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County GOP talks gun, states rights

Crittenden County Republicans will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the courthouse in Marion. Agenda items for discussion include gun rights protected by the Second Amendment and states rights outlined in the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Everyone, regardless of party affiliation, is being invited to attend.



Fiscal court taps last of CHS board

Crittenden Fiscal Court has approved the appointment of Nathan Boone to Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors.

There had been some contention last month about appointments to the volunteer hospital board, which is made up of local citizens.

With Boone's appointment, the hospital board is now complete. Its directors are Charlie Hunt, Roger Simpson, Valerie Newcom and newcomers Boone, Fred Stubblefield and Tammy Owen. Dr. Gary James is currently serving as the physician member of the board.

Organ donation heart graces IDs

Kentuckians this week began having an organ donor heart printed on their driver's license like in the states of Ohio, Indiana and others.

"For more than 20 years, the circuit clerks of Kentucky have been educating communities about the life-saving mission of organ donation. Thousands of kids and adults are waiting for an organ transplant today. Now, Kentuckians can proudly show their support for these patients in need," explains Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk Melissa Guill.

When renewing a license, deputy clerks ask all Kentuckians if they would like to be a registered organ donor. Everyone who says yes will have the option to have a small, blue heart with the words "Organ Donor" printed on his or her license.

Meetings

■ Crittenden Public Library Board of Directors, will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the library.

■ Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the conference room in Rocket Arena.

What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked readers the following question: "Are more stringent gun control laws the answer to averting mass shootings in America?"

Nearly four of five responding to the survey are opposed to tighter restrictions on gun ownership in America. Here is what 518 voters said:

- Yes, 83 (16%)
- No, 411 (79%)
- Unsure, 20 (4%)
- Need more info, 4 (1%)

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Kenergy rate increase could add \$25 to average monthly bill

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

It's seem early to think about in January, but some in the county may want to start considering turning down the air-conditioning this summer.

Most rural electric customers in Crittenden County could see their monthly bill swell by almost \$25 later this year if the Kentucky Public Service Com-

mission (PSC) approves a rate increase requested by the generation and transmission cooperative that supplies power to Kenergy Corp.

Henderson-based Big Rivers Electric Corp. filed a request last week to raise its wholesale electric rates in the area by \$74 million annually beginning in August. It cited the expected departure of Century Aluminum's smelter

in Hancock County.

"Cost-cutting alone cannot offset this deficiency," said Marty Littrel of Big Rivers.

The request stems from a dispute between the utility and the smelter over electric costs. The smelter notified Big Rivers last year that it would terminate its contract to purchase power in August 2013.

The PSC application says a residential customer would

see their average bill increase by nearly \$22 based on typical power usage. Kenergy CEO and President Greg Starheim said the impact to rural cooperative customers could be even greater. He said customers could be paying about \$24 more each month.

Electric rates in Kentucky rank among the lowest in the country. And according to the U.S. Energy Information Ad-

ministration, Kenergy customers in 2011 paid less than the statewide average of 9 cents per kilowatt-hour, spending only 7.46 cents per kwh. The county's only other electric utility, Kentucky Utilities Co., charged only slightly more at 8.02 cents per kwh.

It could be several weeks before the PSC rules on the rate request following a series of public input meetings.

NATIVE'S SERVICE MERITS HONOR



PHOTO BY CAPT. ANDI HAHN, KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
Crittenden County native and Kentucky Army National Guard Col. Scott Campbell, former 149th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Commander, speaks to soldiers after being presented the Legion of Merit award at a ceremony last month in Frankfort. The honor was, in part, for meritorious service while serving as a commander deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

Campbell awarded prestigious medal for Iraq, Guard command

STAFF REPORT

Frances native and 1978 Crittenden County High School graduate Col. Scott A. Campbell recently added another honor to his sterling military resume.

The commander of the 149th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) headquartered in Louisville was presented the Legion of Merit earlier this month during an award ceremony at Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort. The medal, presented by Adjutant General of Kentucky Maj. Gen. Edward W. Tonini, recognizes Campbell's meritorious service as commander while deployed to Iraq in support of Opera-

Legion of Merit

Awarded to Col. Scott A. Campbell for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of distinguished services and achievements as a member of the Kentucky Army National Guard.



The following is the text of the Legion of Merit awarded to Col. Scott A. Campbell of the Kentucky Army National Guard by order of the Secretary of the Army: "For exceptional meritorious service from 1 September 2008 to 18 June 2012 as Commander, 149th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Louisville, Kentucky. Colonel Campbell's leadership, dedication and devotion to his Soldiers set the standard across the force. His hard work in planning, resourcing, executing and evaluating aggressive training opportunities enabled the success of the largest deployment of Kentucky Soldiers since WWII in support of Operation New Dawn. His emphasis on caring for Soldiers has been rewarded by Soldier/Unit readiness throughout the Brigade. Colonel Scott A. Campbell's distinguished performance of duty represents exemplary achievement and is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Kentucky Army National Guard and the United States Army."

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Alert sirens set to go off Friday

Severe weather alarms only part of local disaster mitigation effort

STAFF REPORT

Friday will be the second test of Crittenden County's severe weather sirens. Officials are expecting it to go better than the first test on Jan. 11 when none of the 11 county-owned alarms sounded off.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said Friday the company that installed the sirens, paid for with a \$109,000 federal grant, had figured out the

problem and resolved it as part of the original installation agreement.

"We had no additional cost associated with the necessary repairs," said Newcom.

The alarms, placed across the county to deliver widespread audible warnings for residents, are designed to be set off simultaneously by a

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Pumpkin Fest put on ice by Chamber

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will not host a fall festival this year.

Chamber directors met recently to discuss the annual autumn event, which has most recently been dubbed the Pumpkin Festival. Earlier, the October program was known as Heritage Days.

Organizers say staging a fall festival takes a great deal of time and manpower, something the Chamber has had trouble mustering. The event generally comes close to breaking even financially, sometimes providing a very modest profit for the Chamber. Members questioned whether the return was worth the investment in time and energy.

The Chamber is discussing having something in its place, but perhaps earlier in the



Fall festival rots on vine

Despite the prominent presence of the Pumpkin Festival logo on Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's website, the community organization has no plans to host the event 2013.

year. A summer car show is on the Chamber's short list of ideas. Members have also discussed a week-long leadership program for high school students. The program might include a student-led project such as the fall festival, said Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander.

Shannon Lain, a Chamber board member, said he has mixed feelings about doing away with the fall festival. Having a car show during potentially nicer weather might help make the idea more palatable, he said.

Chamber members plan on discussing further the car show proposal during its February meeting. The group meets at 8 a.m., on the first Tuesday of each month at the Marion Tourism and Welcome Center.

CCES volunteers Watch DOGS, mentors for kids

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Since its inception last fall, the Watch DOGS program at Crittenden County Elementary School has provided both positive role models for students and an additional source of protection for the campus.

Principal Melissa Tabor said the program is already a success.

"It has exceeded my expectations. It's been wonderful," Tabor said. "We've seen good relationships develop between Watch DOGS and students. The relationships we have seen grow from this have been very pleasing and rewarding; not just for the students but for the Watch DOGS as well."

Tabor said she has received many positive comments from the Watch DOGS about the relationships they are building with the students. The program was initiated by Tabor and Dr. Johnny Newcom.

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PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE CRITTENDEN PRESS
Tom Boink enjoys spending each Thursday as a Watch DOG volunteer at Crittenden County Elementary School. Above, Boink (left) sits with fourth-graders Destiny Sikes, Sadie Pile, Chase Stevens and fourth-grade teacher Julie Millikan during an afternoon activity at the school.

Free Food Distribution Day is Friday at the Crittenden County Assistance Center
Goods will be distributed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. behind the former health department building



Pets: Better to have loved, lost than never loved

When our little dog, Junior, was killed on Christmas Eve, we fell apart. Although he'd been around the farm a hundred times—running along side our golf cart—that day, he ran underneath a tire and died instantly. In a blink of an eye, our Christmas spirit was shattered.

It wasn't like Junior was our only dog. We raised fox terriers and had seven more we loved, but not one could take his place. He and his dad liked to tree a squirrel every now and then, but unlike our kennel dogs, the terriers lived inside with us most of the time.

Eddie's theory proved to be worthless. We couldn't keep enough dogs in reserve to make up for our three-year-old, six-pound Junior. We had raised these dogs for more than 10 years. He was the first dog we had let sleep with us. He was like family.



Linda Defew

Crittenden Press guest columnist

Defew's Views

Still, we accepted our loss with the knowledge he had died quickly. One minute he was running and having fun, the next, it was over. Eddie would deal with the tragedy by quoting Chief Dan George in the movie, "The Outlaw Josie Wales": "Endeavor to persevere." It was easier said than done. He blamed himself. As for me, I would write like I always do. Putting my feelings down on paper helped heal my broken heart.

We weren't by ourselves. All our dog lover friends, es-

pecially those who had been through it themselves, felt our pain. Once the word got out, we were inundated with calls and e-mails. One dear friend even made a card with Junior's picture on it. I wondered how we could have gotten so attached. I found out our love of animals is as old as time.

In Bible times, a touching story is revealed of the love between a man and his pet. In 2 Samuel 12, the Lord sent Nathan to David after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba and sent her husband to die in the front lines of a raging battle. It seemed a rich man had a traveler come by, and he wanted to kill a lamb to serve for their meal. He had all kinds of livestock, but he picked a pet lamb that belonged to a poor servant. The man begged him not to take her. It was his only lamb,

like a member of his family, eating and drinking from his table, just like a daughter. Nevertheless, he was unrelenting. The poor man's pet was served as the main course. Of course, the lesson applied to David, but it touches our heart. If the rich man had his own sheep, how could he be so cruel?

It isn't clear when the domesticated dog entered our lives. In Israel, a female mummy from centuries ago was found holding a puppy in her arms, but whether wolf or dog, nobody knew. Obviously, the woman treasured the animal and was attempting to take it with her to the afterlife.

Some say that humans adopted wolf pups and began feeding the least aggressive of the litter. Others say dogs domesticated themselves by scavenging on human refuse dumps, mak-

ing them less likely to flee from people.

When man lived by tracking, trapping and killing game, the dog gave them a much needed advantage. In return, man shared his primitive living quarters with the dog, and the two ate food together. A friendship formed from a need each one had for the other. Thus, the phrase, "Man's best friend," applied then as it does today.

As unbelievable as it seems, we have over 400 million dogs in the world. They are used for hunting, herding, pulling loads, protection, assisting police and military and aiding the handicapped. But, regardless of the good they do and the jobs they perform, their companionship to mankind is priceless.

In Junior, we had a best friend. Whether we'd been

away from him an hour or all day, he was always excited to see us. He asked no more than to be fed, watered and loved. A pat on the head or a nap in our lap was the highlight of his day. Trips with us in the car were heaven. That's when we took him by the drive-in window at the bank for a treat or to McDonald's for a chicken nugget. We loved spoiling him.

Some people refuse to get a dog because they fear what happened to us. My reply is to look at all the joy a good pet brings. Even though we hurt for a time, we will never regret having Junior in our lives. He was something special.

