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## 10-digit dialing starts Saturday

Only two days remain until the beginning of mandatory 10-digit dialing for local calls in area code 270.

Mandatory 10-digit dialing for local calls begins Saturday, when area code 364 is added to the same geographic area as the current 270 area code.

"All current area code 270 numbers will stay the same when the new area code goes into effect," Kentucky Public Service Commission Chairman David Armstrong said. "It is just the dialing pattern that is changing."

Dialing 1 for local calls is not necessary now and will not be necessary after Saturday. Local calls will not become long-distance calls.

The first numbers using area code 364 may be assigned beginning March 3.

## Board of ed sets altered calendar

Old Man Winter will force students in Crittenden County to stay in school a little longer this academic year.

At Tuesday's board of education meeting, a revised school calendar was approved to account for the six days of instruction lost to winter weather that have yet to be made up. The new calendar approved by board members sees students going without a day off in February and March. Feb 17 and April 14, initially set aside as teacher planning days, will now be used for instruction. The remaining four days will be tacked on to the end of the school calendar.

Spring break – April 7-11 – will be left intact. The last day of instruction has been moved to May 21 and graduation for seniors shifted to May 23, provided no more days are missed due to inclement weather or other reasons.

## Fohs Hall Ball set for Feb. 15

The Fohs Hall Ball will be held Feb. 15 at the historic building in Marion. The event starts at 6 p.m.

The elegant, semi-formal affair features music by the legendary Temple Airts of Evansville, Ind., and fine dining catered by Conrad's Food Store. Tickets are \$75 per person for the meal and dance or \$25 for the dance only. Proceeds go for the upkeep and maintenance of Fohs Hall.

To purchase tickets or for further information, contact Shyral Estes at (270) 704-1068.

## What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked, "Which team will you be pulling for in the Super Bowl?" An overwhelming majority appear to be Peyton Manning and Broncos fans, at least for Sunday's game. The results were as follows:

- Denver Broncos: 56%
- Seattle Seahawks: 11%
- I don't care: 33%



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# Chief Justice sees firsthand inadequacies of county's judicial center Courthouse 'on a list' for makeover

By CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS PUBLISHER

Asbestos, security concerns, accessibility issues, growing maintenance problems and the list of ills goes on and on with respect to Crittenden County's outmoded courthouse.

It's the oldest, most used public building in the county and there is none less user-friendly than the cornerstone of the community's legal and civic system. Built more than 50 years ago, the antiquated courthouse lacks functionality for the 21st century. It has a porous roof, ceilings laced with potentially-dangerous material,

## Online podcast

Visit The Press Online to listen to a 6-minute podcast with Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice John Minton Jr. and AOC Director Laurie Dudgeon during their visit last Wednesday to tour Crittenden County Courthouse.

inadequate emergency exits, no modern security systems and a heating and cooling

unit fit for a Model T.

A second visit in three years by high-ranking judicial and court administrators last week has local leaders hopeful that improvements may soon be made to the Crittenden County Courthouse. Still, county officials are tempered by the lack of progress over the past 10 years and the understanding that any piecemeal improvements to the current courthouse could be wrought with additional challenges.

Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice John Minton Jr. and Director Laurie Dudgeon of the Administra-

tive Office of the Courts (AOC) were among state officials who toured the courthouse in Marion last week. They came at a time when Crittenden District Court was in session. The courtroom was filled with patrolmen, officers of the court, potential jurors and others in town last Wednesday for the weekly district court docket and a misdemeanor theft trial. The near-chaotic situation wasn't lost on the chief justice and AOC administrators, including Vance Mitchell, facilities director for the state agency. They saw the need for improvements and told local

leaders as much.

Crittenden Circuit Court Judge Rene Williams and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom have been actively working the Kentucky Judicial Branch for several years, seeking relief from an overcrowded, outdated courthouse. The circuit judge was especially enlivened by the personal visit from the chief justice and head of the AOC. In October 2011, Judge Williams helped facilitate a similar walk-through of the courthouse by Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunning-

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## Fredonia bank robbed at gunpoint

Police arrest suspects shortly after incident

STAFF REPORT

The man accused of robbing Fredonia Valley Bank Monday had just been paroled from prison in October, and he has an extensive criminal record that includes nine previous felony convictions dating back to auto theft at age 18 and burglary at 19.

Codie Lady, 23, who has a Marion driver's license, apparently has very few connections here, according to local authorities. He has neither a criminal nor traffic record in Crittenden County. He grew up in Princeton and got into serious trouble in Caldwell, Lyon and Christian counties. In February 2010, he tried to rob a Christian County homeowner who confronted him with a shotgun.

