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Traffic fatalities down last year

Highway fatalities in Kentucky declined in 2013 to their lowest level in 64 years.

Kentucky Office of Highway Safety preliminary figures indicate 635 people lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during the year, down from 746 in 2012. It was the lowest total since 1949, when 573 fatalities were recorded. The figures will remain classified as preliminary until all highway crash data is collected. A final report is expected by April.

Only one death in Crittenden County was attributed to injuries received in a traffic accident.

Jail keeping up inmate numbers

Despite the Kentucky Department of Corrections being low on the number of inmates it has to offer local jails certified to hold state prisoners, Crittenden County Jailer Phil Parker has been keeping Crittenden County Detention Center filled.

"We're at 100-percent capacity today," Parker told Crittenden Fiscal Court Tuesday of the 133-bed facility.

That is good news for magistrates and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. Jail revenue depends on payments made to the county for housing state and federal inmates, as well as prisoners from other counties. At press time, there were 101 state and three federal inmates housed in the local jail.

The lockup is averaging 129 inmates in January. It averaged 132 in December and 135 in November.

Clarification

A story in last week's issue of The Crittenden Press regarding Marion Police Department's newest officer requires a clarification.

The article suggested that of-ficer Heath Martin, who is pastor at Cave Springs General Baptist Church, was given a schedule to allow him to work around his duties at the church. However, Martin is currently on a Tuesday to Saturday shift only because he is paired with field training officer Bobby West, who happens to work that schedule.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said once Martin completes his police academy training, he cannot be guaranteed any particular shift.

Public meetings

- Crittenden County Board of Education meets for its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Crittenden County High School's library.



This week's poll at The Press Online asked, "Should state lawmakers incrementally increase the minimum wage in Kentucky from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour over the next three years as proposed?" The polling was almost an even split between those for and against an increase. The results were as follows:

- Yes: 48%
- No: 47%
- Uncertain: 5%



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Man accused in fatal DUI accident sent to jail

STAFF REPORT

The Georgia man accused of being drunk and causing an automobile crash in November 2012 that killed 76-year-old Kenneth Guess of Marion was jailed last week after appearing in Crittenden Circuit Court for a pre-trial conference.

Thomas Adam Sanders, 23, of Clayton, Ga., appeared in court with his attorney, Marcy Day, of Henderson. Until recently, injuries of his own received in the wreck had prevented Sanders from being

incarcerated pending trial. He had been free on bond until last Thursday at which time

his bond was effectively revoked and he was ordered to jail until his trial begins on May 28 in Crittenden Circuit Court.

Sanders was indicted in March 2013 and arraigned the following month.

Several members of the victim's family court with his attorney, Marcy Day, of Henderson. Until recently, injuries of his own received in the wreck had prevented Sanders from being

Guess was a lifelong farmer in the Crittenden County

community of Frances and has a large family, all of whom still live in the county.

Sanders was residing in Marion 14 months ago at the time of the wreck on U.S. 641 near the city limits. He had been working here as a farm hand and casual laborer. Friends say he had originally been attracted to the area because of its deer hunting.

Guess' wife Hazel, who was injured in the head-on collision, was also in the courtroom last week. She was badly injured in the wreck and hospitalized for several days following the crash.

Sanders was also in an

Murder trial set

The Marion man accused of killing his half-brother last August had his trial date set in court last week. See Page 3 for the complete story as well as more court news.

Evansville hospital for several days in the fall of 2012 before being released and going back to Georgia, where his family lives. He has since recuperated enough to be held in jail, Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell said. Therefore, his conditional bond was revoked.

Sanders is charged with aggravated DUI, second-degree manslaughter and sec-

ond-degree assault. He faces up to 20 years in prison, if convicted.

Sanders' attorney told the court that her client continues to have lingering medical complications related to the crash. She asked that the Crittenden County Detention Center adhere to recommendations for Sanders' special medical needs.

His next court appearance will be May 8. Another private attorney who specializes in defending DUI cases is expected to join the case, Day told the court.

The trial is set for May 28-30.



Crittenden Countian Leslea Barnes' photography has earned her publication in a non-fiction book about the French and Indian War. One of her photos, shown above, captures a vicious attack on her husband, Adam, during a French and Indian War re-enactment. This and other pictures by Barnes were used in the book "Fort William Henry 1755-57: A Battle, Two Sieges and Bloody Massacre."

Picture perfect... Local woman's photos used in published book

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

One positive thing about the Internet is its ability to allow individuals to connect with one another within a global community. Social networking sites have made the world smaller as communication has become easier, whether it's across this country or across the Atlantic.

Last summer, Crittenden County residents Adam and Leslea Barnes were contacted by an author from England via Facebook. The author, Ian Castle, in-

quired about Leslea's French



Barnes

Publishing in late 2013, chronicles the French and Indian War

using some of and Indian War re-enactment photographs for his new book, "Fort William Henry 1755-57: A Battle, Two Sieges and Bloody Mas-

sacre." The book, made available through Osprey

massacre in the Hudson River Valley fictionalized in the novel and movie "The Last of the Mohicans." Castle found the photographs on Facebook and thought they would be perfect for inclusion in his book.

The Barnes family became involved seven years ago in French and Indian War re-enactments, frequently taking part in events. They have participated in re-enactments that have taken them on weekend trips from Michigan

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U.S. 641 funding rests with legislators

STAFF REPORT

The near future of the second phase of the U.S. 641 relocation project now rests with lawmakers in Frankfort.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said a funding request for the final design work and right-of-way purchase for the second leg of the project has been entered by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials to be included in the state's new two-year road plan. At press time, that road plan was expected to have been submitted by today (Thursday).

Newcom was hoping for at least a request to fund final design of Phase 2 from Fredonia to U.S. 62 near Edyville, but came away from a Friday meeting with transportation officials in Paducah with a pleasant surprise.

"I was pleased to hear that they had actually asked for all that," Newcom said of the proposal to purchase four lanes of right-of-way through Caldwell and Lyon counties.

Altogether, the funding request is roughly \$14 million, he said.

Funding for road plan proposals will be decided upon by lawmakers during the current session of the General Assembly, which adjourns April 15. According to officials with the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, the two-year road plan is submitted as a part of the state's biennial budget, which was handed to the House this week.

Only funding for U.S. 641 and other transportation projects will be voted upon by the full House and Senate and ultimately sent to the governor for approval. Legislators do not vote on specifics of transportation plans such as routing of a new road, but can determine the future of projects through approval or rejection of requested funding.

"Once it gets to the Legislature, they can do pretty much anything they want," Transportation Cabinet spokesman Keith Todd

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Local lawmakers cast 1st votes of session; casinos bills heard

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Despite the frigid temps, things are starting to warm up in Frankfort.

Last week, lawmakers cast their first votes for bills in the Kentucky House and Senate during what was the second week of the 2014 session of the General Assembly. And debate on some of the big issues this year has just begun.

Betting on casinos

"Are you in favor of permitting the General Assembly to pass laws authorizing casino gaming?"

That would be the simple

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question asked of voters in November if a bill to let Kentuckians decide the fate of expanding gambling in the state gains approval in the Legislature this year. A majority of popular votes in favor of the question would approve a constitutional amendment to allow casinos.

House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark's (D-Louisville) House Bill 67 would place the question on the ballot while a

companion bill, HB 68, would provide the specifics for expanding gaming should voters OK the measure at the ballot box.

Clark feels allowing expanding gambling is the ideal approach to solving Kentucky's budget woes.

"...(T)his is the best and easiest way to do it," he said in a hearing last week.

A longtime supporter of casino-style gambling, Gov. Steve Beshear has warned that he's willing to make "harmful cuts" to unspecified programs if more revenue is not generated to help fund education in the commonwealth.

There is also a proposal filed in the Senate, SB 33, to ask voters whether they would like to amend the constitution to allow expanding gaming.

It would take a three-fifths majority in each chamber to pass any legislation to put a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot.

Felony voting

Non-violent convicted felons should have their right to vote automatically restored once the punishment for their crime has been served, claims Rep. Jesse Crenshaw (D-Lexington) in HB 70.

To allow those convicted

felons the right to vote, a constitutional amendment would have to be approved at ballot boxes statewide. The legislation enjoys the support of U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, a Kentucky Republican.

Felons must currently file a petition with the governor to seek a return of voting rights.

Last Thursday, the bill passed the full House 82-12. Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) voted against the measure.

The bill, which would affect about 180,000 felons, is now before the Senate. Such a bill has failed to pass that

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EDITORIAL

Minimum wage increase deserves careful deliberation

Raising the minimum wage can be a thorny issue among politicians, as well as their constituents. That can be evidenced by the results of our informal weekly online poll, where voters were pretty evenly split on the issue – 48 percent for an increase, 47 percent against.

A proposal rests in the Kentucky General Assembly to incrementally up the minimum wage in the commonwealth from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour over the next three years. The proposal coincides with a bill in Washington championed by congressional Democrats to raise the federal minimum wage by the same amount.

Kentucky House Bill 1, introduced by Democratic Speaker of the House Greg Stumbo, has yet to face a vote, but it is sure to divide lawmakers just the same as it divides the court of public opinion.

To some, the arguments for a raise seem elementary – those on the bottom of the pay scale deserve more as the cost of living increases.

“I think the time has come that we do something to help these folks who are stuck in these minimum wage jobs and give them a living wage,” Stumbo said on opening day of the Legislature.

There is a basic reasoning on the other side of the coin, too – higher labor costs for employers will have a negative effect on the economy.

“That actually is a job killer for the working class,” Senate Majority Leader Damon Thayer, a Republican, told the Kentucky Enquirer of raising the minimum wage. “What happens is, it raises prices to consumers, and small businesses are forced to cut back and lay off employees.”

Both arguments carry water, but the issue is much more involved. Economics is very complex and not simply a black or white issue.

Stumbo says 600,000 Kentuckians labor for the minimum wage, which was last increased in the state in 2009. He said inflation has eroded the effects of that increase and another is needed to help those on the lowest rung of the employment ladder to make a wage with which they can live.

The issue is shaping up to be a partisan debate in the statehouse as it is in Washington. For Democrats, it’s a tool to fight poverty and inequity. For Republicans, it is simply a redistribution of wealth and yet another burden placed on employers still recovering from the Great Recession.

In a letter sent to fellow lawmakers on both sides of the aisle earlier this month, Stumbo cited a guest editorial in his hometown newspaper touting the need for a minimum wage increase in Louisiana, where the rate is the same as Kentucky’s \$7.25 per hour. The editorial decried the rationalization that an increase would cost businesses too much and even noted a poll that claimed 67 percent of small business owners across the nation agree that increasing the minimum wage will help the economy. However, that poll was hardly revealing. It was conducted by the Small Business Majority, a San Francisco-based advocacy group for small businesses that The New York Times suggests is decidedly left in its leanings.

“Small Business Majority is nonpartisan only in the most technical sense, in that it is not formally allied with any party,” reads a July 8, 2009, article found on NYTimes.com. “Informally, however, it is allied with the Democratic Party.”

We find it difficult to believe that two-thirds of local employers would feel the same enthusiasm as the Small Business Majority claims about a government-ordered increase in wages. The fact is, any increase in the cost of doing business affects the bottom line. Logic dictates that many employers are likely to offset mandated wage increases by cutting workers’ hours or upping the prices of its products or services. And while those on an increased minimum wage get a pay raise to offset such costs, what about those just outside the realm of the new pay minimum who receive no raise? Their cost of living just went up while their pay remained static, lowering the value of their paycheck.

But these facts are not intended to completely dismiss the notion of a minimum wage increase. A 40-hour-a-week employee laboring at \$7.25 an hour earns only \$15,080 over the course of a full year of work. For perspective, the federal poverty limit for a one-person household is \$11,490. For two people it is \$15,510. For each additional person in the household, it goes up \$4,020.

It’s not difficult to argue that there is room for improvement on the minimum wage front in Kentucky. In fact, almost half of the states in the nation currently have a minimum wage above the federally-mandated \$7.25 per hour. Thirteen states just raised their minimum wage as of Jan. 1. California will also do so effective July 1.

But Kentucky is not California, Louisiana nor Washington State, where the minimum wage of \$9.32 an hour is the highest in the country. Lawmakers in Frankfort must carefully weigh the pros and cons of mandating an adjustment to the wages paid by employers in a still-fragile economy. Decisions should not be based on party plat-forms, assertions made by bogus “nonpartisan” advocates or unproven economic predictions made by self-appointed experts. Sound lawmaking takes careful consideration, research and compromise.

Ice Storm provides ‘epic’ stories


Epic. That’s the word I would use to describe what has simply become known as the Ice Storm.

Sunday marks the fifth anniversary of that particular winter storm’s opening volley.

Last week, we asked visitors to our Facebook page to give us one word they felt best describes that disastrous event from 2009. There were many good ones that described a range of emotions and conditions.

But for me, the word “epic” describes the scale of the event while suggesting there was a measure of heroism in the adventure.

For sure, the biggest disaster in county – indeed, state – history was grand in scale. Never before had Mother Nature delivered such a sweeping blow to the community.



Daryl K. Tabor
Editor of
The Crittenden Press

My 2¢ Worth

She failed, however, to deliver a knockout punch. We survived and came out on the other side stronger, wiser and better prepared.

