 5, Tinsley 2, C.Watson, D.Watson 3, Myers, Belt 21. FG 18-55. 3-pointers 2-19 (Owen 1-7, Champion 1-1), FT 12-25. Rebounds 45 (Belt 15). Fouls 35.

ity stripe and Crittenden was 12-25.

Yet in overtime, it was Belt's play under the basket that turned the tide after Rocket point guard Aaron Owen fouled out, too.

Belt scored an old-fashioned 3-point play with 1:39 to go, drawing his team within three. He got a put-back the next trip down the floor then scored another bucket on the block on an assist from Taylor Champion. Those put the Rockets ahead 47-46 with 18 seconds left.

Livingston turned the ball over twice in the backcourt and had to foul trying to get it back. That's when Young hit one foul shot and Hicks nailed the game down with two with just seven seconds to play.

Belt had missed four foul shots early in the fourth period and for that he felt a need for redemption. "Coach Hodge just told me to keep shooting and something would fall," Belt said. "I knew when their big guy fouled out I would have a size advantage inside."

The win gave Crittenden a 2-0 mark in the district and set up the New Year's Eve showdown with Trigg County, also 2-0 in league play going into the matchup with Crittenden.

CC girls confident after sunny streak

STAFF REPORT

A good dose of Vitimin C turned into a couple of Ws for the Lady Rockets who were 2-1 during their holiday escape to sunny Florida over the past week.

Crittenden County's girls beat Hammonton (N.J.) and Fairport Harbor (OH) after narrowly losing to Mt. Dora Bible (FL) in the KSA Holiday Tournament at ESPN's World Wide Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla.

After starting the season 0-7, Crittenden's back-to-back wins will provide some momentum as the girls return home to face Livingston Central Friday at Smithland.

"It was good for our team and will give us confidence," said junior Chelsea Oliver, who avearged 18 points and nearly 10 rebounds over three games in Florida.

In the tournament finale on Monday, Crittenden jumped out to a 20-7 lead

over Fairport Harbor (6-3) and never looked back. Oliver scored 10 in the first period and the Lady Rockets took control of the game thanks to fewer turnovers and better shooting.

"Like Chelsea said, we should play a little more confidently than we did last time we played (Livingston) and we're looking for that first district win," said coach Shannon Hodge.

Victory over Jersey girls

Crittenden picked up its first win in eight games this season, beating Hammon-ton (NJ) 45-31 Saturday morning at the ESPN World Wide Sports Complex.

Oliver led Crittenden with a double-double, scoring 16 points and getting 10 rebounds in a strong performance around the basket. Freshman Cassidy Moss added another 14 points. She also had six rebounds and freshman forward Kiana Nesbitt had a



Chelsea Oliver scored 53 points in three games, averaging 18 points in Florida.

career-high six points and grabbed five boards.

The Lady Rocket press helped spur a big first-half lead as Hammonton (1-2) turned the ball over 11 times before the break.

Oliver scored half of her team's first dozen points en route to an early 12-5 edge. Crittenden never trailed in the game.

The Lady Rockets finished the contest with its starting point guard and center – Mallory McDowell and Maggie Collins, respectively – on the bench due to illness. Both suffered from a stomach bug.

Opening game at Orlando

Although they never led, the Lady Rockets were close the entire way and within two points in the final two minutes, but couldn't overcome poor shooting and rebounding as they lost 44-35 to Mt. Dora Bible High School.

Mt. Dora Bible (12-4) is a private school located about 30 miles north of Orlando, where Crittenden County played the KSA Holiday Basketball Tournament.

The Lady Rockets had a late flight last Thursday, getting into Orlando and



Guard Mallory McDowell fought through a stomach bug to play part of Saturday's game against Hammonton.

into their hotel rooms after 1 a.m., then suiting up for an early morning game at 8 a.m., (CST).

With about five hours sleep, Crittenden was sluggish at best when its first game tipped off in Florida.

The girls shot just 28 percent from the floor and their offensive rebounding was very poor. Turnovers were also a big problem. Still, the Lady Rockets drew within two points on an Oliver layup with just under two minutes to go. Mt. Dora's guard popped a three-pointer after the exchange and Crittenden never recovered.

There were only three fouls whistled in the first half, but Mt. Dora's Lady Bulldogs did get to the line several times late as Crittenden tried to catch up in the closing minute.

Oliver started slowly from

the field, making just one of her first seven shots, but she bounced back to finish with a team-high 16 points.

District game before break

Crittenden County jumped ahead 15-8 in the first period behind relentless defensive pressure on Dec. 20 at Rocket Arena. However, Livingston Central loosened the noose with three-pointers by eighth-grader Tabby Padon and senior Hannah Lei-decker as the Lady Cardinals won 52-38.

Leidecker – granddaughter of longtime former Livingston coach Don Ringstaff – finished with a game-high 18 points, including a couple of threes. Livingston center Hailee Lampley added 15, picking up her 1,000th career point in the second half.