Lady now faces a first-degree robbery charge for Monday's bold holdup of the Fredonia bank. He is also charged with four counts of first-degree wanton endangerment for allegedly pointing a handgun at three bank employees and a bank patron. In addition, on Tuesday he

## Lady has history of felony activity



COUNTY	CRIME DATE	CONVICTION
Caldwell	.....July 2008	.....Receiving Stolen Property (firearm)
Caldwell	.....July 2008	.....Unlawful Transaction with a Minor
Caldwell	.....July 2008	.....Auto Theft
Lyon	.....November 2009	.....Theft by Unlawful Taking
Lyon	.....November 2009	.....Theft by Unlawful Taking (firearm)
Lyon	.....November 2009	.....First-Degree Criminal Mischief
Lyon	.....November 2009	.....First-Degree Burglary
Christian	.....February 2010	.....Receiving Stolen Property
Christian	.....February 2010	.....First-Degree Burglary

was charged with attempted murder of a police officer, a Class A felony, punishable by more than 20 years in prison; first-degree fleeing or evading police in a vehicle, a Class D felony; and first-offense DUI with aggravating circumstances.

Robbery is a Class B felony, punishable by 10-20 years in prison, and wanton endangerment is a Class D felony, punishable by 1-5 years in prison. Lady had served three years of a 15-year sentence for the Christian County robbery before being paroled in the fall from the Kentucky State Penitentiary.

An alleged bank robbery accomplice, Lacie K. Bielecki, 29, of Princeton is charged with first-degree robbery by complicity, also a Class B felony. Investigators think she may have been driving the getaway vehicle because witnesses said Lady got into a white Chevy S-10 pickup, climbing in on the passenger side, after allegedly robbing the bank of an undisclosed amount of cash just before noon Monday.

Stu Recke, spokesman for the Kentucky State Police, said Lady entered the bank at 11:51 p.m.,

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## Region facing propane woes

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Kentucky is one of the states facing the worst of a Midwestern U.S. propane shortage, and local providers and customers are feeling the effects.

"It's a nightmare," said Craig Gilland, owner of Liberty Fuels, a propane retailer in Marion.

As the crisis continues, Gilland has been forced to ration deliveries to his customers while asking them to pay more than ever for propane. As of Tuesday morning, he was selling propane for \$2.99 per gallon, \$1.10 more than he was charging at the first of January.

"It's just awful to think propane prices have gotten this high," he said, adding that local retailers are forced to raise their prices as the cost of restocking their inventories from wholesalers rises. "There are so many people on fixed incomes."

Mother Nature can be largely to blame for the crisis.

A second wave of bitterly cold air endured over the last week could-

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Miserable Devastating Paralyzed Debilitating  
Frozen Transformational Cold Unbelievable  
Harsh Headache Humbling Stressful Scary  
Incomprehensible Profound  
Quiet Horrible Unforgettable Dark  
Eerie Fun  
**The Ice Storm...5 years after**

By DARYL K. TABOR  
PRESS EDITOR

Whatever word you may choose to illustrate the ice storm of 2009, it probably falls short in explaining what the community endured five years ago amid the worst disaster in Crittenden County's 172-year history.

Miserable. Horrible. Unforgettable. Scary. Powerless. Those are just a few of the words used in reflection by our readers to describe the winter storm that first hit on the Monday night of Jan. 26, 2009, and left the community in disarray for weeks.

Humbling. That is the word used by Fred Brown, the county's top elected official at the time of the disaster, as he looks back five years at the catastrophe from his unique perspective.

"...()t showed me how weak we are as individuals, but how strong we are as a

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## Ice storm photos

Find numerous photos sent in by our readers and compiled by our staff from the 2009 ice storm on our Facebook page.

An eerie view down East Depot Street in Marion on Jan. 28, 2009, two days after the most catastrophic ice storm to ever hit Kentucky began, paints a surreal scene of sagging power lines, slumped trees and a blanket of ice that made life in Crittenden County a struggle for weeks to come.



# Conway files complaint against propane provider

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway today filed a complaint in Franklin Circuit Court against a Kentucky propane gas provider for alleged violations of the Kentucky Consumer Protection Act. The complaint also sought, and was granted by Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd, a restraining order to allow customers of United Propane Gas Inc. (UPG) and its 23 subsidiaries – including River River Propane Gas Inc. in Marion – to secure propane from another supplier without a written release from UPG until Monday.

A written release by a tank owner/supplier is normally required by Kentucky law before another supplier is allowed to fill the tank. The court's restraining order suspends that requirement in this instance.