And we all have someone to thank, a hero, for going above and beyond measure during that worst of times. Whether it is the leadership of the community, the National Guard, the police, the utility crews who endured weeks of marathon days to get the power grid restored, a neighbor with a chainsaw, a

stranger with a four-wheel drive, family who checked on one another, friends who opened their home for warm shelter or anyone of countless others who gave a lending hand in some way, there is thanks to give.

But we can also give each of ourselves a pat on the back. There were three dozen unfortunate souls who lost their lives in Kentucky due to the Ice Storm, but in this county – our community – not a single person perished related to the disaster. There were serious struggles, yes, but we persevered.

That, my friends, is no small miracle.

For anyone who lived through the Ice Storm, it is forever etched into their memory. We still carry with us even the smallest of details... like an eerily quiet and dark

night with only the thunder of cracking tree limbs and the twinkling stars overhead engaging our senses.

And still today, though five years later, even the slightest wintry forecast has us twitching with apprehension and praying to be spared from another ice storm.

In other words, the Ice Storm had a powerful impact.

Everybody who experienced it has his or her own story about the Ice Storm. Everybody. So in the future, when we look back 10, 20, even 50 years from the events that began unfolding on Jan. 26, 2009, we will have an epic tale to share.

(Daryl K. Tabor is editor of The Crittenden Press. His column appears in this newspaper periodically. He can be reached at 965-3191 or the press@the-press.com.)

Pay raise deserved by certain state employees

This past week saw legislation begin to be heard in both committee and in the full House of Representatives.

House Bill 70 would put a constitutional amendment on the ballot this fall for voters to decide whether 180,000 Kentuckians convicted of a felony and who have completed their sentence should have their voting rights restored. This was passed in the House and sent to the Senate.

The bill would not allow those convicted of crimes such as murder or rape to get back their voting rights, and in a show of bipartisanship, a Democrat and a Republican co-sponsored the bill.

While I understand the reasons for this bill being brought forth, I voted against it because there was no provision that addressed multiple offenders nor was there a waiting period after the sentence had been served before the voting rights would be restored. Should the Senate amend the bill, I will take another look at it.

For those of you who read my update regularly, you will be pleased to see that I have nothing to say about gas



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

House in Review

taxes this week!

Several bills were filed for which I am a co-sponsor. One, HB 198, would suspend the parental and visitation rights of a person convicted of sexual abuse if the victim of the crime conceives and delivers a child due to the horrendous criminal act.

Another, HB 200, would put elections in Kentucky back on a four-year cycle by allowing the next set of statewide constitutional officers to serve a one-time, five-year term. This will save taxpayer funds by going back to the old election calendar and also give Kentuckians a break from the seemingly endless cycle of elections. I see no reason that the governor and other constitutional officers should have an election when no other elected offices are on the ballot.

A committee meeting was held in the Senate about le-

galizing medical marijuana. It will be very interesting to see if the bill is voted out of the Senate and sent to the House for its consideration. If it were, I would expect a lively debate both in committee and the full House.

By the time this update is published, the governor will have presented his budget proposals to a joint session of the General Assembly, and the main reason for this year’s session will begin to be discussed.

I am anxious to see the specifics of the governor’s proposal. As I indicated last week, I am afraid that he will propose expanded gambling as the way to fund education, and I think this is a bad idea. I believe that it is time for state employees who have not received a raise in the past five or six years to receive one, and I will work to try to get that put in the budget. It will be difficult because of the continued slow economic recovery the commonwealth is seeing, but I believe it is the right thing to do.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. I re-

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main honored to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives, and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th District.

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

Bill takes aim at tackling growing heroin epidemic

The second week of the 2014 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly saw schedules packed with meetings, rallies, press conferences and hearings on bills. We met with constituents, citizen groups and fellow lawmakers as we began vetting proposed legislation.

It is an involved process that, for successful bills, will include committee approval, passage by both the House and the Senate, reconciliation of differences between the two chambers and signing by the governor. The journey to the law books is a long one, but at week’s end several important measures were well on their way.

One of the first bills passed by the Senate this week would help Kentuckians in medically-under-served areas receive better access to quality healthcare. Senate Bill 7 would allow some nurse practitioners to independently prescribe routine medicines, but not controlled substances.

The bill would establish an advisory committee for a Collaborative Agreement for APRN Prescriptive Authority for Non-Scheduled Drugs (CAPA-NS) process between APRNs and collaborating physicians. The committee could make recommendations to nursing and medical boards and assist nurse practitioners in finding collaborating physicians to complete the CAPA-NS.

Under the bill, nurse practitioners who have practiced



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

Senate in Review

for at least four years would be allowed to prescribe common non-narcotic medication without a collaborative agreement with a doctor.

Many Kentuckians in rural parts of the state rely on nurse practitioners for routine care. And surely, experienced APRNs do not need a doctor to sign off on every antibiotic or decongestant they prescribe. We hope this measure will ease the burden on patients and their practitioners.

The Commonwealth has seen a sharp upsurge in heroin abuse in recent years, and heroin overdose deaths have increased more than six-fold since 2011. Though I am not satisfied with all the provisions, SB 5 is a step forward in combating the new epidemic.

The measure would allocate funds for treatment of heroin and opiate addiction and require Medicaid to cover treatment options. It would also allow first responders to administer the life-saving drug Naloxone to overdose victims and provide “good Samaritans” a measure of legal immunity when seeking medical care for someone who has overdosed.

Other provisions of SB 5 aim to crack down on those high-level dealers of heroin and methamphetamine, requiring they serve at least half their sentence before being eligible for probation.

Our message is clear: We will not tolerate the abuse of drugs – of any kind – in our state. No pain-pill pipeline. No meth-lab Mecca. And no heroin highway either. We will continue to fight until they are all shut down.

SB 5 now heads to the House where it will continue to be vetted and where, I hope, that chamber will make improvements to this legislation.

Though it is still early in the year, the session is already getting busy. The pace

will only increase from here. I encourage you to come to Frankfort for hearings of interest to you. Citizens are always welcome in our committee meetings. If you cannot drive up, then please tune in. You can view live-streaming and archived coverage of legislative proceedings at www.ket.org. I will continue to keep you posted, and ask for your feedback. To do my job well, I need to hear from you.

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

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Judge sentences five last week in circuit court

STAFF REPORT

Five individuals were sentenced to prison last week on a variety of charges, some for new charges and others for violating terms of their probations.

Circuit Judge Rene Williams presided over the following cases:

- Ambie C. Cotton, 30, of Princeton was formally sentenced last Thursday to three years in prison. She had pleaded guilty in October to a charge of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a Class D felony.

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell recommended the sentence, but will not oppose shock probation. Her attorney, Lindell Choat of Eddyville, said he intends to file a motion for shock probation.

Cotton, who was already jailed on an unrelated charge in Lyon County, sold 10 hydrocodone tablets to a cooperating witness on Sept. 27, 2012, at a location south of Dycusburg in rural Crittenden County. The charge was brought by Pennyryle Area Narcotics Task Force officer Mike Lantrip of Eddyville. She

was ordered to make \$50 restitution to the task force.

- Shaun W. Brasher, 25, of Marion was sentenced to one year in prison on a conviction of first-degree promoting contraband, a Class D felony; and 12 months each for two Class A misdemeanors: second-degree promoting contraband and third-degree possession of a controlled substance. The terms are to run concurrently, but consecutively with an unrelated case in another county. Brasher was caught smuggling cigarettes and drugs into the Crittenden

County Detention Center.

- James A. Sutton, 28, of Marion was sentenced to three years in prison for theft. An appeal by his attorney, Don Thomas, for probation was denied, and he was remanded into the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections. Sutton was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,900. He had pleaded guilty to stealing jewelry from a Fords Ferry Road residence on June 3 and selling the items at a Princeton pawn shop.

- Stephen Spurlin, 25, of

Marion pleaded guilty to second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, second offense. He was sentenced to two years in prison and ordered to pay \$180 restitution to the Pennyryle Area Narcotics Task Force, which made the arrest. The sentence is to run consecutive to a separate conviction in another county and a previous conviction in Crittenden County for which Spurlin's probation was revoked last week. The entire sentence equates to about 12 years in prison. Spurlin waived formal sentencing and

was remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

- Judge Williams revoked the probation of Gary D. Moore, 43, of Marion, who was originally charged with drug and alcohol offenses in 2011. Since that time, testimony by a probation officer and court records indicate that Moore has twice violated terms of his probation. The latest incident involved his being dismissed from a rehabilitation program. Moore will be re-sentenced at a later date.

Sports fellowship brings Godly message

STAFF REPORT

Without knowing what the other had planned to speak about, the two featured guests weaved a homogeneous sports-oriented and spirit-driven theme at Sunday's second annual Rocket Basketball Fellowship at Life in Christ Church.

Crittenden County High School senior Maggie Collins, who plays center on the basketball team, warmed up the crowd with her personal testimony and discussion of how to achieve dreams through God's grace and energy.

"We're never too old to dream," Collins said, citing scripture about the aged Old Testament patriarch Abraham, who was called on by God to become a father of a son and of many nations at 99.

"Do you want to be common or unique?" Collins asked the crowd of about 200 gathered at the church on U.S. 641 south of Marion. She challenged teammates, parents, fans and guests to let God do his work within hearts



Prewitt

picked up on that same theme and urged dreaming big without the hesitation that comes with considering failure.

"You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take," she said. "Don't be afraid to fail. A lot of great people in the Bible failed. Look at David, Jonah and Peter."

Prewitt was an All-SEC basketball player at the Uni-

Above, those in attendance at Sunday's second annual Rocket Basketball Fellowship at Life in Christ Church listen to the music of a worship band. At right, featured speaker Maggie Collins, who plays center on the Lady Rockets' basketball team, delivers her message to the audience.

versity of Kentucky after playing high school ball in Lexington in the 1970s. She went on to become head coach at Centre College where Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge played. Prewitt and Hodge were part of a team that went to the NCAA Division III Final Four in 1989.

Wise said the toughest thing for a high school athlete is riding home from a game with his or her father, which drew a healthy chuckle from the crowd.

Her advice to student-athletes was to "own your success and your failures." In other words, work hard to achieve goals, and never



blame anyone else – including your coach – for failing to get there.

If you miss a foul shot, don't blame your coach because you only worked on it five minutes in practice yesterday. If you aren't shooting 100 free throws on your own every day, then you're never

going to be a good free throw shooter, she said.

In addition to the speakers, the church's praise and worship band delighted the guests. Pastor Chris McDonald and his wife Sue, the church's youth minister, say they hope to host a similar event every year.

Village Post Office to open today in Burna

By JASON TRAVIS

STAFF WRITER

Brown's Country Store in Burna will hold a grand opening at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) for its U.S. Postal Service Village Post Office (VPO) located inside the store.

Owner Melissa Brown said the postal service contacted the convenience store about setting up a VPO because they were looking for an established business that would open early and close late and could sell items such as stamps and flat rate boxes. The store is open from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Saturday.

A mail drop box will also be placed at the store's location. Postal officials said mail will be picked up by a carrier six days a week.

Last fall, the postal service reduced the hours of operation at the Burna Post Office, which is now open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. While there aren't any plans to close Burna's post office, the establishment of a VPO provides additional time for residents to purchase postal items if they are unable to visit the post office during normal business hours.



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

Melissa Brown, owner of Brown's Country Store in Burna, said customers will now have the added convenience of purchasing stamps and flat rate boxes through the business' designation as a U.S. Postal Service Village Post Office. Patrons will also be able to mail items at the convenience store.

The U.S. Postal Service announced the concept of the VPO in July 2011 as a way to continue providing convenient access to postal products and services in more rural communities across the na-

tion where there is no post office or where one has had its operating hours reduced.

Burna isn't the only area community that uses the services of a VPO. After the post office in Fredonia saw a

reduction in its business hours last year, a VPO was established at Fredonia Food and More convenience store.

Manager Donna Funari said customers have enjoyed the convenience of purchasing stamps and Priority Mail boxes. A postal carrier also comes each day to collect outgoing mail at their location.

There are now more than 480 VPOs in the United States.

But the new VPO in Burna is just the latest convenience added for customers of Brown's Country Store, which also offers a full restaurant and deli.

In April, plans include creating a farmer's market around the store's parking area. Brown said the goal is to help support the community and its local producers and emphasized Livingston County doesn't have a large farmer's market located on U.S. 60.

"Everybody gardens in the summer and they always have extras left over. It will help the people who don't have time to garden," Brown said. "They will still get it fresh and local. They can drive down the road and see where their food comes from. It's really nice that way."

Crittenden County Grand Jury hands down three indictments

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury has determined that – at least in one case – spitting at a police officer who is making an arrest, is not a felonious crime.

A case where Jason J. Rushing, 32, of Marion was accused of spitting at Crittenden County Deputy Ray Agent was heard by the grand jury last week during its monthly proceedings. One dozen jurists determined that there was not enough evidence to continue prosecution of the case in Crittenden Circuit Court as a felony. In

fact, they dismissed that particular charge which had been filed against Rushing on Nov. 25 and remanded his case back to Crittenden District Court where the suspect will still face a misdemeanor resisting arrest complaint.