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

County addresses health department's Medicaid funding issues with Frankfort

STAFF REPORT

Changes to Medicaid funding in Kentucky are hurting small health departments like the one in Marion, said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

Last week, during the regular monthly meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court, Newcom presented to magistrates a resolution asking Frankfort to ease the pain. Elected officials unanimously approved the proposal, which will be sent to Frankfort asking for relief from new Medicaid funding procedures. The changes have

public health departments returning Kentucky's portion of the jointly-funded federal-state health care assistance program when services are rendered to enrollees.

Newcom said the changes have already cost Pennyrile area health departments about a half-million dollars.

"The state is basically requiring health departments to return 29.45 percent of Medicaid payments," Newcom told magistrates.

The judge-executive said new regulations were passed last year by the Kentucky General Assembly, but area health departments knew nothing of the plan before it was approved. Newcom added that hospitals and pharmacies are not held to the same requirements although they provide virtually equivalent care and services to Medicaid patients.

The resolution approved by magistrates asks the com-

monwealth to adequately fund health departments for services they've provided to Medicaid patients. Newcom also sent letters asking for help to Sen. Dorsey Ridley and Rep. Lynn Bechler, the county's representative lawmakers in the statehouse.

Newcom fears that if relief is not provided through legislation it will force the local health department to raise county health tax rates on property.

Health departments across the commonwealth are facing the same financial strain.



Newcom

Local runaway, 15, located; companion facing charges

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County teenager missing since last week was located unharmed Monday following an exhaustive search.

Hanna Michelle Barnett, 15, of Marion was reported as a runaway on Jan. 15. Marion Police Department immediately began distributing missing persons information in an attempt to locate the juvenile, who was believed to be in the company of an adult male said to be her boyfriend. Barnett's disappearance with her companion appeared consensual—she reportedly took all of her clothing with her.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal said Monday evening that Barnett had been found in Paducah. Her companion, Austin Shane Russell, 19, was arrested on numerous charges filed by McCracken and Crittenden County authorities.

O'Neal said the search was a cooperative effort between several law enforcement agencies and even the media. "We had a lot of news

agencies contacting us for her picture," the police chief said. "We had several people helping us."

The two teens were believed to be headed out of state, perhaps to Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Austin, Texas, or Albuquerque, N.M. Law enforcement in those areas worked with Marion police in searching for the pair, though the widespread search was ultimately unnecessary. O'Neal said the hunt was an exercise in effective cooperation.

"It all went well," he said.

Russell, also with ties to Crittenden County, was sought by Marion police on charges of felony custodial interference and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Once located in McCracken County, authorities there charged the man with endangering the welfare of a minor, shoplifting and providing a false name to police. He was lodged in McCracken County Jail. O'Neal said he will eventually be brought to Marion to face local charges.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Parrent named chief deputy circuit clerk

Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk Melissa Guill has announced the appointment of Reagan Parrent as chief deputy clerk. Parrent, 33, is a newcomer to the six-person staff. She is a lifelong Crittenden Countian and has worked for several years as a legal assistant with attorneys in Marion and Paducah. She also has extensive legal training. Parrent graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1998. She earned a bachelor's degree from Murray State in 2003 and a master's in public administration from MSU in 2004.

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Both felt a stronger male presence was needed at the school, whose teachers are all female.

The first meeting to recruit volunteers for Watch DOGS was held in November, and Tom Boink was there. Originally from Evansville, Boink now lives in the Weston community and is retired from teaching. He taught graphic arts for 28 years at Evansville Central High School.

"I had no ties with the school whatsoever," Boink said of CCES. "I just read the article published in the paper in early November. I went to the first meeting. I had never heard of such a program before. I tried it one day, and I've been back every Thursday since it's been initiated."

Boink begins his day at 7:15 a.m. and continues until all the children head home in the afternoon. He credits the

faculty and staff for their hard work and being helpful to the Watch DOGS.

In addition to monitoring, Boink assists students with class assignments as needed and offers positive mentoring. He said school security isn't just on the minds of parents and educators. Students are also talking about school safety.

"A little girl just stopped me at lunch today and told me she was glad I was here," he said Thursday. "She talked about the shooting in (Newtown) Connecticut."

"When I have front parking lot duty, you can see the parents. They know there's someone standing there ensuring the kids are going from the cars to the school safely."

Boink encourages other men to contact the school about becoming a Watch DOGS program volunteer.

"The rewards are when the bus pulls up in the morning," he said. "The kids wave at you and come out and give you a big hug."

The Crittenden County Republicans will meet
Tuesday, January 29th, 6:30 p.m.
at the courthouse in Marion.

Agenda items for discussion:
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WHO WE ARE



Schuyler Brantley

Who We Are is a feature found regularly inside The Crittenden Press. In it, we give you a chance to get to know your neighbors a little better.

Schuyler Brantley enjoys his multiple roles as husband, father and teacher. He and his wife Cathy home school their two children. Cathy is also a day-shift supervisor at Crittenden Health Systems.

"I call myself the teacher and my wife the administrator," he said.

Originally from Crittenden County, Brantley and his family moved back two years ago after spending nine years in Evansville where he was a jailer and deputy sheriff. He has a degree in police administration and traffic safety from Eastern Kentucky University.

"Home schooling is our passion. We put our children first," he said. "There are curriculums out there that are standard

and organized. You follow your work-books. You'll be surprised how fast your children catch on. My little girl just turned five and she is already reading."

Brantley said home schooling provides the opportunity to raise his children in a moral and ethical way that places God first in their lives.

"It's nothing against public school," he said. "Somebody made a comment the other day that we live in a different time because of the school shootings. I said the only difference now is we took God out of school. I feel God should be part of school."

Brantley said a benefit of home schooling instruction is that it is individual-

ized and can be tailored to help meet the children's needs in a particular subject area.

"You can tweak it if your child is doing well in one area. You can speed things up, and if they are struggling in another area, you can slow things down. You can be flexible. That's the good thing about home schooling," Brantley said.

He said structure and keeping his children on task are keys to success in home schooling.

"My children are five and seven. They know the rules and tasks they have to accomplish," he said. "They don't do a certain thing until they are done with school."

He also addressed what he called in-

correct stereotypes regarding children who are home schooled.

"A parent's biggest fear is that their kid wouldn't be socialized if they were home schooled. I think that is an excuse not to do it. It's a lie," he said. "My kids are active in church and active in Marion. When they get older they will be in 4-H. So children are as anti-social as the parents make them. There are tons of things out there for them to do. They're normal kids."

As with bigger cities, Brantley said he would like to see a large private or Christian school open in Crittenden County as an alternative for parents and their children.

Fiscal court OKs sheriff's plan to beef up firepower

STAFF REPORT

It's no coincidence Crittenden County Sheriff's Department is pursuing a state grant to better arm local lawmen. In the wake of mass killings by assailants using high-powered, assault-style rifles, Crittenden County wants to beef up its own firepower.

Sheriff Wayne Agent asked Crittenden Fiscal Court last week to approve a resolution backing a plan to seek funds for putting patrol rifles in every county cruiser. Magistrates unanimously approved the request.

Deputy Greg Rushing has handled the grant application process. He said the cost to the department for three .223-caliber AR-15 rifles would be \$5,700. That price includes training, duty ammunition and optics for the weapons. Guns like that are selling to the public for around \$2,000 apiece right now because demand is so high due to concerns over tighter gun laws.

Rushing said the sheriff's department currently has one AR-15, but in light of recent multiple-shooting incidents in this country, each deputy needs one.

"Basically, this will better arm our department in order for it to better serve the community," Rushing said.

Deputies already carry .45-

2012 sheriff's activity report

Following is a 2012 activity report from Crittenden County Sheriff's Department that reflects activity from the entire year. The information was provided by Deputy Greg Rushing.

CATEGORY	2012
Complaints	1,025
Arrests.....	148
Traffic stops	71
Citations.....	384
Criminal summons.....	304
Warrants.....	193
Subpeonas.....	264
Civil summons.....	349
Juvenile summons.....	193
Domestics.....	18
EPO's served.....	22
Accidents.....	119
Criminal cases.....	42
Vehicle inspections.....	241
Road checks.....	3
Transports.....	123
Court hours.....	1,034.5
Miles driven.....	57,311

caliber semi-automatic handguns and 12-gauge shotguns.

Rushing said the grant is being applied for through Kentucky's Law Enforcement Professionals Program. It's the same program that helped pay for local lawmen's duty weapons and body armor.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said his department has one AR-15, but all city officers have their own private weapons similar to the .223-caliber rifles the sheriff's department is seeking. He said some of the patrolmen carry their own private rifles in their cruiser while on duty.

Teen lives out 'Bieber' dream

By STACIE HEARELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A four-year-old dream finally came true last Friday for Crittenden County High School freshman Morgan Cincovich. After entering a Bieber Fever Best Collection contest for a chance to meet pop star Justin Bieber, Cincovich, 14, received the news she had been anxiously awaiting.

Contestants were picked as winners and awarded a backstage pass for one of 10 Bieber concerts. The winners were chosen based on pictures they submitted showing everything "Bieber" they own. Cincovich's photo showed her with life-size cardboard cutouts, t-shirts, posters and much more in her bedroom.

"I found out I had won when I was in Mr. Jody Porter's class at school," said Cincovich. "I instantly started crying, and Mr. Porter tried to rush me out of the class because he didn't know what was happening. All my friends, on the other hand, were trying to get to me to congratulate me, but all I did was cry tears of joy."

Accompanying Cincovich to the concert in Nashville, Tenn., and backstage meet-and-greet with artist was Kayla McLain from Pinley Park, Ill. McLain and Cincovich became friends through Twitter and later on Facebook, talking about the contest that both girls had entered. Although McLain didn't win the contest herself, Cincovich gave her virtual friend a second pass she had won. That gave the two fans the opportunity to meet Bieber together, even though they had never met one another.

"I cried when I found out Morgan was going to take me with her," said McLain. "I was so happy, and I couldn't believe that this was happening to me. Morgan is truly the



PHOTO COURTESY OF MORGAN CINCOVICH

Morgan Cincovich (far right), a freshman at Crittenden County High School, lived her dream last Friday of meeting pop star Justin Bieber backstage. Cincovich earned the honor by winning a contest with a photo of her room filled with Bieber posters, cutouts, shirts and more.

nicest girl I have ever met; I appreciate it so much because I never would have gotten to meet my idol if it hadn't been for her."

The two met in Music City where they lived their dream of meeting the star at one of his concerts.

"He is just such an inspiration, always talking about God and staying completely hum-

ble in his fame," said Cincovich.

"He gives to charity a lot and always makes his fans feel so special to him," added McLain.

The two girls have remained friends after the competition and last Friday's concert, and they will share a memory that will last a lifetime.

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tion New Dawn in 2011. The award highlighted Campbell's leadership, dedication and devotion to his soldiers across the 2,500-strong brigade.

"It caught me a little bit by surprise," Col. Campbell told The Crittenden Press, suggesting that command awards are typically given after deployments, "unless you mess things up."

Campbell, who lives with his family in Rineyville, Ky., near Elizabethtown, had his wife, Linda, by his side during the Jan. 11 award ceremony.

"I wasn't necessarily expecting a Legion of Merit," he said of the honor typically reserved for colonels and general officers.