Meet the Babies of 2013



Collin Blythe Barnes
Kevin and Alaina Barnes
July 11, 2013



Tia Shane Belt
Jared and Kristin Belt
August 10, 2013



Rex Franklin Boone
Jared and Bridget Boone
July 26, 2013



Jordy Owen Byford
Jared and Amy Byford
August 9, 2013



Bryce Adam Dayberry
Adam and Heather Dayberry
August 21, 2013



Blakelee Nicole Gardner
Blake and Britt Gardner
February 27, 2013



Ryan Ross Hardin
Matt and Amy Hardin
2013



Presley Joe Herrin
Cody and LaDonna Herrin
April 7, 2013



Luke Owen Hurst
Dustin and Crystal Hurst
January 7, 2013



Macy Lee Kimberlin
Bradley and Miranda Kimberlin
November 18, 2013



Catelynn Maddux
Jonathan and Crista Maddux
July 12, 2013



Ava Marguirette Morrison
Brent and Lindsay Morrison
October 3, 2013



Karlee Blaire Qualls
Bryan and Madison Qualls
February 24, 2013

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Commonwealth Of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 12-CI-00172

CENLAR FSB
PLAINTIFF
VS.
KENNETH E. PENN, ET AL
DEFENDANTS

Renotice of Master
Commissioner Sale

By virtue of an Order to Reschedule the Master Commissioner Sale in the above-styled action which references a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on February 14, 2013, I will on Friday, January 17, 2014, beginning at the hour of 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit:) Property Address: 7771 US Hwy 60 West, Marion, Kentucky 42064

Legal Description:
Beginning at an iron pin on the north side of U.S. 60, being 30 ft. from the center of the highway, 50 ft. southwest of Gary Dykes' corner post, about; 923 ft. northeast of the corner of the New Salem Church lot and at approximate Kentucky coordinates (south zone) north 355,375 ft., East 1,289,900 ft.; thence with the highway S. 60 deg. 09 min. W. 165.00 ft. to an iron pin, another new corner; thence with new lines, this day made, N. 29 deg. 53 min. W. 209.20 ft. to an iron pin, and N. 63 deg. 24 min. E. 165.11 ft. to an iron pin, and S. 29 deg 53 min. E. 200.00 ft to the beginning containing 0.774 acre by survey. See attached plat for graphic description, location, and articulation of lots.

Being the same property conveyed to Kenneth E. Penn and his wife, Linda L. Penn who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from George L. Patmor and his wife, Marian J. Patmoor, dated March 19, 1991, filed March 19, 1991, recorded in Deed Book 159, Page 505, County Clerk's Office, Crittenden County, Kentucky.

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

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS.

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days. The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a

judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.

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Commonwealth Of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action No. 13-CI-00065

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SERVICES BANK; f/d//b/a BANK OF BENTON
PLAINTIFF
VS.
TIMOTHY R. DOWNING and his wife; CANDICE N. DOWNING; LOURDES HOSPITAL, INC; TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS 1, LLC; and CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY
DEFENDANTS

Amended Renotice of Master Commissioner Sale
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September 12, 2012, I will on Friday, January 17, 2014, beginning at the hour of 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit:) Property Address: 910 Owens Road, Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky 42064

Legal Description:
All iron pins set are ½-inch x 24-inch rebars with yellow plastic caps stamped "B.J. May L.S. 878."

Beginning at a ½ inch rebar found with a plastic cap stamped "B.J. May L.S. 878" on the east side of and 15 feet from the center of Owens Road, corner to Polston (Will Book 11, Page 113), being S 07° 10' 58" E 93.73 feet from the east end of an 18-inch metal pipe crossing under Owens Road, also being at approximate Kentucky coordinates (south zone) N 304,400 feet, E 1,291.100 feet; thence with the meanders of the east side of Owens Road N 00° 27' 03" W 44.95 feet and N 04° 49' 37" W 136.91 feet to an iron pin set, a new corner; thence with new division lines S 81° 43' 35" E 239.70 feet to an iron pin set and S 03° 43' 41" E 181.77 feet to an iron pin set in Polston's line; thence along her line N 81° 43' 13" W 239.64 feet to the beginning; containing 0.973 acre, more or less, according to a survey by Billy J. May, L.S. 878, on February 16, 2000.

Being in all respects the same property conveyed to Timothy R. Downing and his wife, Candice N. Downing, by Deed dated February 14, 2003 and recorded in Deed Book 195, Page 406, Crittenden County Clerk's Office

Also included are a 1996 Mid America mobile home, VIN MAKY1721, and an air unit, serial number 961153461.

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Fohs Hall Inc. seeks photos for website

Fohs Hall Inc. is looking for pictures of programs or events staged at Fohs Hall throughout its many years as a school and community center. Images of day-to-day life inside the school – teachers and students – are also welcomed.

The photos will be used on a new website being built for Fohs Hall Inc., the organization charged with oversight of the landmark building for the last 30 years. Located in the heart of Marion, the iconic structure will turn 88 years old this year.

Images can be e-mailed to Allison Evans at allison@the-press.com or brought by The Crittenden Press office at 125 E. Bellville St. in Marion. Photos will be promptly scanned and returned.

Jan. 15 is the deadline for photo submissions.



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