According to testimony during a preliminary hearing last month, Rushing was being served a warrant for non-payment of fines and an emergency protective order at his residence on U.S. 60 West when he and Deputy Agent went to the ground during a struggle. After Agent cuffed the suspect, he told

the court Rushing turned and spit directly at him.

At the time of the preliminary hearing, County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said it was of particular interest because it was the first time she recalled prosecuting such a case that involved a lawman as the alleged victim. The statute is somewhat vague as to whether it was intended to protect police officers. It more clearly protects ambulance workers and emergency responders from such assaults.

The grand jury handed down indictments in the fol-

lowing cases:

- James M. Pigg, 32, of Marion was indicted on three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, Class D felonies, for allegedly firing a 9mm handgun inside his home while his wife and two young children were in the home. The alleged incident was investigated by Marion Police Department on Nov. 27. An additional charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance was dismissed.

- Shane Franklin, 40, of Salem was indicted on charges of third-degree bur-

glary and receiving stolen property over \$10,000, both Class D felonies. Franklin is alleged to have taken five automobile engines from a victim's garage on Aug. 29. The engines were valued at about \$4,000, according to court records. Parts of them were identified at an area scrap yard.

Accused killer to stand trial in March of next year

STAFF REPORT

The trial of a Marion man accused of killing his half-brother in August is set for four re-days in March of next year.

Britt Deckert, 26, of Marion is accused of attacking and murdering Almanzo "A.J." Vasseur at a home they shared with other family members on Depot Street in Marion.

Crittenden Circuit Judge Rene Williams set the trial for Thursday and Friday, March 26-27, 2015, and Monday and Tuesday, March 30-31, 2015.

Deckert's next court appearance will be a pretrial conference in March of this year, a full 12 months ahead of his trial.



Deckert

Judge Williams also denied a motion by Deckert's attorney asking for a gun seized as evidence in the case to be re-

leased to its rightful owner. Public Defender Paul Sysol argued that the gun was not used in the incident, and it belongs to the defendant's father.

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell said that because of the seriousness and nature of the case, he

urged the court to at this time deny the request for releasing any evidentiary items seized by police.

The court agreed to review another motion by defense counsel for testing additional evidence seized in the investigation.

Leonard announces run for family court judge

STAFF REPORT

Webster County attorney Ben Leonard has announced his candidacy for 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge. The circuit includes Crittenden, Union and Webster counties.

Current Family Court Judge William E. Mitchell will be retiring at the end of his current term. Brandi Hagan Rogers of Marion and Laura Alvey Peak of Morgantown have also filed to seek the judgeship.

Leonard is the sole practitioner and owner of Leonard Law Firm in Providence. He has been actively practicing law for nearly a decade and his representation has included every area of family law from adoptions, serving as a guardian for neglected and abused children, representing litigants in contested custody and divorce cases, handling child support and paternity matters, mediating family conflict and more.

He has handled family law cases from the trial level through the appeals process. "Family law encompasses more than one area of law," Leonard said.

It involves families dealing with bankruptcies, collections, business issues, contractual matters, real estate transactions, along with other varied areas of law, he explained.

Because he practices frequently in these areas, Leonard believes he has a unique viewpoint on the various matters that a family court judge deals with daily.

"Healthy families form the basis of a healthy society," he said. "When families are in conflict, experience and patient consideration are some of the keys to lessen the long-term impact on those individuals involved."

As family court judge, Leonard said he wants to protect children, mitigate harm to the family unit, promote access to the court system and consistently demonstrate a strong work ethic, compassion and fairness.

Leonard attended Eastern

Kentucky University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration; the University of Memphis, where he graduated with a master's degree in business administration; and St. Louis

University, where he received his law degree.

He was presented awards in academic excellence in civil procedure and

legal research and writing. He was also selected as a member for the Institute for Managing Emerging Technology.

He is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association. He is licensed to practice before the U.S. District Court, is chairman of the Providence Tourism Commission, is a former board member of the child advocacy center and is counsel to the Paul Ford scholarship board.

In his private practice, he represents individuals from Crittenden, Union and Webster counties as well as individuals throughout western Kentucky. Additionally, he represents the City of Sturgis, City of Clay, City of Dixon, City of Dawson Springs, Webster County Ambulance Board, banks and churches.

Leonard lives in Providence with his wife, Allison, and daughter, Millie.



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High tunnel conference Monday

We are still anxiously awaiting a new Farm Bill, as are probably you. Hopefully, soon we will have something in place, and we can start sharing what all the new or re-offered options will be.

Right now, we are trying to update any changes that have come in, so please, if you have changes, let us know as soon as possible.

High tunnel conference
The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service will be hosting a conference "Maximizing High Tunnel Vegetable Profitability" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park in Gilbertsville. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes lunch. The classes offered will be Introduction to High Tunnel Production; In-Ground Tomato Varieties; Disease Control and Insect Control; Greens, Cukes, Colored Bell Peppers and Other Opportu-



nities; and Economic and Marketing Considerations for High Tunnel Produce. For reservations or more information, contact Susan Fox at the Lyon County Extension Service (270) 388-2341.

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For those who find it difficult to visit the county office because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., FSA has a power of attorney form available that allows producers to designate another person to conduct business at the office. If interested, contact our

office at (270) 988-2180 or any FSA office for more information.

FSA emergency loans
Livingston County was named as a contiguous county with the Presidential Disaster Designation M4157 for the damages suffered Nov. 17, 2013, in 15 Illinois counties. Under this designation, producers with operations in any primary or contiguous county are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans. Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine. Producers have until July 28 to apply for emergency loan assistance. The Farm Service Agency will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. Producers can borrow up to 100 per-

cent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000. There are other types of loans available to help farmers with production costs and inputs. The farm loan site that covers Livingston County is located in Hopkinsville. Please contact Randall Morgan at (270) 885-5066 for any additional information related to emergency loans or other types of loans available.

Upcoming
- Jan. 27: High Tunnel Conference
- March 1: Last day to purchase Noninsured Crop Assistance Program, or NAP, coverage on grass
(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.)

NEWS BRIEFS

Crittenden teen hurt in wreck last week

A Crittenden County teenager was injured in a single-vehicle accident last week on Ky. 1668. According to Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, Brittney Buell, 17, was hurt when her 2012 Toyota Corolla left the roadway and flipped several times last Wednesday night. She was flown by PHI Air Medical to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind., for treatment of her injuries. While Buell sustained a back injury, she was dismissed from the hospital and is recovering at home. Deputy Ray Agent reports Buell was northbound on Ky. 1668 when for, an unknown reason, she lost control of the vehicle. Her foot reportedly became lodged under the brake preventing her from braking. The car exited the left side of the roadway, slid down an embankment and hit an elevated drive. It then became airborne and flipped end over end several times before coming to a rest on its wheels. The car landed about 100 yards from where it exited the

roadway, the report stated. Buell was taken by Crittenden EMS to Marion-Crittenden County Airport where a helicopter was awaiting her for transport to Evansville. **County gets state aid for road repairs**
Crittenden Fiscal Court has been approved for 80-percent reimbursement from the state for the cost of removing hundreds of tons of sandstone rock blocking Blackburn Church Road. The state aid will also cover the expense to make repairs to the roadway. The rural road in eastern Crittenden County reopened to traffic last week after debris from a Dec. 23 rock slide was removed. Major damage to the road bed also had to be repaired before the road could be made passable. Belt Construction Co. completed removal of the boulders for the same amount as their \$12,000 estimate. Rock and gravel were used as a temporary fix to the void in the road created by the rock slide. The total cost of the entire project won't be known until asphalt can be placed in the spring to

finalize the repairs. Belt Construction, a local contractor, included in their work removal of another roadside boulder that had fallen from the bluff overlooking the road several years ago. They also tested the sturdiness of some remaining bluff rocks. **City to receive 911 money from dispute**
FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS
Marion's 911 dispatch center is due to receive almost \$10,000 in disputed fees from a wireless company. Last week, Gov. Steve Beshear said Kentucky's 911 call centers will receive more than \$2.9 million as a result of a ruling on litigation initiated by a state board. The governor's office said Jan. 14 the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that TracFone Wireless Inc. improperly withheld payment of 911 service fees to the state's Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) Board. The company disputed the application of the state 911 fee on prepaid cellphone service. Beshear's office says that

in total, the state has recovered more than \$4 million in unremitted state-required 911 cellphone fees. The recovered funds will be divided based on a formula used to distribute funds received by the CMRS Board from a state 911 fee of 70 cents per month on cell phones. Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant said the amount due the local 911 center, operated by the city, will be \$9,600. Meantime, things are moving forward with the Marion's planned new 911 dispatch center. Last year, the city was awarded a \$98,750 grant from the CMRS Board to create a new emergency dispatch center. The larger, better equipped center that will handle 911 calls and public safety dispatching will be housed in the former Peoples Bank drive-through office under the roof of Marion City Hall. The office has been gutted and is essentially ready for construction work to begin once the plan is finalized. "Hopefully, we'll be able to move ahead with that very shortly," Bryant said of the project.

CCES remodeling nears completion

As of last Thursday, much of the interior construction work was complete at Crittenden County Elementary School. The school has been undergoing an extensive remodeling project since last summer. Officials said exterior work near the new front entrance is also close to winding down, as concrete is still being poured and leveled. School officials hope to have much, if not all, of the remaining work done sometime in February, weather permitting. However, it is uncertain when school officials will move into the redesigned administrative offices and reception area. Once accessible, visitors to the school must enter through the redesigned reception area and pass through security doors before entering the main part of the building.

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chamber in the past.

Election savings
A bill proposing a constitutional amendment that would save taxpayers millions of dollars in election costs has been introduced. SB 27 proposes amending the constitution to move the election for statewide constitutional officers such as governor to even-numbered years beginning in 2016. This would place those elections during the same year as congressional elections, saving counties thousands of dollars that are currently used to host elections in odd-numbered years when no other races are on the ballot. Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford estimates it now costs the county about \$14,000 per election.


Cannabis oil
If you don't like the idea of legalizing medical marijuana, how about the plant's oil extract? Sen. Julie Denton (R-Louisville), chair of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, believes a law allowing extracts from the marijuana plant have a much better

chance of passing the Legislature than outright legalizing the drug for prescription purposes. Marijuana is touted for its medicinal benefits for sufferers of chronic pain and other serious ailments. The oil extract has a much lower content of THC, the chemical in marijuana that produces a "high." **Heroin woes**
Kentucky is plagued by a serious and growing heroin problem, and lawmakers want to stiffen the penalties for traffickers and provide more help for addicts. A report from the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy stated that heroin samples collected and analyzed by Kentucky State Police increased from 433 confirmed submissions in 2010 to 1,349 in 2012. Furthermore, in the governor's State of the Commonwealth Address on Jan. 7, he pointed out that there were only 22 deadly heroin overdoses in Kentucky in 2011. However, in the first nine months of last year, there were 170. SB 5, which aims to tackle the problems of heroin, passed the Senate 36-0 last Thursday and now rests with the House. Sen. Dorsey Ridley

(D-Henderson) voted in favor of the bill. **Prescription for ails**
SB 7 would allow nurse practitioners to prescribe certain drugs to patients in order to address a growing shortage of doctors, particularly in rural areas across the state. Nurse practitioners with at least four years' experience would be allowed to prescribe common daily medications without a doctor's collaborative consent. With the Affordable Care Act increasing the number of insured Kentuckians and Medicaid patients, the burden on the medical system is expected to further increase. The measure passed the Senate 37-1 last Thursday and awaits a House vote. Sen. Ridley voted yes. **No proof required**
Legislation was introduced last week to no longer require drivers in the state to carry proof of insurance in most cases. HB 218 would direct law enforcement to check the Automated Vehicle Information System, or AVIS, accessible in their patrol vehicles via computer. The burden of proof would no longer force drivers to fumble through their wallet or glovebox during a traffic

several candidates have filed. On the Democratic side, Alison Lundergan Grimes, the current Kentucky Secretary of State; Burrell Charles Farnsley, who ran unsuccessfully for the 3rd Congressional District seat in 2012; and Gregory Brent Leichty of Louisville have filed. They join Tom Recktenwald of Louisville, who had previously filed. For the GOP, as expected, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell has filed to seek re-election. McConnell has served in the U.S. Senate since 1985. He will face Matt Bevin of Louisville and Gurley L. Martin of Owensboro in the Republican primary. The filing deadline for candidates seeking election in partisan races and nonpartisan judicial races is Tuesday. The primary election is May 20. stop. The bill, filed by Rep. Ken Upchurch (R-Montecello), makes exceptions for proof of insurance. It would require any Kentuckian who purchases a new or pre-owned car or changes insurance carriers to carry documented proof in their vehicle for the first 45 days of ownership.

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Dr. Frazer’s legacy marked by dedication to his profession

Although I never knew Dr. Atchison Frazer, as he died in 1956, many of the older generation of the area remember him and perhaps were even delivered by him when they were born. I have read many articles about him and how he is the one that got the project rolling for Crittenden County to have a hospital back in 1943. The board of directors wanted to name the hospital for him, but he declined and didn't want anyone to think that he was solely responsible for it.

Dr. Frazer had been a tough man, too, but not rough nor gruff. Even after his over-burdened heart forced him into semi-retirement in the 1950s, his physical stature of 6 feet 1 inch was still straight as a ramrod.