Campbell's work in planning, resourcing and executing aggressive training opportunities enabled the success of the largest deployment of Kentucky soldiers since World War II. The 149th MEB served in Iraq from August 2011 to December 2011 and was responsible for closing down the largest camp, Victory Base Complex, of the entire Iraq war. The unit was among the last to leave Iraq. Campbell, who has Bronze Stars for his two tours in Iraq, credited the members of his team for the award.

"It was we; it wasn't just me," he humbly told The Press. "At the ceremony, I told the people there that I haven't accomplished a single thing in the military by myself. I've been blessed with great teams."

Campbell, 53, told Unbridled Service, the blog for the Kentucky Army National Guard, he had the best team anyone could have put together for such a historic mission.

“I told the people there that I haven't accomplished a single thing in the military by myself. I've been blessed with great teams.”

— Col. Scott A. Campbell

"This is a reflection of our organization," he said. "We can plug and play any number of members of our organization and create a 'winning' team."

In May, Campbell will have been in uniform for 32 years. Ironically, just before 9/11 he had put in 20 years with the military and was contemplating retirement with his family. That notion quickly changed.

"When 9/11 happened, we just quit talking about it," he explained. "We felt like I just needed to keep going because of that."

That decision took him overseas three times, once to Bosnia and twice to Iraq.

Last year, Campbell was approved by Congress for a promotion to general, but he has until 2016 to choose the right assignment for him and his family.

"I'm still waiting on a position to come open," he said. "Maybe this summer."

General officer jobs open routinely nationwide, but he is waiting for something in his native Kentucky. With multiple deployments, instruction and training with the National Guard as well as his responsibilities in his civilian job as a senior military trainer at Northrop Grumman Corp., Campbell has plenty of travel under his belt. Last week, he was in West Virginia with the National Guard. Next week, he travels to Arkansas for Northrop Grumman.

Such itinerary has made him uneager to pack up and move for a new posting.

Campbell received his commission in 1984 after attending officer candidate school and was promoted to colonel in 2008. In addition to the previously mentioned awards, he has received a couple of dozen other medals and commendations. Last year, he was inducted into the sophomore class of Crittenden County's Distinguished Alumni.

(Editor's note: Capt. Andi Hahn of the Kentucky National Guard Public Affairs Office contributed to this story.)

Marion woman, children send packages to 'adopted' soldier

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

One kind gesture can change a life or brighten someone's day. That is the idea behind Adopt a Hero, a nationwide program that asks individuals to commit to sending monthly care packages to a soldier deployed thousands of miles from home.

Marion resident Ashley Howard realized she and her family could help soldiers stationed overseas when she learned about the program from the Our Soldiers, Our Heroes Facebook page, which has a link to the Adopt a Hero program. Howard said the program requires a monthly commitment to send care packages and letters to a U.S. soldier for the duration of their deployment. Once an individual has made the commitment, Howard said they are assigned a soldier and can begin sending care packages to the trooper's location.

Howard, a nurse at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, recently committed to the program because she wanted to help a soldier and teach her own children about the power of giving.

"I thought it would be a good way to give back and

show the kids that they can be involved, too," she said. "I have a six-, nine- and 14-year-old. They have gotten involved and written letters and helped pick out the items to send in the boxes. They each



Howard

wrote individual letters and drew pictures as well."

Howard said the first care package went out a few weeks ago. Along with letters, the family sent snack items and toiletries. The Adopt a Hero website lists examples of items that can be sent. The packages take a couple of weeks to reach a soldier's base of operations abroad.

"We haven't heard back yet," Howard said. "But most of the soldiers will write you back and let you know what's happening in their lives and about their family. We asked specific questions about what was needed, so we're hoping to hear back soon."

Not all soldiers can send a response due to their location. Computer access may be limited or unavailable in remote



The Adopt a Hero Program helps people adopt service personnel overseas for delivering care packages. The free program simply makes the connection between the adoptee and the service personnel. You can join the program by visiting the following website:

www.Facebook.com/OurSoldiersOurHeroes

areas or combat zones in Afghanistan or other duty station. For safety reasons, individuals wanting to participate in the program must follow several rules, including not disclosing names or specific locations of their adopted soldier.

The Our Soldiers, Our Heroes Facebook site allows military family members to share stories about soldiers. It was created by a mother of a combat medic in the Army. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/OurSoldiersOurHeroes and click on "Events" to reach the Adopt a Hero link.

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Simple renovation efforts could revitalize pasture

By GARRY LACEFIELD
UK EXTENSION FORAGE SPECIALIST

If you have a less-than-productive grass pasture or hayfield, following a few simple renovation techniques could increase the field's productivity. Some things you can do include planting a legume such as red clover, controlling pests and adding lime and fertilizer. Be aware though, some techniques require you to start as early as the middle of February.

Adding legumes to pasture and hayfields has several benefits including higher yields, improved quality, nitrogen fixation and more summer growth.

Seeding legumes increases the total forage yield per acre. One study compared adding red clover to a fescue pasture with fertilizing the grass with nitrogen. Red clover growing with fescue produced higher yields than fescue fertilized with up to 180 pounds of nitrogen per acre.

Adding legumes also improves forage quality, compared to grass

alone. This increases palatability, intake, digestibility and nutrient content, resulting in improved animal performance. Research studies have shown that legumes improve animal growth rates, reproductive efficiency and milk production.

Legumes also add, or "fix," nitrogen in grass pastures and hayfields. Inoculating seed adds symbiotic bacteria that live in "knots" on plant roots and fix nitrogen the grasses and legumes need. Different legumes are able to fix varying amounts of nitrogen. Alfalfa usually fixes the most, about 200 pounds per acre, while annual lespedeza fixes less, about 75 pounds.

Legumes make more growth during the summer than cool-season grasses. Growing grasses and legumes together increases summer growth.

When renovating grass fields with legumes, have the soil tested and apply the recommended lime and fertilizer. Legumes need higher soil pH and fertility levels than grasses.

Do not add nitrogen because it stimulates grasses, increasing competition with legumes.

Reduce vegetative cover on the soil to make it easier for legume seed to make contact with the soil. The best way is to allow heavy grazing during early winter. You also can use herbicides to kill or suppress grass to help control competition. Be sure to follow the herbicide label directions for rates and grazing restrictions.

Select legumes based on the soil and your planned use of the forage. For hay, alfalfa or red clover usually is best. A red clover-ladino clover combination works well for both hay and grazing. Ladino clover, red clover and/or annual lespedeza are good choices for pastures.

Select certified seed varieties that perform well in your geographic area. Also, be sure to mix a high-quality inoculant with seed just before planting. Apply a sticking agent to be sure the inoculant sticks to the seed.

Be sure seed makes good contact with the soil. One of the best ways to do this is to use a no-till drill. Another method is to use a disk, field cultivator or field tiller. Tillage helps expose the soil so legumes have a better chance to germinate and grow. When planting clovers, loosen 40 to 60 percent of the sod. For alfalfa seeding, almost all sod should be loosened from the soil.

A simple, effective technique is to broadcast legume seed on the soil surface in late winter, generally Feb. 15 to March 15. Soil freezing and thawing covers the seed. This method doesn't work well with alfalfa seed.

Controlling grass and weed competition is one of the most critical practices for successful renovation. Many attempts have failed because grass was allowed to grow and reduce the light, nutrients and water available to young legume plants. Keep grass short by grazing or mowing until legume plants are 3 to 4 inches tall. Stop grazing and

mowing for several weeks so legumes will become well established. Afterwards, mow or graze the field on a schedule to keep legumes in good condition.

This year, weed control will be especially critical because while forages languished in the drought, many weeds species thrived. If you have questions on controlling specific weeds, contact Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service.

Once legumes are established, use soil test recommendations as the basis for the fertility program. Take soil samples every third year to check fertilizer and lime needs. To avoid grass competition, don't use any nitrogen while you have legumes in the field.

Mow pastures when needed to remove grass seed heads and control weeds and woody vegetation. Scout renovated fields regularly to discover insect problems early.

(Dr. Garry D. Lacefield is a University of Kentucky Extension Forage Specialist.)



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Ohio River still on the rise

The National Weather Service has continued its Ohio River flood warning for Crittenden County through this weekend. Flood stage at Shawneetown, Ill., is 33 feet. At press time, the river was above 37 feet and minor flooding was occurring around the river bottoms. The Cave In Rock Ferry does not stop service until the river reaches 44.5 feet. The river was expected to have crested Wednesday evening at 38.8 feet and will fall below flood stage by Saturday morning. However, precipitation is predicted across the area for today (Thursday). Above, River Drive in Tolu is flanked by backwater last Saturday from the rising river.

State cost share apps taken year round

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Conservation District is now accepting Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share applications on a continuous basis. This continual sign-up is designed to make the program more landowner-friendly and help address the needs of a property owner at any time during the year. As landowners plan conservation projects with the assistance of their local conservation district, they will be able to apply for financial assistance for those projects without having to wait for a designated sign up period.

Thousands of Kentucky landowners have received state assistance through the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share program. Known informally as state cost share, the program was created in 1994 and helps landowners implement best management practices

to protect soil and water resources on their property. Since the program's inception, more than \$129 million has been approved for use in implementing best-management practices through more than 15,000 submitted applications. This money has assisted landowners in all of Kentucky's 120 counties.

Many state cost share practices are offered through the state cost share program. Some examples are: agriculture and animal waste control facilities, streambank stabilization, animal waste utilization, vegetative filter strips, integrated crop management, pesticide containment, sinkhole protection, pasture and hay land forage quality and heavy use area protection. A list of all practices is available at <http://conservation.ky.gov/Pages/StateCostShare.aspx>.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share

NASS ag census forms due Feb. 4

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) urges producers to ensure their farm or ranch is also counted in the 2012 Census of Agriculture. The Census is a crucial tool that provides farmers with a voice in the future of their community and operation.

Conducted every five years by NASS, the Census is a complete count of the U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. The Census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics,

production practices, income and expenditures and other topics. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation. Many USDA offices use this data to establish typical units of measure.

Census forms were mailed out in late December. Producers have the option to complete their forms online or by mail by Feb. 4. For more information about the Census, visit www.agcensususda.gov or call (888) 4AG-STAT.

Akridge store sends 2 for Echo training

Akridge Farm Supply recently sent two employees to Echo Technical Service School.

Kevin Young, service manager, and Jeff Holland, a technician, from the Fredonia store attended the training session at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville. Zach Lottes, lead instructor for Midwest Equipment Co. in Evansville served as the leader of the workshop.

The purpose of the school was to enhance technicians' troubleshooting and repair skills related to Echo outdoor power equipment. The course is required for an Echo dealer to retain their certification.

Akridge Farm Supply has sold Echo power equipment since 1983.

Pesticide cert class only held here in '13

A pesticide applicator license class will be presented at 4 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.

The class is for anyone in Crittenden or Livingston counties needing to renew or become certified to purchase controlled pesticides. Applicator licenses must be renewed every three years.

Shane Bogle, Caldwell County Extension Agent for Agriculture, will be conducting the class. This will be the only class offered in Crittenden County for 2013.

For more or to pre-register, contact the Crittenden County Extension Office at 965-5236 or the Livingston County office at 928-2168.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS FROM USDA MARKET NEWS

Jan. 22 - KDA-USDA Market News, Louisville, Ky.
Receipts: 913 head.
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers 2.00-4.00 lower. Supply included 48% heifers and 36% of feeders over 600 lbs. Slaughter cows mostly steady. Slaughter bulls 3.00-4.00 higher.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2				
HEAD	WT RANGE	AVG WT	PRICE RANGE	AVG PRICE
5	200-300	269	190.00-211.00	202.25
16	300-400	345	175.00-190.00	179.64
21	400-500	428	158.00-172.00	163.43
19	500-600	545	145.00-154.00	148.09
69	600-700	647	136.00-147.00	138.88
8	700-800	730	137.00-140.00	137.36
9	800-900	827	121.00-125.00	124.55

Groups: 29 head 673 lbs 136.00 mix

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3				
HEAD	WT RANGE	AVG WT	PRICE RANGE	AVG PRICE
1	200-300	290	150.00	150.00
11	300-400	385	161.00-173.00	169.43
2	400-500	442	138.00-151.00	144.90
5	500-600	564	127.00-143.00	137.28
15	600-700	638	120.00-134.00	131.51
6	700-800	755	124.00-134.00	132.41

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3				
HEAD	WT RANGE	AVG WT	PRICE RANGE	AVG PRICE
2	300-400	342	85.00-91.00	87.67
1	400-500	415	85.00	85.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2				
HEAD	WT RANGE	AVG WT	PRICE RANGE	AVG PRICE
1	100-200	160	170.00	170.00
13	200-300	276	160.00-175.00	169.99
16	300-400	343	160.00-179.00	166.52
52	400-500	464	147.00-156.00	149.92
87	500-600	544	137.00-150.00	141.10
46	600-700	652	125.00-134.00	129.48
5	700-800	706	119.00-120.00	119.60
1	800-900	850	101.00	101.00
1	900-1000	950	93.00	93.00

Groups: 27 head 571 lbs 138.50 mix; 20 head 663 lbs 128.50 mix

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3				
HEAD	WT RANGE	AVG WT	PRICE RANGE	AVG PRICE
1	200-300	295	127.00	127.00
10	300-400	365	131.00-159.00	150.14
13	400-500	457	139.00-145.00	142.14
7	500-600	581	115.00-136.00	132.08
3	600-700	690	120.00	120.00
1	700-800	790	111.00	111.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2				
HEAD	WT RANGE	AVG WT	PRICE RANGE	AVG PRICE
6	300-400	376	158.00-175.00	166.31
20	400-500	451	147.00-162.00	154.18
14	500-600	513	140.00-150.00	146.13
20	600-700	642	130.00-137.00	133.40
3	700-800	765	120.00	120.00
3	800-900	823	100.00-105.00	101.67
1	900-1000	925	109.00	109.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
HEAD	WT RANGE	AVG WT	PRICE RANGE	AVG PRICE
1	300-400	375	160.00	160.00
8	400-500	480	130.00-144.00	140.37
14	500-600	573	120.00-139.00	136.08
2	700-800	712	113.00-116.00	114.51

Slaughter Cows:

%LEAN	WEIGHT	AD	HD	LD
Breaker	75-80	1300-1690	69-74	65
Boner	80-85	1105-1590	67-74	75-77
Lean	85-90	1050-1515	65-71	72-73
Lite	85-90	800-1025	63-70	72

Slaughter Bulls:

%LE	WEIGHT	AD	HD	LD
#1-2	1340-2125	87-95	95-96	82-83

Stock Cows: Cows 2 to 10 years old and 6 to 8 months bred 920.00-1340.00 per head.

Stock Cow/Calf Pairs: Cows 4 to 11 years old with calves at side 1200.00-1300.00 per pair.

Baby Calves: 135.00 per head.

Chip Stewart, market specialist
Last Friday's **precondition feeder calf sale** also found at www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sv_ls150.txt
This report reflects price of majority of cattle with a USDA grade, weight and sex on sale date. This report does not represent all animals at sale.



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Crittenden helped with wartime hemp needs

Not many people now know that during World War II, Crittenden County was needed to help with the production of hemp seed used by the military for such items as rope, cordage and cloth. Items from the 1942 archives of The Crittenden Press tell the story.

Jan. 23, 1942

Kentucky hemp may be used to replace Manila Rope Weed
“The War Department announced that the Army was turning successfully to domestic and imported products as substitutes for Manila rope, which no longer may be obtained from the Japanese occupied Philippines.
“Starting a large-scale research program, the Quartermaster Corps was said to have found substitutes in Mexico, Central America and is testing hemp grown in Kentucky. Cotton rope may be used for some purposes; other substitutes include American hemp grown in Kentucky.
“With existing reserves and available substitutes, no serious shortage of cordage for the Army is anticipated. The Army, like the Navy, has relied for Manila rope on imports from the Japanese occupied province of Davao. The rope, produced from fiber of the abaca plant, represented about 12 percent of all Philippine exports.”

Feb. 6, 1942

Crittenden asked to produce hemp in river acreage
“George Patmor, chairman ACA, returned yesterday from Lexington after attending a meeting called by O.M. Farrington, state AAA (Agriculture Adjustment Agency) officer, seeking production of hemp in river bottom acreage of the county.
“The program is one in accord with production in the state following shortage of that imported from Manila. Full details of the program for Crittenden have not been announced but all farmers operating farms in river areas of the county will be asked to produce a certain amount of hemp. Prices paid for the hemp will, according to reports, be more than attractive to the producer than ordinary crops.

“About 20,000 acres of river bottom land exist in the county with amount of hemp acreage to be determined by the State Department. Little is known of the crop or product in this area. Hemp has been described as similar to that of sorghum cane with fiber being derived from the center of the stalk.
“Field men will be in the county soon for purposes of contacting owners of river acreage, (perfecting) details and (determinating) of the state of production. Number of acres in Crittenden is to be determined by total acreage in the farms in particular localities. Fertile land, moisture and sand are reported as three necessary attributes of the soil for average production. New to Crittenden, tests of the soil have been made and the county is rated as one of the foremost in the state for production.”

March 20, 1942

“Crittenden has been allotted 300 acres of river bottom land for production of hemp seed this year, according to George Patmor, chairman War Production Board. Hemp is a vital necessity for war materials and badly needed by the government at this time due to previous far eastern imports being deleted. Price of the hemp seed has been fixed by (Commodity) Credit Corp., for re-buying at \$8.25 per bushel. An acre of land capable of producing 50 to 60 acres of corn should yield 25 to 30 bushels of hemp seed according to Patmor. This is one of the most highly productive crops offered to Crittenden farmers in history, and I am certain that all persons having river bottom land will use it for those purposes.”

May 1, 1942

“(Forty-five) additional hemp seed production (acres were) received by ACA during the past four days. Total contracted acreage is now 260. Those contracting during this period and acreage are T.J. Boyd, 1; F.O. Guess, 5;



W.R. Williams Sr., 20; G.O. Weldon, 10; Milton Riley, 1; Grover White, 5; Audry Brown, 1; Audrey Fowler and Orb Taylor, 2; J.H. Tyner, 2; V.W. Alexander, 2; Perry N. Brookshire, 10; Gilbert Cloyd, 5; H.H. Bennett, 2; Tom Green, 2; J.H. Boyd, 1; O.P. Croft, 58; C.E. Hale, 2; J.W. Phillips, 1; Jack Shepherd, 7; D.H. Stalion, 1; W.L. Todd, 1; S.A. Wheeler, 2; Rufus U. Terry, 1; W.L. Terry, 1; V.E. Hillyard, 4; H.B. McDowell, 2; J.O. Travis, 1; Ralph Paris, 10; Ralph Cardin, 70; Paul Woodall, 15; R.L. Brown, 1; Harry Smith, 1; L.A. Dalton, 2; Roy Gregory, 2; Ralph Hodge, 2; George W. Condit, 2; and J.A. Robinson, 1.

“Production this year is restricted to seed and not to production of the fiber. The fiber is to follow next year.”

July 17, 1942

“Want to see hemp? Hemp has been described as resembling house weeds to those who have never seen the hemp growing. Orb Taylor has a small plot on (U.S.) 60, triangular in shape. The bushes resemble horse weeds and are at present about three feet in height. The hemp crop in the county is reported as satisfactory. Excess rainfall during the May 16 to June 1 planting season prevented some acres from being planted, but the majority of growers have been able to maintain schedules of cultivation.”

Nov. 27, 1942

50,000 pounds of hemp seed harvested

“Crittenden was called upon last year to produce hemp seed and the new crop has produced approximately 10,000 pounds more seed than estimated. The seed of the present crop is to be used to produce 1943 fiber. County Agent Shelby said that the production was undertaken by Crittenden farmers without knowledge of production methods or what a fair price would be. Inability to get labor at the right time resulted in delay of harvesting and many large producers have not been able to harvest full crops and have suffered additional losses from high winds that have knocked down the shocks and resulted in ring rains which have saturated the seed.
“Farmers work long hours and every member of the family will join them in endurance and sacrifice for the men in armed services.”

Nov. 26, 1943

“The program for production of hemp seed and hemp fiber in Crittenden County has been abolished according to W.L. Todd, Crittenden County Agriculture Adjustment Agency. The abolishing order extended to all counties in the state.

“Inasmuch as the import of hemp has greatly increased in the past months, the War Food Administration has determined the usage of acreage ordinarily planted in hemp would be of greater value if planted in food and feed crops. In the past, a program has been operated here by the Commodity Credit Corp., for the purchase of hemp seed and fiber produced. There will be no such purchase next year. The termination of this program also ends support prices on hemp that have been in effect. In view of this, hemp producers are urged to replant the 1944 production and instead of growing hemp, raise food crops and livestock essential to war programs.”

■ This article appeared in The Crittenden Press on Aug. 13, 1981. It is a great piece of history as it was told by people who actually remember the hemp growing period in our past.

“No one seemed to think much about some of the stranger qualities of their crop when they grew marijuana legally in Crittenden County during World War



PHOTO PROVIDED, VIRGINIA WILLIAMS

Dick Thomas and two unidentified children posed in a “help” field for this picture taken on the Roe Williams farm near the Cave In Rock Ferry in 1942. The hemp, or industrial marijuana, was grown legally in Crittenden County during World War II for its seeds.



U.S. GOVERNMENT IMAGE

The 1942 U.S. government film “Hemp for Victory,” encouraged farmers to grow hemp for the military effort during World War II. Above is a screen shot from the opening title of the film, which can be viewed on YouTube.

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Thomas S. Croft, 55, of Route 9, Marion can remember waking up with puffy eyes and a stuffy nose the day after he worked in his father's hemp fields near Tolu.

“It had a gummy feeling to it,” Croft said, rubbing his fingers together at the memory. “Handling hemp was like touching the sap of a cedar Christmas tree,” he said.

“You could stand on a hill, and the bottoms smelled like they were full of skunks,” Mrs. Roe Williams, remembered. Her husband, along with most of his neighbors in the Cave In Rock area, grew hemp for the government in 1942 to 1943 to produce a seed supply. Seeds were then grown elsewhere to produce the fiber needed for rope and other uses.