He was trim, neat and spry. The mustache and goatee he turned out as a young man give him the appearance of virile dignity, and the red necktie lent emphasis to his alert interest in the world of men and events. He had worn red neckties most all his life, and it is said it had been a great convenience to his friends and kinfolks at gift-giving times.

He was also known for his good humor, witty conversation and loyalty of service to his profession.

Dr. Frazer was more than a country doctor to the people of Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston and Webster counties. He was a zealous crusader for public health. He was health officer of Crittenden County – at \$200 a year – back when the state appropriation for public health was only \$1,000 a year. For 26 years, he was chairman of the underprivileged children committee of the Marion Kiwanis Club.

The following interesting facts and adventures of Dr. Frazer's youth and young adulthood were taken from an old newspaper article that was printed in 1974. It's kind



of like the rest of the story. ***

Thomas Atchison Frazer was born Nov. 12, 1869, near Dalton in Hopkins County. He was the second oldest of eight boys and four girls of Thomas A. Frazer and his wife, Mary Jane Lynn. Their home was a story-and-half log house of yellow poplar with a two-room ell in the back. There were six rooms in all.

The big family grubbed a fair enough living from the farm, plus outside work by the boys. Atchison stripped tobacco at 40 cents a day, hired out to tend crops at 50 cents a day and by age 18, was making \$1 a day at the sawmill.

Atchson's first school was a log room on Lick Creek, called Solomon's Temple. There was a fireplace at one end and a door at the other. A section of one log was cut out of each side to make windows. There was no glass, nothing but outside shutters that were opened in fair weather to let the light in. The benches were split logs, with the heart side up.

The boy never thought of becoming anything but a doctor. His imagination was fired in that direction by two beloved doctors of that section – Dr. Ben Earl of Charleston and Dr. Samuel H. Leeper of Dalton.

Dr. Earl rode a big roan saddle mule and wore his hair to the shoulders. He sported a high bee gum hat in the winter and summer, and the hatband made an everlasting circular crease in his hair just above the ears.

The black-bearded Dr. Leeper was 6 feet 2 inches,

weighed more than 300 pounds and rode a big horse.

With so many in the Frazer family subject to the ills of flesh, both physicians were well known in the household. They both teased and flattered Atchison by the nickname of Doc, after his boyish tendency to doctor sick cats and dogs around the place.

Fortified by two years of classical education at Male and Female Academy in Providence, the young man entered Vanderbilt in 1892 for the two-year course then offered in medicine. It was during his sojourn there a crisis arose which, for a time, seriously threatened to destroy every medical school in Tennessee. It developed in this manner: Each dissecting class raised \$25 to buy its own cadaver from the janitors who, in turn, obtained them by whatever method appeared handiest. The state was outraged, therefore, when a janitor at the University of Nashville snatched from an undertaker's cooling board the body of a prominent woman who was visiting friends in Nashville.

The Tennessee House of Representatives promptly passed and sent to the Senate a bill making it a penitentiary offense to dissect the lifeless body of a human. The medical schools appointed Dr. Thomas Menease, the noted professor of obstetrics, to plead their case before the Senate. Dr. Menease, an eloquent orator, had been a senator in the Confederate Congress. He arose to the occasion and, in a four-hour oration, persuaded the senators to kill the bill.

Dr. Frazer started his practice in 1894 at Blackford in Webster County. He married Miss Cleo Nunn, a schoolteacher, in 1895, and moved to Marion in 1900.

In his six years at Blackford, however, Dr. Frazer already had extended his practice across Tradewater River into Crit-

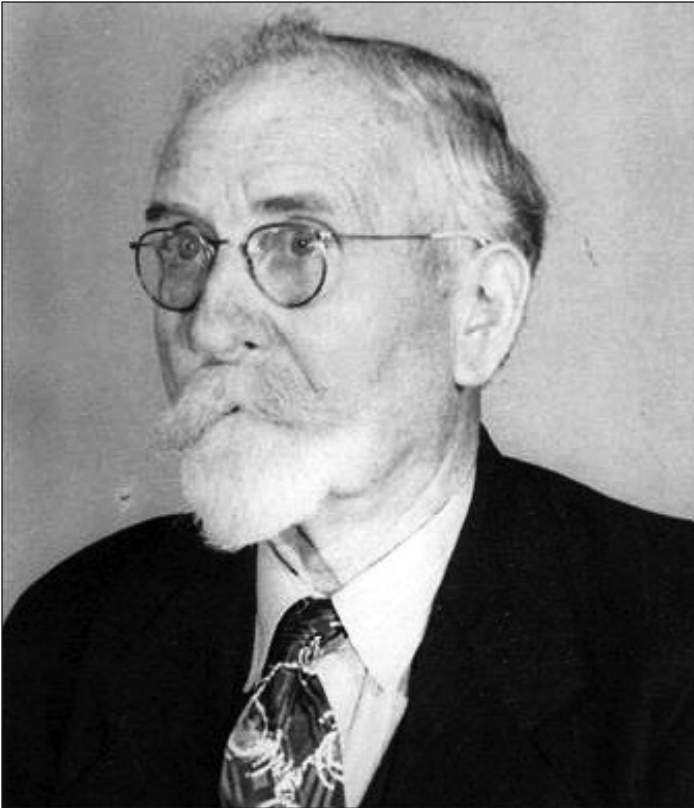
tenden County. John Simpson, ferryman at the Blackford Ferry, was a hard man to wake up at night. Thus foiled on night calls across the river, Dr. Frazier would tie his horse to a sapling, cross the Illinois Central Railroad bridge on foot, and walk to his Crittenden County patients.

One night, however, Dr. Frazer wished the ferryman had slept on, instead of coming out to set him across the river. The Tradewater was high that night, and the wind was blowing a hard gale. It blew their lantern into the water. Simpson lost control of his ferry, and the storm blew it across backwaters to the mouth of Hoods Creek. There, it lodged against some trees. Dr. Frazer and the ferryman stood helpless until daylight permitted them to pole the boat back to its landing.

Dr. Frazer has delivered 4,000 babies. He never lost a mother in labor, and never saw but one die in labor – she was the patient of another doctor. He was due to catch one set of triplets in his first 3,500 cases, but the law of averages has failed him. He delivered one midget, however, the child of normal parents. Of late, he delivered babies whose mother and grandmother he also delivered. He has ministered to five generations of the Postlethweight family.

Dr. Frazer has had his share of emergency surgery under primitive conditions. His two roughest cases were throat cuttings.

A boy and girl grew up near Copperas Springs School as childhood sweethearts. Later, the young man went to Illinois, married a girl there and brought his bride back home. His old sweetheart was enraged at the jilting. She got her father's razor, walked to the bridegroom's house and slashed his throat. Then she cut her own throat and fell to the front porch. They called Dr. Frazer.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Dr. T.A. Frazer, shown above, was a well-liked and respected doctor of Marion. In 1943, he was chosen by the House of Delegates of the Kentucky Medical Association as the Outstanding General Practitioner of Kentucky.

Dr. Frazer stretched the young man out on the dining-room table, from which the dinner things had been hurriedly removed, and closed the wound with 16 stitches. Then he rapidly clamped his patient's head between two sandbags. He closed the girl's wound with six stitches. Both got well, but their romance was forever breached.

The other cutting was in a drunken brawl at Frances. The man's throat was cut twice. Both slashes came to a common point under his chin. Dr. Frazer used all his surgical thread on the double cut and then finished the job with a spool of black sewing thread doused in boiling water. The patient recovered, but never paid the doctor a dime.

For that matter, on Dr. Frazer's books are \$100,000 in bad accounts. He lost \$3,500 worth of work during his worst year. Patients either paid voluntarily or not at all. He

seldom sent bills, never sued and harbors no grudges. He wore out innumerable horses and 10 automobiles in half a century of hard country practice.

Dr. Frazer was once asked, "You have seen a lot of water under the bridge. What have you learned from watching it?"

"I don't think I have learned anything," he replied. "I have come to the age when I realize there is so much to learn, and so little time to learn it a man can study his whole lifetime and still die in ignorance."

Dr. Frazer died Oct. 22, 1956, and is buried at the Mapleview Cemetery.

(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.)

Eskew completes fourth volume of Crittenden County obituaries

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Steve Eskew's interest in genealogy began when he was conducting research on his own family tree. A member of the Crittenden County Genealogical Society, Eskew recently added a fourth volume to his self-published series entitled "Crittenden County, Kentucky, Obituaries and Death Notices." Volume 4 includes the years from 1912 to 1917.

Eskew said the Library of Congress has made previous editions of The Crittenden Press from 1886 to 1922 available online. The information was transcribed from issues of The Crittenden Press and includes obituaries from Crittenden and surrounding counties.

"Since I got into genealogy, I did some research in Caldwell County. They had all of the obituaries and the notebooks in their library. I knew we didn't have any obituaries over here in our genealogy library. I wanted a project to work on other than just my own research," Eskew said, adding he wanted his books made available to researchers and those interested in genealogy.



Eskew

causes of deaths were explained more explicitly and were sometimes graphic in detail.

"Crittenden County, Kentucky, Obituaries and Death Notices Volume IV: 1912-1917," follows previous volumes that cover years from 1886 to 1911. Eskew is currently working on a fifth volume, which will include the years 1918 to 1922.

Each of Eskew's four volumes is available to view at the Crittenden County Public Library. Copies can also be purchased at www.SteveEskew.com/books or by e-mail at books@steveeskew.com. Copies are available in paperback or hardcover editions.

Crittenden County historian Brenda Underdown said researchers are very fortunate to have the information

In addition to the death notices, Eskew said a lot of history is available in his book series. During this period of journalism, details on

Eskew has compiled into book form.

"Many times, important family information was given in these obituaries that isn't available anywhere else," Underdown said. "The information in the books not only helps with research, but they will help document burials of people that might not have stones and will preserve the information for future researchers."

Eskew has studied genealogy for more than 20 years. He received a degree in computer science and math from Western Kentucky University and worked in New Orleans designing computer programs for banking systems. He then designed and installed programs for a software company that required him to travel across the country.

A Crittenden County native, Eskew said it takes about six months to complete each volume of the genealogy books and believes each one tells a part of the story of the county.

"It's part of us, who we are and what made us – all these people," he said. "It's important not to forget who they were and what they did."

Babbs named to dean's list

STAFF REPORT

Taylor Nicole Babbs of Sturgis has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at Georgetown College in Kentucky.

The dean's list honors undergraduate students who completed the semester with at least 12 credit hours and a 3.7 grade point average, according to Rosemary Allen, Ph.D., Georgetown College's Provost and Academic Dean.

Rushing encourages open dialogue about dangers of teen drug abuse

STAFF REPORT

Greg Rushing's message is clear. Talk to your kids about drug abuse.

Last week, the Crittenden County Deputy Sheriff hosted a forum entitled, "Talk to Your Kids About Drugs Before I Do." Sponsored by the Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug Free Community and the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, the Jan. 13 forum was aimed at parents of local youth.

Crittenden County residents Sissy Conyer and Kim West both attended the forum to learn more about the dangers of drug abuse. As parents, they plan on joining the Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community. Both women are continuing their education to work in drug and alcohol rehabilitation. They feel strongly that parents need to become actively involved in every aspect of their teenager's life.

"I think it's good to be educated on it so you can be aware of what's out there. That's why I'm here," Conyer said.

Alluding to national statistics, Rushing cited prescription drug abuse as the third leading type of substance abuse behind alcohol and marijuana. He said prescription drug abuse has risen because medication is easy to obtain, whether it's from a relative or a friend's medicine cabinet. It can also be easily available at an unsuspecting grandparent's house.

"Very few people keep their medication locked up," Rushing said, emphasizing prescription drugs in the wrong hands is just as dangerous and deadly as street drugs. He also questioned how many individuals actually count the number of pills in their pill bottles on a regular basis.

"Nobody wants to think their child or family member has a drug problem," Rushing said. "It's the last



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS
Crittenden County Deputy Sheriff Greg Rushing speaks at a public forum last week at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. The forum's topic was "Talk to Your Kids About Drugs Before I Do." Rushing offered advice on how to approach the subject with your child.

thing you want to admit. But it's a problem that can affect anyone in the community regardless of your social status."

Bullying and peer pressure are often cited as reasons for substance abuse among teens. Rushing said academics can be another factor. The pressure to get into the right college often is too much for teenagers to handle.

He warned that many youth start abusing drugs with inhalants, whether it's sniffing glue, paint or correction flutes such as White-Out.

Parents can be proactive and learn the signs of drug abuse by their children. Rushing said indicators include failing at school, associating with different friends and changes in personal appearance and habits.

He urged parents to talk with teachers and let them know about their concerns and find out if the instruc-

tors have noticed any differences in their child. He also encouraged parents to look through their child's belongings if they suspect substance abuse. The deputy stressed that while it may be the child's bedroom, it's the parent's house.

When questioning the child about substance abuse, Rushing said to plan the conversation carefully. Being too judgmental is the quickest way to quiet the child on the subject. Remind the child of your support, but make them understand the behavior is dangerous and has to stop.

Rushing also urged individuals to properly dispose of unused medications at Marion Police Department or Crittenden County Sheriff's Department.

The next meeting of the Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community will be at 6:30 p.m., March 10 at the Ed-Tech Center.

Evening Belles holds meeting

STAFF REPORT

The Evening Belles Homemakers met Jan. 9 at the Extension Office with eight members present.