“At the time it was being grown, we had just lost Manila (Philippines) in the war; farmers in the area considered it their patriotic duty to grow the plants for the ‘strong cordage’ needed by the Navy and for packing between a ship's hulls. Hemp had a tendency for plugging holes. It's the only crop that was known to be grown for the government on contract, so it must have been a pretty crucial thing.

“We didn't even think about the value of it,” Williams said, when she was reminded of the plant's worth on the drug market today. “We thought we were being patriotic. When you said marijuana to us, we didn't know what you were talking about.”

“Not just anyone could grow the hemp,” Williams said. “The federal government inspected the character of the grower before he obtained the seed. It was considered a narcotic even then, although most people probably weren't aware of it. We knew it was something they didn't want you to have around. When they traveled to Lexington to obtain the seed allotment, the government had a supply piled in the center of a tobacco warehouse, surrounded by guards. They considered it a very crucial item.”

“The county extension

agent held meetings to teach farmers how to tend their new crop. Growing hemp was a primitive process, even by 1940 standards. The stalk was too long to go through a combine, so all the work had to be done by hand. The growing season was similar to that of corn. At harvest time, the plants could have grown to be 12 feet tall with stalks as thick as a man's arm.

“They were sown in 42-inch rows, three to six feet apart. After the male plants pollinated the females, they died and had to be cut out by hand. During the harvest, the plants were cut off close to the ground with corn knives and were dried in shocks for two to four weeks. Then the shocks were placed on a canvas sheet and beaten with sticks a little longer than broomsticks until the seeds fell from beneath the leaves where they clustered. The plants seemed to do especially well on rich, river bottom soil.

“Farmers took the seed to a Sturgis milling company for cleaning and selling back to the government, which gave them to farmers up north to be grown for the hemp fiber.

“Many acres of the hemp fell victim to river flooding. Most farmers made a better return on their crop the second year they tried it, but some got kind of disgusted and just quit. It wasn't that good of a cash crop. The farmers were paid about \$10 a bushel for the seed. Birds like to eat the seed, and the hemp had a ‘lot of competition’ from giant ragweed, which looked a lot like marijuana and grew nearly as tall, Croft said.

“Back then, we didn't have any chemicals. We had the hoe. Come a rainy season, those horse weeds really did like to get up and go.”

“By 1944, the farmers who were finally getting the hang of growing hemp were out of luck. There wasn't any market for it. Nylon, which was cheaper and easier to produce, took its place.”

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Jefferson incorrectly dubbed separator of church, state

The horrible injustice done to the American mind, which is destroying our country, is the evil rewriting of our history. It is being orchestrated by Satan and his minions—he and they hate America because it was founded on the principles of the teachings of Jesus.

There are volumes of writings that prove my statements and the following is just a touch.

America's third president, Thomas Jefferson, has been more maligned and misquoted, lied on and shamed more than any of the rest as I see it.

The following statement was made by him in 1781 in his "Notes on the State of Virginia." Parts of it are on the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.: "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the



gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever."

Neither now, nor at the Judgment, do I want to be standing in the shoes of the atheistic leaders who are working day and night to take away not only our religious liberties, but all the others that are coming down the pike.

Jefferson has been called the erector of separating God from all forms of American life. He also has been called a deist. Does the following sound like one who wants God

sanitized from our public life, or one who does not believe in Jesus Christ?

On March 4, 1805, he prayed these words in a National Prayer for Peace: "Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Endow with Thy spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The following are gems of wisdom he also left us:

■ "When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we

shall become as corrupt as Europe."

■ "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

■ "It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world."

■ "I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

■ "My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

■ "No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."

■ "The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

■ "The tree of liberty

must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

■ "To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

Obamacare destroys the religious convictions of people who do not want to pay for the abortion-killing drug. It is tyrannical.

Listen now to the screams to disarm America with our president in the lead. The leftists in the House are trying to get a bill passed to destroy the Second Amendment. Are guns really held to the heads of Washington politicians or are most nuts? Something sure is frightening!

Thomas Jefferson said in 1802, "I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies."

If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their

currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless on the continent their Fathers conquered."

So why is Bank of America, the second largest bank holding company in America, demanding such strict gun control, which would surely lead to gun confiscation? Why is China, which owns us, also demanding all of our guns to be confiscated?

I think many of our leaders hate America and they are set to destroy her. God is set to let them if there is not wholesale repentance from all the selected and accepted evil the majority of Americans have just approved.

Rev. Tedrick is a Marion minister. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper. Her column appears in this newspaper regularly.

Bible says spiritual nourishment important

Hello, and it's so good to be with you again this week. Today, I want to look at two more names or titles the Word of God gives to Jesus Christ as we've been considering "The Name Above Every Name." We've taken our devotional text from Philippians 2:9-11, where we read, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (KJV)

First, the Word of God declares Jesus Christ to be "The Bread of Life." In John 6:35, this is brought to our hearts. "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he



that believeth on me shall never thirst." (KJV) While many who followed Jesus only wanted to have their stomachs filled with food, Jesus encouraged them to accept Him, the Bread of Life, as their own personal Savior. In other words, Jesus Christ offered Himself to them, Spiritual nourishment, which is far more important than physical food. It is so alarming that so many people today only want the church to fill their belly or pay their bills for them. We are not against helping people who really need help, but when it comes time to die, if you

only went to church for physical food or you only used a church's ministry to pay your bills and you didn't want any spiritual help for your sin-sick soul, you'll go into eternity totally unprepared to face a Holy and a righteous God.

I beg you today, if you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your "Bread of Life," then please trust Him and He will prove to be all sufficient to meet your spiritual needs as well as your physical needs.

Finally, the Word of God gives Jesus Christ the name or title of "The Light of the World." In John 8:12 we read, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (KJV)

Those who know Jesus Christ as their own personal Lord and Savior, no

longer live in spiritual darkness, but possess the "Light" of eternal "Life." Those who live in spiritual darkness don't understand their sinfulness and need of a Savior. Why? Because they are blinded by Satan, the god of this world.

In II Corinthians 4:3-4 we read, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (KJV)

But Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, so fills the life of His children, that our past, present and future are perfectly clear. We know where we are going and how we should live for our Lord.

Is Jesus Christ your Light? If not, He can be if you'll only believe on Him.

Churchnotes

■ St. William Catholic Church will celebrate Christian Unity Week through Jan 25. The community is invited to a free soup supper from 5 to 7 p.m., Jan. 25 in the Parish Hall at 860 S. Main St. Donations will be accepted for the Crittenden County Ministerial Association.

■ Upward Practice is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday and Thursday at Marion Baptist Church. The FLC Walking Track and Weight Room will be open on Monday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

■ Marion Baptist Church will be hosting AWANA for children age 2 through fifth grade at 5:45 p.m.; Youth Bible Study for grades six to 12 at 6:30 p.m.; Financial Peace Class at 5:45 p.m.; Scrapbooking Class at 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible/Prayer Class at 6:30 p.m.; Men's Bible Study Class at 6:30 p.m.; Revival Principles Class at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 965-5232.

■ Miracle Word Church Youth will host their annual Valentine's Steak Dinner. Deliveries available at 5 p.m. Dine-in at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Feb 9. Dinner includes ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, dessert and drink

for \$15. Call 836-9048 for orders or information.

■ The Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Ind., are holding a Come and See event for high school girls, freshmen to seniors scheduled Feb. 15-17. This is a chance to learn what it is like to be a nun in today's world. Pray, eat, and recreate with the sisters. For more information call Sis. Michelle Sinkhorn at (800) 738-9999, or visit www.thedome.org, where you can also register online, or e-mail vocation@thedome.org. Parent permission is required.

■ Repton Baptist Church in Mattoon hosts Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills 6 p.m., on Sundays in the fellowship hall. The program uses a fun format to teach children in grades first through sixth Bible skills.

■ The Caldwell and Lyon County Grief Support Group is held at 2 p.m., every Monday in the Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association building in Princeton. It offers an educated and trained Christian grief counselor who can guide a person through the initial stages of grief and beyond after the loss of a loved one. The group is open to everyone and there is no charge. For more information or directions, call Carma Lee Chandler at 365-6578. If unable to attend meetings on Monday nights, Bro. Mac Walls can counsel on Saturdays. Call 210-1204 to make an appointment.

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Snow-day make-up for schools Feb. 18

Crittenden County School District will use a previously-scheduled teacher planning day next month to make up for last week's school cancellation due to snow and ice on roadways.

Students were initially going to be off Feb. 18, a Monday, but now the three-day weekend has been eliminated, according to school officials.

Concealed carry class set for Feb. 23

Concealed carry weapons training will be offered next month in Marion.

Kentucky Concealed Carry Deadly Weapons Instructor Paul Shouse will lead the session on Feb. 23 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. The class is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and costs \$75 for registration. Completion of the course allows an individual to become licensed to carry a concealed weapon. The license can be renewed every five years at the sheriff's office.

To sign up, contact Crittenden County Economic Development Center at 965-9294.

Kentucky's jobless rate continues to fall

Kentucky's unemployment rate dropped to 8.1 percent in December 2012 from a revised 8.2 percent in November 2012, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET).

The preliminary December 2012 jobless rate was 0.9 percentage points below the 9

Detention center prisoner count

Following is a census of the 133-bed Crittenden County Detention Center as of Monday:

CLASSIFICATION	MALE	FEMALE
Federal	3	1
State	69	19
Crittenden	9	7
Other	7	0
Gender total	88	27
Total population:	115	

Last week, 36 detention center work release inmates put in 1,512 hours of community service, saving taxpayers approximately \$10,962.

percent rate recorded for the state in December 2011.

Meantime, the U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 7.8 percent from November 2012 to December 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

"The expansion of the labor force means people are re-entering the job market because they see opportunities. In December, and for three of the last four months, new job growth has outpaced the entrants to the job market, driving down Kentucky's unemployment rate," said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET.

Last month, Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2,091,629, an increase of 6,142 over the previous month.

CCMS parents given peek at child's work

Upcoming events at Crittenden County Middle School will affect parents of students in seventh and eighth grade. The events include:

■ Seventh-grade Parent Information Night will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the school's multi-purpose room. Parents will receive information about the individual learning plan each child must complete. They will also have an opportunity to log onto their child's ILP in the school computer lab.

■ Eighth-grade Elective Review Session, slated for Feb. 1, will give students information on elective classes they will be able to take at the high school as a freshman. Students will be given paperwork that must be completed by the student and parent for the upcoming year.

Fredonia Lions Club Game Night Friday

The annual Fredonia Lions Club Game Night/Potluck will be 6 p.m. Friday at the Fredonia Lions Club Building.

There is no charge for admission, but donations will be accepted. All proceeds go to charitable Lions Club projects.

ThePressOBITUARIES

Tabor

Georganna "Jo" Tabor, 69, of Morganfield died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, at Breckenridge Place in Morganfield.

She was a homemaker and was a member of First Baptist Church in Morganfield.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Gerald Tabor of Morganfield; two daughters, Tanya and husband Brad Norvell of Gilbertsville and Holly Trevino of Morganfield; five grandchildren, Travis Jackson, Logan Jackson, Shelby Jackson, Taylor Mosley and Clayton Trevino; two brothers, Bobby Holloman of Marion and Anthony Drake of Louisville; a sister, Reita McDonald of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

Tabor was preceded in death by her parents, Velda Holloman Drake, Melvin Holloman and Doug Drake.