President Pat Carter called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The inspirational, read by Martha Fletcher, was "I've learned all about life from a snowman."

Myrle Dunning conducted roll call with each member naming something they remembered as a child saving their money to buy.

Dunning gave the treasurers' report and read a

thank you note from Nancy Hunt for the Christmas gift.

Carter showed a Christmas tray favor the club made for patients in Crittenden Hospital.

Dunning introduced a program on what women should know about finances.

Refreshments were furnished by Carter.

Algie Richards led bingo and everyone won a prize.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 13, at the Extension Office. The club meets the second Thursday of each month. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Dog vomit, hog mire is the life of many

This truly describes the choice of those who once knew the Lord and His saving grace and turned from Him. Peter described it as the lowest level of existence, and it is so very true.

"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning," reads 2nd Peter 2:20-22. "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them," the chapter continues. "But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

My dogs are loved, but when they start to eat their own vomit, I want to scream and gag myself.

This truth also tells us that before we knew the Lord, we were in these deplorable conditions and pollutions of the world.

Satan keeps this truth from most people, as many would forsake the ways of sin if they really knew from the beginning just how evil, stupid, ignorant and lowdown sin really makes us.

Since there is no way any of us can escape standing before our Maker and give an account for our time here on earth, it is the height of ignorance to sin against Him at any time in our lives. We all know we could be dead the next minute.

Sin is doing something



we know is against God's instructions for our lives.

Rarely are children taught the awful payment and pain sin brings into our lives one way or another.

Many are taught right from wrong and taken to church. And many have had good lives lived in front of them by their parents. But rarely are children "trained in the way they should go so that when they are old they will not depart from it," as Proverbs 22:6 tells us.

Children aren't made ashamed of sin. They are not shown the ignorance, ugliness, cost and stupidity of sin.

They are not trained to love God with all their heart, soul, mind and body nor trained to love their neighbors as themselves.

Many parents think just because their children were told, prayed with, read the Bible that is all they can do.

They may say, "Well, after all, I've done all I could do, and when they are out on their own they will make up their own minds. They were taught and raised right, and the Bible says they may leave it, but they will come back to it before they die."

Not only is that not in the Bible, it is a false and fake salving of their own conscience and a relief from responsibility, guilt, worry or pain. It is also an

ignorance of what the Bible really says, when they do fall by the way side.

The Bible says train the child. Training is what parents do to diaper-break and bottle-break their child. It is long, tedious, hard and frustrating, but the children will not stop until they are so trained they will not mess in their diaper or suck on a bottle.

Regardless of how long it takes and how many times they have to start over, the parents will keep it up until the child is trained so well it will be as much a part of their life as breathing.

Growing up, I knew right from wrong, had strong principles and was determined to be a Christian. I had a wonderful mother and grandmother who lived Godly in front of me as well as many aunts and uncles who also lived righteously. I feared God, which the Bible teaches us to do, but I was not trained to love God. It showed in my life for almost seven years, and I'll always regret not serving God during those years I fell for Satan's lies.

How many times I still ask myself how I could ever have been so ignorant as to live one minute in sin, as sin makes our ignorance stick out like a sore thumb.

Once you are truly delivered from the power of Satan – and only God can deliver you – and submit to the power of the Holy Spirit, sin truly is seen for the filth any of it is. You shudder thinking how stupid you've been sinning against God when you could have been dead any minute in those years and in hell forever.

Once delivered, the

stench of the filth of any sin is so repugnant to the nostrils of your soul you understand the pain Peter tells us Lot went through in Sodom.

"And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished," reads 2 Peter 2:7-9.

"Vexed" is the true descriptive word that says it all and not only of those filthy sins. All sin is throwing God's love and all He has done for us to prove it back in His face.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; and he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting," Galatians 6:7-8 reads.

How sin vexes my soul. Sin is to me the slop bucket of rotting, molding, stinking garbage that as kids we use to carry to the hog trough.

How it grieves my heart to see so many live the filth and evil that destroys love, family, health, wealth, mind, life and country. Remember, he that sows to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption!

(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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Art, essay contest announced

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A contest sponsored by first lady Jane Beshear is inviting students around the state to submit original art work and essays.

The Governor's Mansion Centennial Visual Art and Essay Contest has a deadline of March 14 and a first prize in essay and art categories of \$100.

The visual art contest is open to students in grades kindergarten through 12, and students can use any medium to interpret one of the visual art contest's themes. Students must submit digital images of their work for judging.

The essay contest is open to students in grades four through 12.

The Kentucky Governor's Mansion Centennial Committee and the Kentucky Department of Education are also sponsors of the contest.

Complete contest information, rules, judging criteria and an official entry form are available online at governorsmansion.ky.gov/centennial/contest/.

Church notes

■ Marion Baptist Church will begin its earlier service at 8:15 a.m., on Sunday. Sunday school will follow at its normal time at 9:30 a.m., with the regular service beginning at 10:45 a.m.

■ Mexico Baptist Church's clothes closet will be open 9-11 a.m., each Monday instead of Wednesdays.

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• AWANA: 5:45 p.m.
• Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
• Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
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Sunday school, 10 a.m. | Sunday worship, 11 a.m.

Relay has 2014 goal of \$40,000

STAFF REPORT

Organizers for the 2014 Relay for Life began preparations earlier this month for the annual event. Already, they're off to a great start. Crittenden County Relay for Life co-chair Natalie Parish said 15 teams have signed up. The goal is to have 18 teams for this year's American Cancer Society fundraising event. Currently teams signed-up include: Cali Cares, Calvary Crusaders, Crittenden County Health Department, Crittenden Health Systems, Family Practice Clinic, Farmers Bank & Trust Co., Firefighters (Greg Tabor),

Holland Medical, New Union (Ditney) Church, Par 4 Plastics, Sugar Pines, Tolu United Methodist Church, Walnut Grove Baptist, Marion Baptist Church and The People's Bank. Parish said this year's financial goal is to raise \$40,000. To sign-up a team or make a donation, visit www.RelayforLife.org/crittendenky. "The reason relay is so important to our community is because when one person is diagnosed with cancer, so are their friends, family and all who know them," Parish said. "A community behind the diagnosed person and

their family makes the battle of cancer more bearable. It shows support and reassures the cancer patient they are not alone." Parish is appreciative of the early help for this year's Relay. "I cannot thank Calvary Baptist enough for hosting the kick off this year and for two of their members for being our guest speakers. Jennifer Matthews, a cancer survivor, spoke about her



Parish

journey as well as caregiver Kim Orr, who shared her family's journey with her father, who is a survivor also," Parish said. The next meeting for Relay for Life is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Crittenden County Courthouse. This year's theme is "Teaming up for a Cure." Relay for Life is scheduled for 6 p.m. May 30 on the court square in Marion. The location will be changed to Rocket Arena in the event of rain. Updates on Facebook can be found by searching for "Relay for Life Crittenden County, Ky."

Community Christmas details ironed out

By JASON TRAVIS

STAFF WRITER

Eligibility requirements for 2014 Community Christmas participation was discussed at the Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council meeting last week. Beginning this year, Community Christmas participants will have to attend three Community Christmas-approved educational classes before Oct. 1. The change in policy applies to those seeking gift vouchers and toys and does not apply to individuals seeking only food assistance coordinated by Marion Baptist Church. Local Community Christmas committee members said surrounding counties have been requiring attendance to educational classes for participation in their holiday programs for several years. Committee members indicated the classes should be viewed as an opportunity for individuals to learn additional life skills for their families. Under the new guidelines, children ages 12 and under whose guardians at-



Hunt

tend three educational classes between February through September will be the first to have their Angel Tags available for sponsorship. Community Christmas committee member Nancy Hunt said a few large businesses in the area request a number of Angel Tags each holiday season, so those families who have met the class requirement can have their children sponsored by them. Once those children receive sponsorship, the children whose guardians attended one or two education classes will have their tags placed on Angel Trees for sponsorship. For parents who do not attend any Community Christmas-approved classes, their children's Angel Tags will be the last to be placed on trees for sponsorship. Parents who move into the county after Sept. 1 must attend at least one class to be eligible to sign-up for Community Christmas in October. Classes attended after Oct. 1 will count toward Community Christmas participation in 2015. Each parent of a child can attend different classes. However, committee members stressed that if parents separate or divorce prior to December dis-

tribution, the parent with whom the children are residing will receive the gifts. Educational classes will begin in February. The class lists, dates, times and locations will appear at least two times each month in The Crittenden Press. Flyers with class information will also be sent to agencies for distribution to clients. And the information will be included on several agencies' Facebook pages and websites, such as the Crittenden County University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. At the start of the 2014-15 academic year, Community Christmas committee members plan to have a booth set up at back-to-school fairs at Crittenden County Elementary and Middle schools to explain the policies to parents. When parents sign-up for Community Christmas each October, they receive a form indicating it does not guarantee that their children will receive sponsorship. However, thanks to the support of the community, all 254 children signed up did receive sponsorship last Christmas. "We've been very fortunate the last couple of years," Hunt said. "But it will depend on the number that sign up and the number of sponsors we have."

OBITUARIES

Lynch

Thomas Glenn Lynch, 46, of Cedar Hill, Mo., died Jan. 15, 2014, at his home. He was a construction foreman. Lynch is survived by his mother, Irene Lynch of St. Louis; two sons, Richard Higgs and Sean Higgs, both of St. Louis; two daughters, Shayla Lynch of Madison, W.Va., and Lauren Powers of St. Louis; five brothers, Roger and wife Reva Lynch and Frank and wife Mitzi Lynch, all of St. Louis, and Jack and wife Sharon Lynch, James Lynch and John Lynch, all of Marion; a sister, Patricia Knight Lynch of Marion; four grandchildren, Brayden Fisher, Phoenix Higgs, Roswell Higgs and Weston Powers; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Rance Lynch; a brother, Robert "Bobby" Lynch; and a sister, Joyce Clark. Graveside services were Saturday at Deer Creek Cemetery with Rev. Howard Jones officiating. Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.



Lynch

Boone

Wanda Sue Boone, 76, of Evansville, Ind., formerly of Livingston County, died Jan. 19, 2014, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville. She loved to travel, having visited almost all 50 states, and was also an avid reader. She retired from AT&T after more than 30 years of service and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. She was a member of Washington Street Baptist Church in Evansville. Boone is survived by a brother, Jim and wife Peggy Sue Edmonds of Ledbetter; three sisters, Nancy and husband Charles Cooper of Ledbetter, Betty and husband Philip Babb of Kevil and Carolyn and husband Chuck Jones of Springfield, Tenn.; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Hannah Hendrick Edmonds. Funeral services were Wednesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial was in the Edmonds Cemetery in Livingston County. Memorial contributions may be made to: American Diabetes Association, 1701 N. Beauford St., Alexandria, VA 22311; Edmonds Cemetery, P.O. Box 143, Ledbetter, KY 42058-0143. Condolences may also be left online at BoydFuneralDirectors.com.



Boone

Bennett

David C. Bennett, of Leesburg, Fla., formerly of Marion, died Jan. 1, 2014. He is survived by his wife, LaVanda Bennett; two sons, Scott Bennett and Jonathan Bennett; two daughters, Hollie Treas and Karrie McReynolds; and 12 grandchildren. Bennett was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Edwina Bennett; four brothers, Donald Richard "Buddy" Bennett, Eddie Bennett, Ronnie Bennett and Keith Bennett; and two sisters, Betty Jo Manley and Deborah Orenduff. Memorial services will be 2 p.m., Saturday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in Drafenville.

Lee

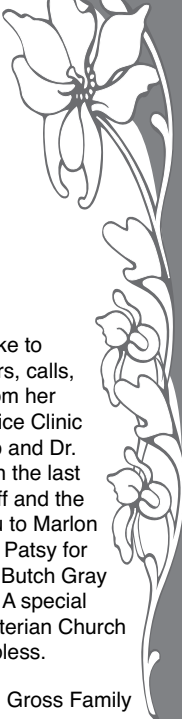

Evelyn Lee, 79, of Salem died Jan. 21, 2014, at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem were incomplete at press time.

Obituary policy

Most obituaries in The Crittenden Press are published at no charge. However, extended obituaries are available for a small fee. There is no charge for use of a photo.



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The family of Mary Louise Stiller Gross would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, calls, visits, cards, food, flowers, gifts and donations from her family and friends. Thank you to the Family Practice Clinic staff and Dr. H.G. Maddux, Dr. David Hogancamp and Dr. Keung Ung for the wonderful care you gave her in the last six years. Thanks also to the Crittenden EMS staff and the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home. A special thank you to Marlon Hollis for the beautiful song and his beautiful wife Patsy for being my rock of support. We are grateful to Bro. Butch Gray and Bro. Roger Waters for their beautiful service. A special thank you to our church family at Frances Presbyterian Church for the meal and all your love and concern. God bless.

The May Lou Gross Family

Thank You

The family of Dorris Driver, who passed away on January 7, 2014, would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those who supported us in our time of grief. Thanks for all the visits to the funeral home, flowers, prayers, cards, memorial donations and attendance at the service. A special thanks to Bro. Rodney Cude and Bro. Lester Watson for officiating the service. We want to thank members of Birdsville Baptist Church and all who brought food to our home and for the meal after the service. Thank you to Marion Baptist Church for letting us use their building. A special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Crittenden Health Systems and Baptist Health for the care they gave to Dorris. Thanks also to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for their compassion and understanding shown to our family.