Services were Wednesday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with Rev. Tim Leadingham and Deborah McBride officiating. Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

Memorials may be made to St. Anthony's Hospice or to Breckenridge Place.

Brown

Mary Louise Brown, 73, of Fredonia died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, at her home following a long illness.

She was a retired nurses' aide at a nursing home and a member of Seven Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

Surviving are four sons, Everett Brown of Paris, Tenn., Ronald Brown of Joliet, Ill., Dan Brown of Crest Hill, Ill., and David Brown of Murray; two daughters, Barbara Smaijd of Biloxi, Miss., and Shelia Fralix of Princeton; a sister, Sue Downing of Fredonia; 22 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mitchell Henry Brown; her parents, Marion Franklin and Lucy Emma Brinkley Driver; a daughter, Diane Brown; a great-grandson, Elliott Brown; a brother, Preston Driver; and a sister, Margaret Jones Duncan.

Services were Wednesday at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Lonnie Knight officiating. Burial was in Asbridge Cemetery in Crittenden County.

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radio frequency sent from the county's emergency operation center (EOC). Friday's scheduled test will be at noon. The City of Marion's siren will be tested at the same time. Located at Marion Fire Department, the city's alarm passed its first test two weeks ago.

All sirens will be tested at noon on the second and fourth Friday of each month. Outside of the scheduled tests, they will collectively be set off only when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for Crittenden County or if a trained weather spotter reports a funnel cloud over any area of the county. All 12 sirens, including the city's, will be activated in either case no matter the area imminently threatened by severe weather.

Officials who gathered last Friday at the city's fire station for a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting want to reiterate to residents that the sirens are to

alert people of impending danger so they may tune their radios or televisions to weather reports. City and county officials expressed frustration at a flood of 911 calls received at the EOC when Marion's siren was used in earnest on Jan. 12 when the weather service issued a tornado warning for the county.

"Don't call 911," City Administrator Mark Bryant urges those alerted by the sirens' tone.

Warning sirens were only a portion of the discussion centered around disaster readiness at last week's LEPC meeting. These meetings—the first of which took place in June of last year—are designed to get emergency response personnel from across all applicable agencies, as well as city and county officials, in the same room and on the same page for the sake of emergency preparedness.

Last Friday's gathering also allowed new Kentucky Emergency Management Region 2 Director Patrick Hardesty of Daviess County to introduce himself to the dozen or so LEPC members gathered in the new fire station's meeting room.

"It's important for them to meet and discuss needs," Hardesty said of the purpose of the LEPC meeting. "It's important to the community."

Hardesty has been on the job for about five months, replacing Vicki Martin, formerly of Crittenden County, who last year transferred to the same position with Region 5 in central Kentucky.

An array of matters related to emergencies, whether it be an epidemic, ice storm, flood or hazardous materials spill, are issues of concern for the LEPC. The meetings will continue to be held regularly, but Newcom is hoping for more participation from the community from the likes of business owners, plant managers and churches, many of which served as makeshift shelters after the massive 2009 storm.

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Black Anniversary

Charles and Faye Black of Marion recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple wed Jan. 16, 1963.

They have two children, Jeff Black of Marion and Angie Roberson of Marion. They also have three grandchildren.



Wright-Buchanan

Willis and Dorothy Doom of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Karen Wright, to David Edgar Buchanan, son of Thomas and Deane Ricketson of Marion.

Wright is a graduate of Apollo High School and Madisonville Community College. She is a member of Marion Baptist Church. She is employed by Personal Finance Co. in Marion.

Buchanan is a graduate of Henderson County High School. He is a member of Marion Baptist Church. He is employed by Gibbs Die Casting in Henderson.

The wedding ceremony will take place at 2 p.m., Feb. 2, at Marion Baptist Church.

Only out of town invitations are being sent.

ThePress

CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 24

■ Seventh-grade Parent Information Night is from 6 to 7:30 p.m., today (Thursday) at CCMS. Parents will be given a short overview of what the ILP components are and will also have an opportunity to view their child's ILP in the computer lab.

Friday, Jan. 25

■ The Annual Fredonia Lions Club Game Night/Potluck will be at 6 p.m., at the Fredonia Lions Club Building. There is no charge but donations are accepted. All proceeds go to charitable projects. Bring your favorite game and join us.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

■ Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m., at Rocket Arena.

■ Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation will present its Fire Side Chats. Kathleen Guess, art instructor and historian, will be presenting the program "Uncovering the Art of Pompeii." The presentation will be held at 7 p.m., in the Nunn Room at Fohs Hall. Light refreshments will be served. There is no cost for this event.

Thursday, Jan. 31

■ A casting call for "Murder at the High School Reunion" will be at 6 p.m., at the auditorium in Fohs Hall. Auditions are open to the public. For more information, contact Susan Alexander at 704-0046.

Saturday, Feb. 2

■ Woman's Club of Marion will hold its mid-winter brunch

at 11 a.m., at the club building located on East Carlisle Street. The program will feature newly elected 4th District State Rep. Lynn Bechler.

Monday, Feb. 4

■ The Marion American Legion Ellis B. Ordway Post 111 will meet at 6:30 p.m., in the basement meeting room at Fohs Hall. All members are urged to attend.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

■ Bigham Lodge 256 F&AM will have stated communication at the Masonic Lodge located on Sturgis Road. The meal will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7

■ Crittenden Health Systems will offer a Cooper/Clayton Smoking Cessation class at 6:30 p.m., at the hospital education building. It is a 13-week program free to the public.

On-going

■ Crittenden County Project Graduation is selling Rocket tumblers, cookbooks and jersey knit throws as fundraisers. See any senior class member or look for the booth at home basketball games.

■ Widowed Persons Support Group will not have a meeting in January due to uncertain weather conditions. The next meeting will be at 11 a.m., in Kuttawa at Broadbent's B and B Food Products.

Teens urged to drive safely

Getting a driver's license is an exciting time for a young adult. A driver's license means more freedom, but also more responsibility. Driving is a dangerous activity for everyone involved.

The passengers in your car have a big impact on how safely you drive. In fact, the number of young passengers in the car could be a risk factor for new drivers.

The AAA Safety Foundation found that whenever a teen driver has a teen passenger the risk of a deadly crash increases by 44 percent.

When there are two teen



passengers, the risk of a fatal crash is double that driving alone. And with three or more young passengers, the driver's risk of a fatal crash quadruples.

Hopefully, by driving safely, you will not be involved in a serious crash. Consider beforehand the

chance that your driving habits and passengers could lead to an expensive accident. Medical bills and damage to your car (and any others involved) could rapidly deplete your savings. Insurance premiums, which are already high for teens, may climb significantly following even a minor crash. Even if you don't have an accident, traffic citations for speeding or running a stoplight can carry heavy fines. And these traffic violations can look very bad if you cause a crash later.

To avoid such dangers, limit the number of friends and other distractions you have in your vehicle.

Also consider regularly driving with an adult, since adult passengers reduce your risk of fatal accidents. Being a cautious and courteous driver helps protect you, your friends and your finances.

For more detailed information related to cell phone use and Kentucky law, check out www.ca.uky.edu/hes/fcs/factsheets/FRM-RHF-137.pdf or call the Extension Office at 965-5236, and we will be happy to send you the publication, "Cell Phones, Distracted Driving, and Crash Risks."

Croft receives service award

STAFF REPORT

Brenda Croft, a child support collections agent in Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson's office, was presented the Tim Olds Customer Service Award last month in Frankfort. Tim Olds was an employee of the Kentucky's Child Support Enforcement Program who exemplified outstanding customer service.

"This is a customer service award that the state gives each year to one child support worker from among all the hundreds of child support employees either at the state level or those working for contracting officials," said Johnson, whose office was also recognized as a top-10 performing child support collections office among counties with 1,000 or fewer annual cases.

"I am very humbled and



Pictured are (from left) Croft, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services Department for Income Support Deputy Commissioner Steve Veno, Johnson and Debbie Brown, who works with Croft in the county attorney's office.

honored to have received the 2012 Tim Olds Customer Service Award for Kentucky Child Support Enforcement," Croft said. "There are so many other

people in child support enforcement that are so much more deserving than I am. I truly feel blessed to be able to help children from Kentucky and espe-

cially Crittenden County receive the support they need and deserve. I come in contact with some wonderful people every day."

Former shelter cat featured in calendar

BY JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

From the shelter to stardom. That's how Marion resident Jennifer Martin explains the journey of her cat, Mr. Whiskers.

Last year, Martin entered a photo of her cat for a 2013 calendar contest featuring Nine Lives' Morris the Cat and his friends. A few weeks later, she learned her cat would be featured in the calendar.

"I saw on Facebook they were having a contest, so I uploaded his picture to the Nine Lives contest for the 2013 Morris and Friends Calendar," Martin said. "I got an e-mail just a few weeks later saying he had been chosen to be in the calendar. He's actually on the front cover of the calendar."

It was Martin's husband who adopted the cat from Crittenden County Animal Shelter in 2009.

"My father had died from brain cancer, which devastated our whole family," Jennifer Martin said.

"My favorite cat, Thomas, also died suddenly from an illness that we didn't see coming. To say the least I was very depressed.

Knowing how much she loved cats, her husband went to the local animal shelter to pick out a kitten with hopes of cheering up his wife. She said the cat's likable personality helped get it out of the shelter and eventually on a national calendar.

"It didn't surprise me at all when I got the e-mail from Nine Lives that Mr. Whiskers had been chosen to be featured in the 2013 Morris and Friends Cat Calendar," she said. "I always knew he had star quality. He may be famous, but he will always be my Mr. Whiskers from the shelter."

Martin emphasizes there are many good pets awaiting adoption at the county and Mary Hall Rudiman Canine shelters and encourages others to visit them once the decision is made to add a pet to a



Jennifer Martin of Marion holds her cat, Mr. Whiskers, and the 2013 calendar that features the feline.

home.

"I would never get a pet anywhere but from the shelter," Martin said. "I really wouldn't. I just got a dog from there just a few

months ago. We love her so much. We get all of our pets now from the animal shelter. You're saving a life and bringing something in that's part of your family."



Woman's Club adds members

On Jan 14., seven new members of the Woman's Club of Marion enjoyed a salad supper along with officers and members of the club. Afterward, they were presented with an overview of the goal of the organization, and the obligations of various committees. "The Woman's Club looks forward to its active involvement and believes they will be a great asset," said Barbara Myers. Pictured (from left) are Brenda Buskirk, Kathy Bechler, Judith Ann Manley, Ketrina Myers, Martha Padget and Carolyn Belt. Not pictured is Ginger Boone.

Merrick speaks on library resources at meeting

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council held its regular meeting last week and discussed numerous issues being undertaken and offered by local agencies and organizations in the community. The following announcements and presentations were made:

■ A program featuring library resources was presented by Crittenden County Public Library Director Regina Merrick. She spoke on many activities at the library including introduction to computer classes, author events and writing workshops. County-wide bookmobile service, public-access computers, genealogy materials and reference resources were also discussed.