Thanks again,
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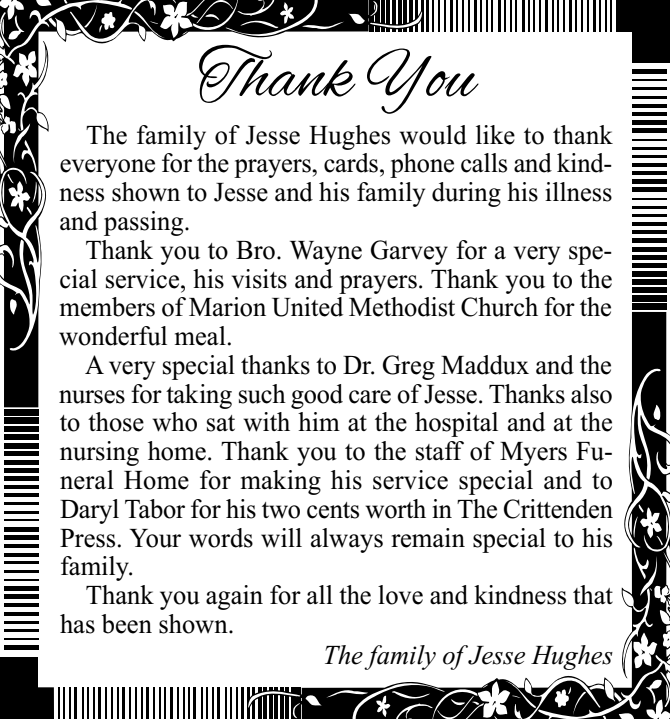


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Thank You

The family of Paul A. Davis would like to thank Pastor Sanders, Pastor Morrow, the ambulance driver, hospital staff, law officers, the staff of Boyd Funeral Directors and especially neighbor Jerry Franklin for his help and support following the recent automobile accident in which my husband, Paul A. Davis, was killed.



Thank You

The family of Jesse Hughes would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls and kindness shown to Jesse and his family during his illness and passing. Thank you to Bro. Wayne Garvey for a very special service, his visits and prayers. Thank you to the members of Marion United Methodist Church for the wonderful meal. A very special thanks to Dr. Greg Maddux and the nurses for taking such good care of Jesse. Thanks also to those who sat with him at the hospital and at the nursing home. Thank you to the staff of Myers Funeral Home for making his service special and to Daryl Tabor for his two cents worth in The Crittenden Press. Your words will always remain special to his family. Thank you again for all the love and kindness that has been shown.

The family of Jesse Hughes



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Anniversary of a death important to recognize

After losing a loved one to death, individuals try to make sense of it by grieving and searching for answers. It can be difficult for individuals to see tomorrow, let alone what the future will be like for them. But with time and support, you carry on. The first anniversary of a death in particular can draw painful emotions. It can be a confusing date for it is significant, but perhaps



not one that you want to celebrate, but certainly not one that you can forget or ignore. Just like the grieving

process, the experience of an anniversary date will be unique to each individual. The American Hospice Foundation poses important questions to ask when it comes to the first anniversary of a death: With whom do you want to share this day? Family, friends, and co-workers might not remember this date and this is normal. Take the opportu-

nity to remind those who are close to you and/or those who were close to your loved one. It is normal to want support around you for this day, but it is equally as normal to want to be by yourself. What do I want to do this day? This is an opportunity to create a tradition to remember the life of your loved one. Ask yourself questions that

revolve around your relationship with them. What did you like to do with them? How would they like to be remembered? For example, if your loved one loved enjoyed going to a certain place, make a visit there because they loved it. Do I want to work as usual, or should I try to take the day off? What will this day look like for you? Will it be hard to

concentrate at work? It is important to remember and recognize the anniversary of a death. Just because you might want to ignore it, does not make the emotions or thoughts about your loved one go away. Give yourself permission to think about your loved one. This day should be important to you by remembering the person you lost.

Glore recognized as Veteran of the Month

STAFF REPORT Douglas Leon "D.L." Glore has been named veteran of the month for January by American Legion Post 217 in Burna. Glore is a resident of Livingston County, a Vietnam veteran and a member of the Legion post, serving as sergeant-at-arms. "He has not only served our country well but also exhibits outstanding service to our Post and community," said Faye Gibson, president of the post's women's auxiliary. "We

truly appreciate Mr. Glore for his outstanding service to our country." Born on Aug. 11, 1945, Glore married Victoria Dale Pugh on Nov. 6, 1965, just nine days before he left for boot camp after being drafted into the U.S. Army. His basic training was at Fort Hood, Texas. He also had advanced training at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he trained with the Green Berets. Glore was assigned to a field artillery unit and

served a tour in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. When he arrived in country, he lost his best friend in the process of unloading even before arriving at the base. "This was a tragedy he will always remember," Gibson said. During his tour of duty in Vietnam, Glore drove an ammo truck, and he and five other men were on patrol the rest of the time. He was a forward observer. "As he told me, he was mortared every night and

shot at every day," Gibson said. "Most nights, he slept on the ground. The only time he went into town was to service his truck." Glore received many medals for his service, including a medal from South Vietnam for valor. After military service, Glore went to school to become a mechanic. He went on to work as a guard at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville. He also spent some time as a miner and carpenter.



50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leon Sutton of Eddyville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 18. Sutton, son of the late Kelly and Mable Sutton, and the former Carolyn Ann Beck, daughter of the late Elbert and Kathryn Beck, were united in marriage at 4 p.m., Jan. 18, 1964, at New Bethel Baptist Church in Eddyville. Rev. J. R. Crowley officiated the double ring ceremony. Attendants were Rev. and Mrs. Jerrell White. They are the parents of two sons, Quin Sutton and wife Amye, and Brian Sutton, both of Eddyville. They

have three grandchildren: Auburn Sutton of Owensboro and Warron and Taylyn Sutton both of Eddyville. Mr. Sutton is retired from CC Metals and Alloys where he worked as an overhead crane operator for over 40 years. Mrs. Sutton was employed by the Lyon County Board of Education for 13 years. The couple resides in Eddyville. An anniversary reception will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Eddyville First Baptist Church on Jan. 26. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. The couple requests no gifts.

Callaway discusses high school communication tools at January Inter-Agency Council meeting

STAFF REPORT Crittenden County High School Principal Rhonda Callaway was the featured speaker at last week's meeting of the Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council. Callaway spoke on the importance of communication at the high school both with students and with their parents. One of her goals is to see more parent participation in parent-teacher conferences. The principal said she and school officials have immersed themselves in social media, citing it's some-

thing in which both students and their parents participate. Callaway also encourages parents or guardians of CCHS students who use text messages to communicate to join the CCHS Parent Celly Group. Parents who sign up receive important reminders from the high school by text message. To join the celly group, text "CCHSParents" to 23559. "It's a very quick way for us to send a mass-message to parents," Callaway said. "We also have our One Call



Callaway announced at last Thursday's meeting the access channel was coming back for the school district's use. "That's been a mission for

system I use frequently." The school system at one time had access to a local cable channel to disseminate school announcements. Callaway also cited The CCHS Rocket News Blast, a weekly electronic newsletter, as another way the school is reaching out to help keep parents better informed on their students' educational experience. "We spend more time with our kids than they get to spend with their parents," Callaway said. "We feel communication is huge."

Tumble Extreme team places at competition



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Tumble Extreme tumble team competed in Lexington on Jan. 11 at Heritage Hall. Members received the following placements: (back row, from left) Trinity Hayes, second place tumbling, fourth place trampoline, third place double-mini; Sissy Collins, first place tumbling, first place trampoline, fourth place double-mini; Michaela West, second place tumbling, fourth place trampoline, second place double-mini; (center row) Riley Summers, fourth place tumbling, fourth place trampoline, third place double-mini; Belle Minton, first place tumbling, second place trampoline, third place double-mini. Minton also received a hi-point award for overall high score on her tumbling pass; (front row) Paityn Maness, fifth place tumbling, second place trampoline, third place double-mini; Rhianna Maness, fifth place tumbling, second place trampoline, eighth place double-mini. Not pictured Brittany Minton, second place tumbling, third place trampoline and fifth place double-mini.

CCMS SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

All-A Honor Roll

Sixth-grade: Hannah Bell, Lily Berry, Shelby Brown, Douglas Conger, Kirsten DeBoe, Jaycie Driver, Lauren Gilchrist, Kyron Hicks, Ellie McGowan and Ellie Smith. Seventh-grade: Hannah Easley, Paige Gilbert, Caitlyn Lynch and Shea Martin. Eighth-grade: Emmalea Barnes, Landon Brooks, Madison Champion, Mauri Collins, Madison O'Dell, Dayton Simpkins and Samuel Winders.

All-A-and-B Honor Roll

Sixth-grade: Morgan Barnes, Jaylin Blackburn, Jaimie Burt, Jayden Carlson, Shelby Cooper, Cortne Curnel, Gavin Davidson, Mackenzie Dennis, Jesika Duncan, Ashleigh Dunkerson, Caleb Estes, Riley Gobin, Trinity Hayes, Logan Henderson, Emma Herrin, Skylar James, Clowey Jones, Hunter Jones, Michael Kirk, Se-calie Lopez, Lynzee Lynn, Philip Parish, Trevor Peppler, Justin Phillips, Jenna Potter, Kyonna Ross, Ethan Shaffer, Andrew Smith, Emmie Smith, Victoria Starrett, Ethan Stone, Josie Tapp, Ryan Turner, Tanner Way,

Zackery Weathers and Dillan West. Seventh-grade: Baileah Barnes, Brandy Book, Hunter Boone, Jennifer Bricken, Zachary Claybrooke, Madison Conger, Hannah Cooksey, Jesse Curnel, Gavin Dickerson, Haily DiMaggio, Ethan Dossett, John Duvall, Devin Ford, Chris Haire, Hunter Holeman, Drake Kemper, Travis Kinnis, Matthew Lynn, David Maness, Marcus Manns, Devon Nesbitt, Sean O'Leary, Kenlee Perryman, Devin Porter, Payton Riley, Pate Robinson, Joshua Sarles, Shelby Summers, Sawyer Towery, Faith Turner, Jenna Wallace, Leah Williams and McKenzi Zahrt. Eighth-grade: Nicole Adams, Emma Atchison, Bailly Barnes, Adam Beavers, Logan Belt, Ryan Belt, Rachel Butler, Trenten Champion, Kylie Collins, Cruce Collyer, Ross Crider, Clay Croft, Dawson Doyle, Daryan Duran, Carsen Easley, Lauryn Faulkner, Kaitlyn Hicks, Mason Hunt, Thomas Jacobs, Baylee Priest, Noah Sallin, Makensie Simpkins, Matthew Spannuth, Tyson Steele, Clay Stevens, Christian White, Corbin Wilson and Kaitlyn Young.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

High honors earned Amber Wright and Cole Foster, CCHS students, were finalists in the Marshall County Invitational Speech Tournament held at Marshall County High School on Jan. 11. Wright and Foster were ranked fifth place in improvisational duo and Foster attained a sixth place rank in humorous interpretation. Both students will compete in the state tournament in March at UK.

Community CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 23 ■ Widowed Persons Support Group will meet at 11 a.m., at the Cabin and Bait Deli in Kuttawa. For more information contact Princeton Clinic of Pennyroyal Center at (270) 365-2008, extension 725. Monday, Jan. 27 ■ The Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m., at the Extension Office. The program will be on the mile-long quilt by Angie York, Lyon County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Visitors are welcome. Call (270) 965-5236 for more information. Tuesday, Jan. 28 ■ An informational session

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. Every day, the center at 210 North Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and use of the exercise equipment. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information. This week's activities and menu include: - Today: Pastor Terra Sisco leads Bible study at 10:30 a.m. Menu is roast pork, oven-brown potatoes and carrots, broccoli casserole, whole wheat roll and pineapple fluff. - Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is oven-fried chicken, baked sweet potato, black-eyed peas and fruit cobbler. - Monday: Menu is beef vegetable soup, egg salad sandwich on wheat bread, crackers and fruit cobbler. - Tuesday: Menu is meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, seasoned cabbage, cornbread and peach slices. - Wednesday: Menu is barbecue chicken, whole kernel corn, green bean casserole, whole wheat roll and tropical fruit. - Next Thursday: Menu is beef pot roast, oven-brown potatoes with carrots, whole wheat roll and banana pudding.

Beshear: Education priority of budget

By **BRUCE SCHREINER**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gov. Steve Beshear proposed reshuffling state funds Tuesday night to bolster Kentucky's public schools, recommending a large infusion of money for classrooms gained from another round of budget cuts.

Kentucky's higher education system was among the targets for spending cuts in the \$20.3 billion, two-year state General Fund budget that Beshear presented to lawmakers.

The second-term Democratic governor outlined his budget priorities in a speech to a joint session of the Kentucky House and Senate. It marks the starting point for nearly three months of haggling as lawmakers craft a budget for the two years starting July 1.

As promised, Beshear found extra money for Kentucky's elementary and secondary education system by recommending \$98.6 million in spending cuts.

"This budget proposal strategically focuses our very limited resources on what I believe will deliver the greatest return: A more highly educated population that will become a more talented workforce," he said.

Beshear proposed an extra \$189 million over current funding for the state's main funding formula for K-12 classrooms. The increase would raise per-pupil spending to its highest total ever in Kentucky, he said.

From 2000 to 2008, the funding formula grew an aver-

age of 3.4 percent yearly, he said. Since 2008, when the recession hit, funding has been flat, even as the state recovers from the deep economic downturn.

He proposed a pay raise for teachers and other school employees – 2 percent in the first year and 1 percent in the second year. He also proposed spending \$36 million over two years to expand preschool services to serve an estimated 5,125 more 4-year-olds.

Beshear recommended that many state agencies, including the governor's office, take a 5 percent budget cut in the first year of the biennium. Those agencies' budgets would remain flat in the second year.

He acknowledged the cuts would cause more damage to a state government that has endured about \$1.6 billion in state spending cuts in the past six years as tax collections plunged amid the downturn.

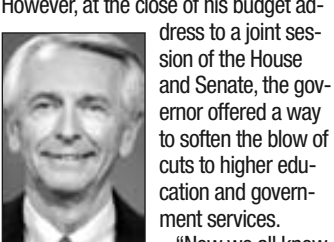
The latest cuts could result in delayed services and possible layoffs and facility closures, he said.

He proposed a 2.5 percent budget cut in the first year of the budget cycle for universities, community and technical colleges and the Kentucky State Police. As a result, colleges and universities face cumulative cuts of 17 percent since the recession if the latest cuts go through, the governor said.

"This was one of the most difficult choices made in this budget, because higher education deserves more support, not less," Beshear said. "But

Another way?

Gov. Steve Beshear on Tuesday proposed bold spending cuts and a reshuffling of state funds to benefit K-12 education over the next two years.



However, at the close of his budget address to a joint session of the House and Senate, the governor offered a way to soften the blow of cuts to higher education and government services.

"Now we all know there are alternatives that would allow a lot more progress and a lot more investment with a lot less damage to needed services," he said. "Yes, I'm talking about tax modernization and expanded gaming."

there simply is no way to create enough money to make the needed investments in pre-K through 12th grade unless higher education is included in the reductions."

Meanwhile, the governor recommended authorizing \$145.5 million in agency bonds to help finance expansion projects across the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

He said it represents the single-largest investment in the KCTCS system since its formation. The two-year system has grown to about 100,000 students at its 16 colleges and 73 campuses, he said.

Agency bonds would fund up to 75 percent of the projects' costs. The remaining costs would be covered by local communities where the projects occur, as well as

other public or private sources, he said.

Beshear recommended investing \$60 million in General Fund-supported bonds for the "Bucks for Brains" program to lure more top-notch faculty and researchers to the state's universities.

His budget plan also included more than \$520 million in capital construction projects for the state's four-year public universities, also backed by General Fund-supported bonds.

Those projects include a new science building at Eastern Kentucky University, a health innovation building at Northern Kentucky University and the final phase of Murray State University's new science complex.

On the economic development front, Beshear proposed investing \$100 million to spread high-speed Internet access to every area of Kentucky. Kentucky ranks 46th in broadband availability, and nearly one-fourth of the state's rural areas lack broadband access, the governor said.

"Access isn't just about being able to sign on to Facebook," he said. "It's about speed and capacity that allow us to attract high-tech, knowledge-based and information-intensive businesses to Kentucky."

Beshear said his budget proposal reflected modest revenue growth and fixed costs the state must cover, including a mandate to pump more money into the government pension system to restore its solvency.

Tax question won't affect local library directly

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Many of Kentucky's 119 public library systems could lose much of their revenue without legislative action in the current session of the Kentucky General Assembly due to lawsuits successfully challenging their right to increase tax rates, reports The (Lexington) Herald Leader.

The public library in Crittenden County, however, would not be among the 83 percent of Kentucky's public libraries affected by the lawsuits that could drastically cut annual budgets.

"We will not be affected, at least not directly," said Regina Merrick, director of Crittenden County Public Library, adding that the local library was not created under the same statute as those whose funding mechanism is in question.

The suits affect library boards established under Chapter 173 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, which requires voters to approve any change in tax rates. For years, as advised by the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, the library boards followed a separate law, House Bill 44, passed in 1979, that allows taxing districts to raise tax rates up to 4 percent annually without voter approval.

In 2012, Northern Kentucky taxpayers noticed the difference between the two laws. They separately sued the Campbell and Kenton county library boards. The suits allege that HB 44 is irrelevant for the libraries, so

tax increases enacted since 1979 have been illegal because voters were not asked to approve them. The suits demand a reduction in local library tax rates to their much lower 1978 levels.

Circuit judges sided with the taxpayers last spring. The cases are before the Kentucky Court of Appeals for review. Other challenges are being prepared against libraries around the state.

Merrick said the local library taxing district was created 54 years ago.

"It was brought before the fiscal court by a petition to be placed on the November 1959 ballot, where it was established by a majority vote," she explained.

In 1983, a letter to former library director Gayle Alvis from then-Attorney General Steve Beshear offered the following opinion on the local library board's taxing abilities:

"(Per statute), your tax rate should not be less than 5 cents nor more than 15 cents on each \$100 worth of property assessed for local taxation."

The opinion was reiterated in 1995, Merrick said.

Crittenden County's library tax remains at only 5 cents per \$100 of assessed property value on real and personal property and motor vehicles.

As one example of what might follow if the Campbell and Kenton County lawsuits are upheld by the appellate court, expected to rule early this year, Campbell County's library is looking at a potential 56 percent cut to its \$4.6 million budget, library director J.C. Morgan told the Cincinnati Enquirer in November. Though the ruling will not have a direct affect locally, the impact could still be felt in Marion.

"I am saddened that

Congressman Whitfield named 'Top 10 Lawmaker on Energy'

STAFF REPORT

Congressman Ed Whitfield, (R-Hopkinsville) last Wednesday was designated as one of the "Top 10 Lawmakers on Energy," according to Chicago-based Real Clear Politics. Whitfield, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, is one of two Congressmen to make the list.

"As head of the subcom-

mittee on energy and power, Whitfield is Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton's top point man on energy issues and is finding allies in coal-state Democrats," Real Clear Politics' website read.

Whitfield has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1995. He is seeking reelection this year and is currently unopposed.

U.S. 641

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said Tuesday of funding requests.

Despite a recent request by many Caldwell County residents for another public hearing on the preliminary route proposed for Phase 2 of U.S. 641, Newcom said he understands from transportation officials that there will be no such meeting scheduled.

Meantime, construction continues on the first section of the U.S. 641 relocation project in Crittenden County. The present \$18.5 million grade and drain project in Crittenden County extends from just south of Marion to the northern edge of Fredonia near the Crittenden-Caldwell County line.

Phase 1 is expected to be ready for paving late this year or early 2015. Plans are for it to initially be paved as a super two-lane with the option of converting it to four lanes later.

The estimated cost of the entire, 16-mile U.S. 641 project is about \$109 million – \$39 million for the Crittenden County section and up to \$70 million for the 10-mile section from Fredonia to Eddyville.

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BASKETBALL

Upcoming prep games

Crittenden County Schedule

Friday

All A Classic Second Round

Rockets vs. Caldwell County at Dawson Springs

(Crittenden had a first-round bye)

Saturday

Class A championship, 8 p.m., at Dawson Springs

Tuesday

Lady Rockets host Union County

Rockets host Murray

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OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
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
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Turkey Youth	April 5-6
Spring Turkey	April 12 - May 4

Coyote hunting contest

There will be a 24-hour coyote hunting contest in Crittenden County starting at sundown Friday, Feb. 7 and running through 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8 at Hodge's Outdoor Sports. See store for details.

2nd best deer archery season on the books

The last of deer and turkey seasons ended Monday. The longer bow seasons are producing higher rewards for archers. This year provided the second highest harvest ever for Crittenden County bowhunters. They took 468 whitetails. The best season on record for the county was 2011 when 475 were taken with a bow and arrow.

Likewise, the overall deer season was a huge success for Crittenden County, with 3,032 deer taken. That ranks Crittenden third in the state behind Owen (4,068) and Pendleton (3,463) counties.

Of the deer taken in Crittenden County, just over half, 1,543 were males.

Crittenden County DEER HARVESTS	
1993	2,357
1994	1,826
1995	1,857
1996	2,065
1997	1,874
1998	2,728
1999	2,201
2000	2,597
2001	2,272
2002	2,695
2003	2,586
2004	3,032
2005	2,593
2006	3,085
2007	2,927
2008	2,707
2009	2,549
2010	2,952
2011	2,829
2012	3,010
2013	3,032

Top Counties 2003-14 Statewide Harvest	
Owen	4,068
Pendleton	3,463
Crittenden	3,032
Christian	2,910
Graves	2,893
Other Area Counties	
Webster	2,228
Livingston	1,731
Caldwell	1,644

BASEBALL


CCMS team tryouts

CCMS baseball will conduct tryouts later this month. Anyone interested in playing should contact Todd Riley at (270) 704-0483. This is for grades 7 and 8.

Dugout Club meeting; expanded opportunity

The Dugout Club will meet at 2 p.m., Sunday at Rocket Arena to begin discussing the upcoming spring softball and baseball seasons. The meeting is open to everyone interested in youth softball and baseball.

This spring, all age divisions participating in the Dugout Club's summer softball and baseball programs will be affiliated with the league formed in conjunction with Dawson Springs, Princeton and Eddyville, which will provide more opportunities in every age group.



1,000-Point Club

Rocket senior point guard Aaron Owen reached the 1,000-point milestone for his career Saturday in the fourth quarter against Marshall County. Despite obvious attempts by Marshall's defense to stop Owen, he was able to gather most of his team-high 10 points at the foul line. Owen, who currently ranks 9th on the Rockets' all-time scoring list, is averaging 12 points a game. With about a dozen games left this year, he will likely move into the Top 5 by season's end.

Player	Points	Year
Tim Hill	1,822	00-05
Bennett Smith	1,596	68-72
Don Brasher	1,326	50-53
Greg Thurman	1,205	83-87
Casey Oliver	1,090	07-11
Lige Shadowen	1,063	55-58
Tom Wring	1,030	53-56
Spencer Cozart	1,024	75-79
Aaron Owen	1,007	09-14

PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Rocket basketball player Aaron Owen was honored after scoring his 1,000th career point Saturday night during a game against Marshall County. Owen is a senior. He is pictured accepting a game ball signed by teammates when the game was stopped for a brief celebration.

Hodge has eye on horizon

Rocket schedule getting no easier; coach seeks fun

STAFF REPORT

Turning the corner into the final month of the high school basketball season, Rocket coach Denis Hodge sees a number of opportunities, challenges and changes he'll consider down the road.

No. 1 on his list is having fun. "We're in the midst of what you might call a mid-season lull," Hodge explains. So, I think it's time for me to step back and refocus on some things. I have 15 things on my list that I want us to work on in practice, and some of that will include just having fun."

Competitive drills that keep practice fresh and exciting are part of the skipper's plans to help ease the grind of late January and early February basketball.

The Rockets are 5-13 against what some might call a brutal non-district schedule for a traditionally lower-level Second Region, small-school program. Not only have the Rockets played three non-district Top 5 teams from their own region, but their worksheet also includes matchups against Graves County, Marshall County and Mayfield, and upcoming contests with Murray and St. Mary. All five of those First Region foes are upper echelon teams, averaging double-digit wins. Graves is 17-2.

Coach Hodge was sorely disappointed with Monday's loss at Fort Campbell. The Falcons came into the game with just one victory this year, but armed with some good outside shooting, Hodge didn't think his team performed up to its ability and that started with his own preparation for the game. The Falcons made eight three-pointers in the contest.

"You can bet next time we won't let them get that many open shots from out there," Hodge said.

Starting two-guard Landon Young is out of the lineup with a head injury, which didn't help matters against Fort Campbell.

"We don't play well on the road and that's the sign of a young team," Hodge said.

This season, Crittenden has actually won more games on the road (3) than they have at home (2); however, the Rockets have lost nine games away from Marion and just four at Rocket



Rocket basketball coach Denis Hodge has a game plan for the last month of the season. It will include a methodical approach to improving his young team's maturity level while having fun. Here, Hodge discusses the game's next play during a timeout Saturday against Marshall County.

Arena.

Hodge thinks his team is about 10 points better at home right now. That's par for the course with a group that has just one returning senior in the starting lineup, the coach explains. Despite his club's maturity level, Hodge thinks having the district tournament at Marion late next month will be a key factor in determining this team's destiny.

All these tough opponents, Hodge hopes, will temper his boys' resolve before postseason. The question, though, is whether such a rugged schedule will be right for the future. The coach is not so sure.

"I need to take a hard look at our personnel and the size of our school then take a look at who we need to play and who we don't need to play in the future," Hodge said, hinting that a bit softer schedule might be in order for his program in the coming years.

The Rockets feature six juniors, but only three are in the regular rotation – either starting or quick off the bench. There are just two sophomores.

For now, however, Hodge is starring down a double-barrel shotgun with his team set to face Caldwell County Friday in the first round of the All A Classic at Dawson Springs and then at home on Tuesday to ace Murray (7-7).