■ Ina Burke was introduced as a new Head Start employee. Cynthia Foster was introduced as the new social services and marketing director for Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation. Foster expressed that the facility would enjoy having children's groups visit the center to interact with the patients.

■ Joan Lang of the Kentucky Cancer Program emphasized colon cancer

awareness and said individuals can contact the health department regarding free screenings for clients that are income eligible. For more information, contact Lang at joanlang.kcp@att.net.

■ University of Kentucky Extension Services offers 4-H Camp for children nine to 14 years of age or children who are eight and will be entering the fourth grade. Bonnie Baker is the county extension agent for 4-H youth development. She said children do not have to be in 4-H to go to the summer camp.

■ Family and Consumer Sciences agent Nancy Hunt spoke on the Diabetes Support Group which meets at 10 a.m., on the third Friday of each month at the Extension Office on Sturgis Road. The Photography Club meets at 6 p.m., on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Ed-Tech Center. The Quilting Club meets at 9:30 a.m., on the last Monday of the month at the Extension Office.

■ The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) is also offered at the Extension Office. Sue Parrent is the

EFNEP assistant for Crittenden County. The program is looking for homemakers who have children in the home 18 years of age or younger to work with nutrition.

■ The Woman's Club of Marion will sponsor a free community viewing of the documentary "Miss Representation" at 6:30 p.m., on Feb. 21 at the Woman's Club building at 126 E. Carlisle St. The documentary explores how mainstream media is the source of underrepresentation of women in positions of power and influence in America. The 90-minute film includes subject matter relating to girls' body image, self-confidence and leadership aspirations and how they are connected with the way women are portrayed on television and in the media. A panel discussion will follow the viewing. Mothers, grandmothers or anyone interested in helping young women succeed should attend. The suggested age of participants is 14 and up due to the mature levels of some of the information.

The next Inter-Agency meeting will be held at 9 a.m., on April 18 at the Extension Office.



Speech team qualifies for state

On Jan. 12, Crittenden County High School Speech Team competed at the Murray/Marshall Swing Speech Tournament, which is two tournaments in one day. The following students qualified for the state competition to be held in March at the University of Kentucky: Amber Wright, second place and third place in Broadcast Announcing; Daniel Patton, third place in Broadcast Announcing; Micah Hollamon, third place in Oratorical Declamation; Amber Wright and Daniel Patton, fourth place in Improvisational Duo; and Cole Foster, sixth place in Broadcast Announcing. Based on total team participation points, Crittenden ranked sixth in both sections of the tournament. Pictured above are Daniel Patton, Micah Hollamon, Amber Wright and Cole Foster.

Christmas still hot topic for group of local volunteers

STAFF REPORT

Last Thursday, Community Christmas organizers reviewed the success of the 2012 event and took a look forward to future efforts in the county. Volunteers learned the charity last year was able to provide \$20-per-person food vouchers for 475 individuals and \$30 vouchers to 59 adults whose households contain no children. Gift vouchers in the amount of \$75 were issued to 50 teens.

In total, Community Christmas handed out \$16,200 in vouchers for food and gift items to underprivileged residents of the county. The charity already has a balance of \$1,096 for 2013.

There was also sponsorship of 219 children ages 12 and under through Angel Trees in 2012. Organizers estimate more than \$17,000 worth of gifts was donated by sponsors.

Community Christmas spends all of the monetary donations it receives on families in need, and all other items given to recipients are collected through donations for individual requests chosen from the

Angel Trees.

Meantime, discussion of future sign-up dates centered on possible separate sign-up dates or separate times for the households without children. This action would help alleviate the time recipients spend waiting in line. Recruiting more volunteers for sign-up days was also suggested.

The possibility of changes to Community Christmas methods include a requirement for families to attend a particular number of educational programs in order to be eligible to sign up for assistance.

tance.

Officials indicated this policy is required in Todd, Hopkins and Christian counties.

The committee said if they decided to take this action, it would not begin until 2014. Families would be told during the 2013 sign-up dates about any changes.

Before the meeting closed, officials also recognized the schools, churches, businesses and community organizations that helped raise funds or volunteered their time for Community Christmas.



State Farm named Business of the Month

State Farm Insurance in Marion was recognized as Business of the Month for January by Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Agent Tom Potter said he was honored by the selection. "I greatly appreciate the recognition," he said. "I started being an agent about four years ago, and it's nice to be recognized in a community that you've been a part of now for about 16 years. It's always nice to see smiling faces present you with a plaque that says Marion, Ky., recognizes you as a top business. It's nice to be recognized." Present at the presentation were (from left) Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant, Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander, Scott Belt of Farmers Bank, Potter and Holly White, Crittenden County Schools Community Educator and Information Officer.

Middle school receives grant for new program

Crittenden County Middle School has been awarded a grant to implement a 21st Century Learning Center. The Kentucky Department of Education announced last week the middle school was awarded the grant to fund the program.

Holly White, Family Resource and Community Educator for Crittenden County Schools, said the grant will help implement a program much like the

Crosswalk Learning Center at the high school.

"At Crittenden County we are extremely excited that we have received another 21st Century Learning Center grant opportunity. This was awarded to the middle school and the program will be called Bridgeway Learning Center," she said. "It will be a program that will provide many 21st Century learning and technology skills to our students. It will be available free of charge."

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BASKETBALL

Associated Press Top 10

KHSAA BOYS

Top 10 high school boys' basket-ball teams in Kentucky:

1. Louisville Trinity

15-4

2. Louisville Ballard

15-4

3. Bullitt East

17-4

4. Madison Central

15-3

5. Lexington Henry Clay

17-3

6. Louisville Holmes

20-0

7. Louisville PRP

16-5

8. Hopkinsville

16-4

9. Louisville Fairdale

13-5

10. Scott County

13-6

Others receiving votes from western Kentucky: Henderson County 4.

KHSAA GIRLS

Top 10 high school girls' basket-ball teams in Kentucky:

1. Marion County

21-0

2. Anderson County

19-1

3. Henderson County

15-1

4. Louisville Ballard

17-2

5. Madison Central

15-3

6. Elizabethtown

14-4

7. Louisville Mercy

11-7

8. Louisville Dupont Manual

11-7

9. Bowling Green

17-4

10. Clay County

16-4

Others receiving votes from western Kentucky: Webster County 7, Glasgow 1.

COLLEGE - NCAA MEN'S

Top 10 NCAA men's basketball teams in the country:

1. Duke

16-1

2. Michigan

17-1

3. Kansas

16-1

3. Syracuse

17-1

5. Louisville

16-2

6. Arizona

16-1

7. Indiana

16-2

8. Florida

14-2

9. Butler

16-2

10. Gonzaga

17-2

HUNTING

Turkey apps at LBL

Applications will be available on-line Feb. 1, for the first six hunting days of the 2013 Turkey Season at Land Between the Lakes. Three quota hunts in Kentucky and Tennessee during the first portion of the season require prior application. In Kentucky, quota hunts include a two-day youth hunt for hunters (under age 16) March 30-31, a two-day hunt April 9-10 and a two-day hunt April 13-14. No hunting is permitted between these dates. Hunters can apply online at lbl.org/Hunting.html through Feb. 28. Applicants can check the website the end of March to see if they were drawn. The quota hunt application fee will remain \$5 for an online application. The LBL Hunter Use Permit cost will increase to \$25 on March 1. Non-quota hunting season, which does not require a prior application, is one 14-day hunt April 15-28 in Kentucky.

Wildlife habitat program

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is now accepting applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program Wildlife Initiative. Land users may apply for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at any time. However, the second application evaluation cut-off date for 2013 has been set at April 19. This program provides land users an opportunity to improve wildlife habitat by providing financial incentives for installing eligible practices on land they own or control. In Kentucky, the primary focus of the program is to improve early successional and forestland habitats for declining species and other wildlife. Restoring remnant prairies, planting native grasses, shrubs and trees are some of the eligible practices for the program. Other eligible practices include bush honeysuckle removal, creating patch clear cuts in forestland and creating shallow water areas. For more information, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in East Bellville Street in Marion.

Hunting seasons

Groundhog

Year Round

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Year Round

Raccoon Hunting

Oct. 1 - Feb. 28

Raccoon Trapping

Nov. 12 - Feb. 28

Quail and Rabbit

Nov. 12 - Feb. 10

Squirrel

Nov. 12 - Feb. 28

Canada Goose

Nov. 22 - Jan. 31

Pennyrile Goose

Nov. 22 - Jan. 31

White-fronted Goose

Nov. 22 - Jan. 31

Snow Goose

Nov. 22 - Jan. 31

Bobcat

Nov. 24 - Feb. 28

Duck

Dec. 3 - Jan. 27

Crow

Jan. 4 - Feb. 28

Snow Goose

Feb. 1 - March 31

Youth Waterfowl

Feb. 2-3

Classic troubles bite CCHS

UHA gets past Rockets en route to All A title

STAFF REPORT

With about a month remaining in the high school basketball season, the Rockets took the first part of this week to rest their legs before going to Hopkinsville Friday to play perhaps the best team west of Louisville.

Hoptown's Tigers (16-4) are ranked eighth in Kentucky – the only team west of Louisville among the state's top 10. Hopkinsville finished sixth after losing to top-ranked Louisville Trinity in the King of the Bluegrass Tournament last month.

The Tigers are certainly the top team in the region despite appearing a tad bit vulnerable in narrow wins over Henderson and Madisonville earlier this season. Otherwise, they've plastered all other teams in the Second Region by at least 14 points, most have been by 20 or more. Hopkinsville has beaten Graves County and Tilghman (among the best First Region teams) by 22 and 14 points, respectively.

The Tigers host the Second Region Tournament this season, so they're no doubt favored to advance to the Kentucky Sweet 16.

Hopkinsville's Jordan Majors and Jaqualis Matlock are likely the two best players in the region. Jamonte Davis also scores a great deal for the Tigers, who run a fast-paced offense and average about 75 points a game.

UHA defense smothers Rockets

University Heights gave Crittenden a hand en route to the team's Second Region All A Classic championship last week at Marion.

The Blazers gave the Rockets a hand in the face, a hand on the hip, one checking the ball and two more on the boards. With all those hands moving, Crittenden shot very poorly and quickly found itself behind by double digits against the 8-9 Blazers.

Several years removed from its true glory days, UHA remains a formidable foe in the Class A realm. Defensively, the Blazers were more than Crittenden County could handle in Friday's tournament semifinal at Rocket Arena. Crittenden shot 16 percent from the floor in the first half and scored just three points in the second period as UHA zipped ahead by 24-10 at the break

Union routes Rocket girls

STAFF REPORT

With leading scorer Chelsea Oliver sidelined with flu-like symptoms, the Lady Rockets were far less than full strength when they hosted Union County Tuesday night and lost 62-31.

The Bravettes zone pressed Crittenden right out of the chute and set the tempo for the game. Union (6-10) forced several early turnovers and caused other problems for the hurrying Lady Rockets. After leading 17-0, Union was set for the game.

Crittenden finally got a bit of offense going when Union was whistled for a scorebook violation, giving Lady Rocket senior Kaitlin Binkley two free throws. Davana Head followed with a three-pointer and Crittenden rallied for 11 points in the first period. As it turned out, that was their most productive period of the game despite failing to score in the first four minutes of the game.

Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge went to her bench just once during the entire game. She brought in eighth-grader Kiana Nesbitt when junior center Maggie Collins took a whack to the face and missed the rest of the game. Of the six girls who played for Crittenden, two were eighth graders.

It was Crittenden's worst loss since be-



Aaron Owen gets a screen from Noah Dickerson to help shed Livingston's Canaan Wring in the Class A opener while Devin Clark (right) found little room to work against UHA.

then won by 20.

The Rockets completely misfired from long range, making just 1-of-17 three-pointers. The bombs started firing with greater frequency in the second half as Crittenden found itself trailing and showing no signs of being able to get to the rim consistently against UHA's tenacious defense.

Although UHA's record is mediocre at best, the team has played perhaps the most rugged schedule in the region. The Blazers play Richmond's Model High School (17-3) in the state All A Classic Thursday. UHA has one of the two losing records for all teams in the state small-school tournament. Holy Cross of Louisville is in the state tournament at 4-15.

Rockets beat Livingston third time

Livingston Central gave Crittenden a big challenge in the Class A Tournament's opening round. The Cardinals were ahead often in the first half and led at the break by two.

The Rockets managed to take the lead in the third period, but relinquished it again down the stretch when Austin Woodward made a couple of foul shots. It was Woodward who kept Livingston in the hunt. He scored 15 in the first half and finished with 25. His three-pointer with 3:20 left tied the game at 44. From there, three Cardinal turnovers helped fuel a Rocket 9-3 run down that put the game virtu-

SCORES & STANDINGS

GIRLS' FIFTH DISTRICT STANDINGS			
Team	Overall	Dist.	
Livingston Central	12-7	6-0	
Lyon County	6-11	4-2	
Crittenden County	3-16	2-4	
Trigg County	0-14	0-6	

GIRLS' ALL A CLASSIC SECOND REGION

Monday's First Round Scores

Webster County 68, Trigg County 5

Caldwell County 55, Crittenden Co. 39

Livingston Central 57, Lyon Co. 55

University Heights 67, Dawson Springs 43

Thursday's Semifinal Round

At Rocket Arena

Webster County 66, Caldwell County 34

University Heights 59, Livingston Central 45

Saturday's Championship Game

Webster County 52, University Heights 51

fore Christmas. The girls host Fort Campbell (5-8) Friday.

Union County 62, Crittenden 31

Union County

27

12

14

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Crittenden County

11

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2

9

UNION – Campbell 8, Thompson 12, Wright 10, Smith 11, Hendrickson 9, Bennett 2, Bealmear 2, Womack, Conway, Roberson 2, Ratley 3, E.Hendrickson, Bickett 3. Field Goals 27. 3-pointers 3 (Thompson 2, Bickett 1). Free Throws 5-12. Fouls 15.

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 3, Binkley 6, Moss 2, Head 9, Collins 9, Nesbitt 2. Field Goals 8. 3-pointers 2 (Head 1, Binkley 1). Free Throws 9-15. Fouls 12.

Tumble Extreme teammates brought home 14 first-place trophies and a trove of other honors last month from the Clarksville Christmas Classic in Clarksville, Tenn. Pictured are (front from left) Jada Hayes, Michaela West, Brittany Minton, Paige Gilbert, Trinity Hayes, Riley Summers, (back) Sharon Collins, Isabella Minton, Payton Maness, Rhiana Manness, Hanna Long, Matthia Long and coach B.J. Minton. First-place winners were Collins, Matthia Long, Payton Maness (who won first in all three categories: tumbling, double mini and trampoline), Rhiana Manness, Brittany Minton, Isabella Minton, Summers and West.



STANDINGS, SCORES

BOYS' FIFTH DISTRICT		
Team	Overall	Dist.
Lyon County	10-8	5-1
Trigg County	9-6	4-2
Crittenden County	10-11	3-3
Livingston Central	3-16	0-6

ALL A CLASSIC SECOND REGION

Tuesday's First Round Games

UHA 74, Dawson Springs 40

Crittenden 57, Livingston Central 53

Webster County 81, Trigg County 72

Caldwell County 50, Lyon County 49

Friday's Semifinal Round

At Rocket Arena

UHA 63, Crittenden County 43

Webster County 49, Caldwell Co. 40

Saturday's Championship Game

UHA 64, Webster County 60

ALL A CLASSIC STATE TOURNAMENT

First Round Games

Carlisle County (14-7) vs. Bardstown (15-5)

Model (17-3) vs. University Heights (8-9)

Butler County (13-8) vs. Russel (18-4)

Lou. Collegiate (11-6) vs. Bishop Brossart (17-3)

Pikeville (13-7) vs. Lou. Holy Cross (4-15)

Somerset (14-5) vs. Newport Cent. Cath. (17-2)

Clinton Co. (13-6) vs. Knott County (15-5)

Middlesboro (11-7) vs. Owen County (15-3)

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Eighth-grader Kiana Nesbitt posts up against a Union County defender late in the game. Nesbitt came off the bench to play center when Maggie Collins got hurt. She scored two points.

Dugout club meets, baseball organizing

Crittenden County Dugout Club will meet at 2 p.m., Sunday at Marion Ed-Tech Center in the Industrial Park South. The group will begin organizing local youth baseball and softball programs for the summer.

The volunteer organization needs more manpower for directors, coaches and parent volunteers to ensure the sports program runs smoothly throughout the coming season. Anyone interested in helping should attend the upcoming meeting.

Skills assessments for players will be in March. Registration forms will go out to schools in February.

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Legal Notice

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CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-CI-00129
TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING,
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DEFENDANTS
RE-NOTICE OF SALE

Comes Brandi D. Rogers, Master Commissioner of the Crittenden Circuit Court and provides this Court and the parties herein with a re-notice of the Master Commissioner's sale of the real estate. The previous sale date, scheduled for Friday, January 18, 2013, is hereby cancelled and the sale shall be rescheduled for Friday, February 1, 2013, beginning at the hour of 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky. The Master Commissioner shall by virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on November 8, 2012 proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit):

TWO certain lots or parcels of land lying and being in Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, fronting on what is known as Koon Road and particularly described as follows:

FIRST LOT: BEGINNING at a stone in said Koon Road, corner to John Eskew's lot; thence South or nearly so 10 feet with Koon Road to a stone, corner to R.E. Flanary (now Leamon White); thence West or nearly so 184 feet to a stone; thence North or nearly

so 10 feet to a stone, John Eskew's corner; thence East with Eskew's line 184 feet to the place of beginning.

SECOND LOT: BEGINNING at a stone in said Koon Road, corner to J.C. Speece, formerly J.C. Hicklin; thence South or nearly so with said road 68 feet to a stone, corner to said R.C. Flanary lot; thence West or nearly so with line of said Flanary 184 feet to another stone in said line; thence North or nearly so 68 feet to a stone, corner to the aforesaid Speece; thence East or nearly so 175 feet to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Tim R. Cosby, Jason Cosby and Wesley J. Cosby, by affidavit of descent dated May 2, 2011, recorded in Book 217, page 270, Office of Crittenden County Clerk's Office, ("Property").

The description provided herein was provided by the parties and is contained in the Judgment and Order of Sale.

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2. The Purchaser shall be required to assume and pay any ad valorem taxes and all taxes assessed against said property by any City, State, County or any school district which are due and payable at any time during the year 2012 or thereafter. Said sale shall be made subject to:

a. Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record affect said property.

b. Any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property.

c. Any assessments for public improvements levied against the property.

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(Front, from left) Storm Franklin, Ethan Wallace, Raina West, Emma Harnes, Holden Cooksey, Hadlee Rich, Ben Evans, (center) Logan Young, Brady Knight, Hailey Belt, Hunter Robison, Sara Jones, Amanda Estes, Seth Taylor, Taylor Koerner, Kaiden Hollis, (back) Autumn Derby, Ryan Turner, Dillan West, Natalie Hutchings, Jayden Hill, Shelby Brown, Jesika Duncan and Kyler Withrow. Not pictured are Matthia Long and Seth Sarles.



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Kindergarten through second grade

(Front, from left) Brandon Peters, Makayla Ford, Gage Beard, Hannah Tyrie, Caden Howard, Baylee Muff, Rachel Mundy, Tyree McClean, Halle Hackney, Christian Coleman, (center) Jeremiah Foster, Laycee Lynn, Emily Adams, Kira Belt, Robert Jackson, Alex Conner, Lucy Haire, (back) Carsen Brown, Carson Montalta, Lanie Greenwell, Sam Impastato, Kendra Williams, Trevor Eifler and Emilee Russelburg. Not pictured are Riley Smith, Travis Blazina, Jackson Reddick and Raven Hayes.

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- Second grade: Bryant**
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- **All A:** Alyssa Bozeman, Emma Harness and McKenzie Quettermous.
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 - **All A and B:** Keilee Baker, Maggie Blazina, Travis Boone, Chris Clark, Erica Darnell, Daley DeBoe, Aliyah Frutiger, Kollin Graham, Hannah Riley, Coleman Stone, Ethan Wallace, Dane West, Coby West and Raina West.
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- **All A and B:** Kyler Alsobrook, Callie Brown, Kaylee Conger, Trace Derrington, Jake Drawdy, Ben Evans, Braydon Hill, Chloe James, Addy Kirby, Blake Martin, Cale Minton, Luke Mundy, Hadlee Rich and Chloe Weathers.
- Third grade: Perez**
- **All A:** Tanner Beverly, Luke Crider and Samantha Tinsely.
 - **All A and B:** Brysen Baker, Faith Conner, Gracie Driskill, Brianna Fletcher, Storm Franklin, Anna Groves, Jordan Jones, Grace Roberts, Ryleigh Tabor and Logan Young.
- Fourth grade: Millikan**
- **All A:** James Crider and Jada Hayes.
 - **All A and B:** Ben Dobyns, Amanda Estes, Cameron Howard, Hailey Mathieu, Southern Pate, Tate Roberts, Seth Taylor and Laela Turner.
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- **All A:** Ally Newman, Kate Keller and Matthia Long.
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- Fourth grade: Binkley**
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Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

For the second consecutive year, a team from Crittenden County will participate in the Western Kentucky Polar Plunge scheduled for Feb. 16 at Kentucky Dam Village. The event benefits Special Olympics Kentucky. Known as the Chilly Willies, the team from Crittenden County raised \$5,300 last year. They hope to equal that amount for this year's event. Prior to the polar

plunge, a 5K run will be held that morning, also to benefit the Special Olympics. The Crittenden County team is comprised of teachers, administrators and community members. Each member raises \$75 to be part of the team. Karen Nasser, assistant principal at Crittenden County Elementary School, is team captain. Nasser encourages community support and said several fundraising efforts are being organized to help raise money.

One fundraiser includes a silent auction on a basket featuring a signed autographed poster of former University of Kentucky basketball player and current New Orleans Hornets star Anthony Davis. The basket will be displayed for silent auction at local banks and at the Crittenden-Caldwell basketball game on Saturday. Other fundraising activities include a Polar Plunge Night at Dairy Queen, when Chilly Willie team members will work one night at the

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