"Murray may not have as good a record as they're used to, but they're still a very solid team," Hodge said.

And of course, Caldwell County – led by Elijah Sindelar, Eli Pepper and Dee Cain – are as tough as any team in the immediate area.

Loss at Trigg tough pill to swallow

The Rockets were disappointed to lose a close one at Trigg County Friday. A win would have created a tie for the regular-season district championship. The Rockets led by five early and were ahead by one with about three minutes left.

Crittenden was ahead when senior center Devin Belt fouled out, but Trigg quickly took the lead and never trailed again. Missed foul shots in the fourth period was a problem for the Rockets.

Foul trouble kept Belt off the floor for almost half of the game. In his absence Dakota Watson and Colby Watson were left to handle the inside for CCHS. Dakota Watson finished with a season-high 10 points. Belt had 11 and guard Aaron Owen scored a team-best 13.

Marshall County long and strong

Marshall County, one of the more storied programs in all of western Kentucky, came to Rocket Arena Saturday. The Marshals brought to bear a long-armed, well-disciplined defense that gave Crittenden fits early. The Rockets settled in, and despite a lopsided loss, battled Marshall with intensity that drew the approval of Coach Hodge.



INJURY REPORT: Crittenden guard Landon Young (pictured above) did not play Monday at Fort Campbell because he sustained a mild concussion during Saturday's Marshall County game. He will be out the rest of this week. However, Rocket backup post-player Zach Tinsley was back in the lineup in limited action Monday after missing a couple of games due to mononucleosis.

Fifth District Standings		
BOYS		
Team	Overall	Dist.
Trigg County	10-4	6-0
Crittenden County	5-13	4-2
Livingston Central	4-13	1-4
Lyon County	6-9	0-5
GIRLS		
Lyon County	10-4	5-0
Livingston Central	9-7	4-1
Crittenden County	5-11	2-4
Trigg County	4-12	0-6

'Round the Region	
Top 5 Boys' Records in 2nd Region	
1. Hopkinsville	16-2
2. Webster County	13-5
3. Trigg County	10-4
4. Madisonville	10-6
5. Caldwell County	9-5
5. Henderson County	9-5
Top 5 Girls' Records in 2nd Region	
1. University Heights	14-1
2. Henderson County	12-3
3. Union county	12-5
4. Madisonville	11-5
5. Webster County	11-7

ROCKET GAME SUMMARIES NON-DISTRICT GAMES	
Ft. Campbell 68, Crittenden 49	
Crittenden County	10 12 13 14
Fort Campbell	13 13 19 13
FT. CAMPBELL – Smith, Hall-Scott 15, Jethroe 16, McBreen, Parks, Cole-John 14, Reeves, Tatum 19, Grant 4, Kochpeth, James, Parker. FG 26-53. 3-pointers 8-17 (Jethroe 4, Tatum 4). FT 8-19. Rebounds 36 (Cole-Jone 7). CRITTENDEN – Owen 6, Dickerson 4, Hicks, Gilbert 11, Champion 2, Tinsley 3, C.Watson 10, D.Watson 1, Belt 12. FG 14-44. 3-pointers 1-15 (Gilbert). FT 20-34. Rebounds 37 (Dickerson 5, Owen 5).	
Marshall 57, Crittenden 37	
Marshall County	12 13 24 8
Crittenden County	3 12 12 10
MARSHALL –Taylor 4, Beckett, Pigg 6, English, Wooten 15, Dawson 2, Warnick 5, Travis 4, Harvey, Renfrow 19. FG 23-40. 3-pointers 4-12 (Pigg 2, Harvey 2, Travis 2). FT 7-14. Rebounds 29 (Renfrow 6). CRITTENDEN – Owen 10, Young 3, Dickerson 2, Hicks, Gilbert 5, Champion 5, C.Watson 7, D.Watson 2, Myers, Belt 3. FG 10-31. 3-pointers 6-20 (Owen 1, Young 1, Gilbert 1, Watson 1, Belt 1, Champion 1). FT 11-22. Rebounds 20 (C.Watson 4).	
DISTRICT GAME	
Trigg 57, Crittenden 48	
Crittenden County	14 10 16 8
Trigg County	15 15 9 17
CRITTENDEN – Owen 13, Young 5, Dickerson 6, Hicks, Gilbert, Champion, C.Watson 3, D.Watson 10, Myers, Belt 11, Hadfield, Faith. FG 16-39. 3-pointers 2-11 (Dickerson, Belt). FT 14-27. Rebounds 30 (C.Watson 6). TRIGG – Gardner 17, Sholar, Nance 14, Mayes 6, McKenzie 11, Mabry 8, Wilson, Day 1. FG 17-38. 3-pointers 4-8 (McKenzie 2, Gardner 2). FT 18-28. Rebounds 25 (Day 7).	

Lady Rocket winning streak stops at Class A

STAFF REPORT

Their best run in three years came to a screeching halt Monday in the opening round of the Class A Tournament at Caldwell County. The Lady Rockets had won three straight games last week – including two district victories over Trigg County – but the party ended just before halftime at Princeton in the annual small-school tournament.

Crittenden missed five layups in the first quarter at Caldwell, but managed to stay close for eight minutes. Then, the Lady Tigers went on a 21-3 run to put the game out of reach. Caldwell won 66-36 as Crittenden shot 14-for-41 from the floor.

The Lady Rockets won almost as many games last week – beating Trigg twice and Dawson Springs once – as they did in each of the previous two seasons. After back-to-back four-win campaigns, Coach Shannon Hodge declared that her team had gotten over the four-game hump. At 5-11 on the season, Crittenden's youthful girls have several more games on the schedule whereby victories are possi-

ALL A CLASSIC ROUND ONE	
Caldwell 66, Crittenden 36	
Crittenden County	11 3 16 6
Caldwell County	18 19 17 12
CRITTENDEN – McDowell 5, C.Moss 8, Oliver 13, Nesbitt 2, Collins 2, Evans 2, Pierce 2, K.Moss 2, Beverly, Johnson, Lynch, Riley. FG 14. 3-pointers 2 (C.Moss, Oliver). FT 6-11. CALDWELL – Gilkey 11, Litchfield, Frialix 4, Rodgers 21, Clift, Harris, McDaniels, Gilland 1, M.Gilland 2, Loomis 17, Astin 1, Holt 9. FG 24. 3-pointers 3 (Loomis). FT 15-24.	
DISTRICT GAME	
Crittenden 55, Trigg 42	
Crittenden County	13 10 16 16
Trigg County	10 7 6 9
CRITTENDEN – McDowell 3, C.Moss 21, Oliver 17, Collins 5, Nesbit 3, Pierce 2, K.Moss, Lynch 4, Riley, Johnson, Beverly. FG 22. 3-pointers 1 (Collins). FT 1-24. TRIGG – Murphy 5, Mize 16, Russell, Stone, Mount, Hughes 4, Gray 12, Chaney, Oliver 5. FG 17. 3-pointers none. FT 8-15.	
ble.	
Crittenden's next game, at home Tuesday against Union County, will be a tough one. The Lady Bravettes are 12-5 with the third best record in the region.	

Lady Rocket Alumni Basketball Game is Feb. 8

There will be an alumni game and reception starting at 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8 at Rocket Arena. At 6 p.m., the Lady Rockets will host Ballard Memorial. All alumni will be recognized between the JV and varsity games. If interested in playing, contact Coach Shannon Hodge at (270) 704-0593 or shannon.hodge@crittenden.kyschools.us.



Crittenden's Chelsea Oliver defends Caldwell's quick guard Lele Rodgers during Monday's Class A Tournament action at Princeton. Rodgers led her team in scoring with 21 points.

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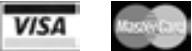
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The proposed changes to the DSM/EE program portfolio, if approved, will result in an increase in the charges calculated under the DSMCRM mechanism. The increase charges for all affected electric rate classes are as follows:

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\$ 0.00349	\$ 0.00378	+ \$ 0.00029	+ 8.3%

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KU projects that the monthly bill impact of the new DSM/EE programs and program enhancements will be an increase of \$0.29 per month for a KU residential electric customer using 1,000 kWh per month.

This tariff filing may be examined at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, or on Kentucky Utilities Company's website at www.lge-ku.com.

This tariff filing may also be examined at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding this tariff filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

The proposed changes to the DSM/EE program portfolio and associated increase in the charges calculated under the DSMCRM mechanism contained in this notice are proposed by Kentucky Utilities Company. The Public Service Commission may order changes to KU's proposed DSM/EE program portfolio that may result in charges under the DSMCRM mechanism that differ from the proposed charges contained in this notice.

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Blackford Walking Trail bridge complete with new decking

STAFF REPORT

It's been 15 years since the effort to save a 100-plus-year-old, defunct railroad bridge across the Tradewater River was started. Today, the span hasn't looked better since a train last rumbled across her tracks.

Built in 1887 by the Ohio River Valley Railroad, the Blackford Veterans Memorial Bridge is now part of the Blackford Walking Trail that connects the Webster County community of Blackford with the Veterans Walk of Honor in Crittenden County.

The decking of the pedestrian bridge has been in disrepair the last few years. Last week, however, work was finished on a brand new walkway across the span that should outlast most of those responsible for saving the bridge from obscurity.

"It will be there when I'm gone," said Brent Witherspoon, the Crittenden County man who ramrodded the effort beginning in 1999 to save the bridge after it was abandoned along with the railroad itself.

Webster County Judge-Executive Jim Townsend said the pressure-treated lumber used for the decking should last a half-century, unlike the first decking put down in 2006. Due to poor construction and inferior wood, Townsend said, that walkway began deteriorating soon after it was finished. It fell into such a state of disrepair that the bridge was closed, though people still continued to cross.

"The job is done right this time," Townsend said.

"I'm grateful for it," Witherspoon said. "And I'm sure Blackford is grateful for it."

Despite the bridge straddling the Crittenden-Webster County line, Webster County paid for the entire \$330,000-



PHOTO BY DARYL K. Tabor, THE PRESS

Workers put the finishing touches earlier this month on the new decking of the Blackford Veterans Memorial Bridge spanning the Tradewater River that divides Crittenden and Webster counties. The bridge, originally built for a railroad in 1887, is part of the Blackford Walking Trail.

plus project to replace the decking. It was paid for, in part, through a financial settlement with the company who installed the first decking.

When the trail was first established, the fiscal courts in both counties worked to see the walking trail through to completion. Crittenden County maintains the trailhead and veterans memorial on the western side of the Tradewater River.

L.D. Construction of Wickliffe began putting down the new deck in November. Though work is complete, including handrails across the entire span, Townsend said there still remains cleanup and work to repair the paved

walking trail that was scarred by a trackhoe used in the construction.

The bridge decking was constructed not only for pedestrian use, but was also built to standards to handle emergency vehicle traffic, cutting down on the time it would take to respond to or from the Blackford area.

"It's wide enough for a fire truck and ambulance to cross," Townsend said.

Despite the designation, the judge-executive knows that residents of both counties will cross in their personal vehicles. No barricades are planned to limit traffic, however.

"It's safe enough to cross if people have to," he said.

BARNES

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to Alabama. Leslea, who holds a college minor in photography, was able to document many of the re-enactments on camera.

She said Castle's initial inquiry was surprising.

"I couldn't believe that someone had thought enough of my photos to want to include them in their book," she said. "Especially, since he was from England, considering that is where the history from this time period originates. For us, British re-enactors, England is the 'Mother Country,' so that just made it even more special."

Castle had two Facebook pages of photographs from which to select. One chosen for the book included a re-enactment at Fort Massac in which Adam is depicted. Leslea attributes the family's interest in re-enactments to Adam, who started participating in Civil War re-enactments when he was 14 years old at Land Between the Lakes.

"They were a great set of guys that loved history and the outdoors," Adam recalls of his fellow re-enactors. "I love to re-enact, and now, my whole family can enjoy it with me, and that is great. We can go for the weekend and just slow down and enjoy one another's company without all of today's distractions. Plus, we all get to see and learn new things about our country's history."

Most individuals involved in re-enactments belong to a civilian group carrying military designations. Adam's unit is the First Virginia Hogs



Crittenden Countian Leslea Barnes' photography has earned her publication in a non-fiction book about the French and Indian War. Barnes says she tries to capture realities of the French and Indian War through her photos taken at re-enactments like the one above.

Co., a French and Indian War re-enactment group based in western Kentucky.

"We research all aspects of the unit from uniforms and the materials they were made of to the weapons and tactics they used," he said. "This sounds like a lot of work, but it is really fun trying to research all of this with your family and friends. We learn from one another. The re-enactment is the end result of it all, and it makes learning and the outdoors fun."

Leslea enjoys photographing the re-enactments as they take place and bringing history to life for friends and family across the United States and England.

"It is just really fun to watch the events and battles take place and to photograph them as they happen and try

to pull out the highlights and bring history to life through a photograph for others to enjoy. Also, the re-enactors really like to see pictures of themselves in the events, too," she said.

Having recently received a copy of Castle's book, Leslea said she was thrilled someone wanted her work to use for publication.

"It is really a great honor to have my photographs published," she said. "I would one day like to put together a book with a collection of my re-enactment photos. So, to already have some published is awesome. I hope this might open the door to have more of my work published or make my own book a reality someday."

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New Contemporary Service 8:15 A.M.

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