Conway's office said the action comes after complaints from farmers and residential cus-

tomers of UPG in western Kentucky who were exhausting their propane supplies. According to a news release from the attorney general, when consumers called the company, they had trouble reaching a representative or could not secure a waiver from the company.

The Office of the Attorney General worked with the company to obtain a blanket waiver for customers. The waiver expired Tuesday, and Conway's office demanded UPG extend the waiver through the week because of the company's lack of supply and cold temperatures. The company refused, which led to today's action.

"The majority of propane companies, while facing shortages, are doing the right thing," Conway said. "They are working with customers to make partial deliveries or provide waivers. This has not been the case for UPG."

## PROPANE

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n't have come at a worse time for Kentuckians who heat their homes and businesses with propane, says Kentucky Propane Gas Association Executive Director Jay McCants. About 8 percent of Kentuckians use propane fuel. McCants said that accounts for somewhere between 130,000 and 140,000 households.

"This is a very, very big issue," he said.

An abnormal shift to the flow of icy air that keeps high-pressure atop temperate zones and arctic air in, well, the arctic, has left temperatures across all of North America out of whack. That infamous river of air, aptly named the "polar vortex," has been pumping sub-freezing temperatures into the lower 48, accounting for record-breaking electricity and heating demands.

"It's a nationwide problem that we're having right now," Gilland explained.

McCants said that means more grief for a propane industry already on its knees this winter.

"This is by far the most stressful year I've had," said Gilland of operating as a propane retailer.

It started more than three months ago when western Kentucky farmers carried an unusually high corn yield soaked in months of summer rain. Farmers bought up huge shares of reserve propane before the autumn cold, raising demand, and, in turn, prices.

The high demand extenuated a growing pipeline prob-

lem nationwide, McCants said. With only so many pipes to carry only so much fuel northward from refineries in the Deep South, fuel demands remain an all-year-long concern from residential blocks to huge industries.

The supply shortages for retailers like Gilland have been a headache to say the least. Gilland said instead of placing orders a day ahead to restock his propane inventory, he's having to schedule deliveries a week ahead.

Gilland was able to refill his inventory with fuel offloaded Tuesday morning, but because of uncertainties associated with restocking his supply, he's having to ration propane to his customers to ensure delivery to those in need. He is limiting his sales to customers he's had at least 13 months and their tanks must be at 30 percent capacity or less before a transport of fuel will be made. He is also having to limit each delivery to only 150 gallons to ensure he is able to take care of all his customers.

If the crisis lingers, "I'm personally concerned about continuing to take care of our customers," he said.

Gilland urges his customers to pay close attention to their remaining stores of propane so as to not run out before a delivery can be made. He's also stressing conservation.

"I don't know where it's going to end," he said of the shortages. "I think it will be after spring starts before it gets better."

*(The Murray Ledger & Times contributed to this story.)*

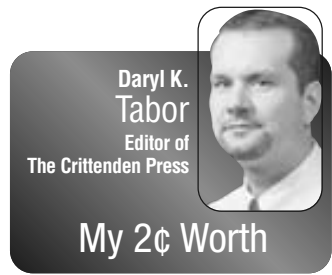
# 10-digit dialing's arrival a hassle

It will be a hassle, but like many changes in life, there's little we can do about it...short of reprogramming our phones.

Ten-digit dialing for the 270 area code begins Saturday. Callers have had several months to practice punching in the three extra digits to get used to the mandatory conversion. But my bet is there will still be plenty of frustrated phone users this weekend when they place a call across town.

Those punching in only seven numbers will likely get a message similar to, "I'm sorry, but you must first dial the area code to complete your call."

Some callers may unsuccessfully try again with the same seven numbers, thinking a second try will alleviate the problem. There will be cursing, confusion and phone slamming, and buttons on phones are sure to take some



abuse. Despite it all, starting Saturday, you simply must dial 270 even if you're calling your next door neighbor.

That goes against everything we are used to in this area of the country. To dial a local number in the past, all we've had to do is dial the exchange – 965, 988, 704, 969, etc. – and the last four digits. The 270 was needed only when making a long distance call to say, Paducah, Princeton or Possum Trot. Heck, for a time, if you were calling 965-to-965, you could get away with skipping the 9 and 6 and dial only the last five

numbers of a person's line.

Now, however, everyone placing any call must dial at least 10 digits. Don't fret too much, however, as local calls will still be local, meaning there will be no long distance charges. But you'll still have to remember to dial 270.

While the extra work is new to most of us, those living in more densely populated areas around the country are used to dialing the area code before local and long distance calls. That's because there are so many numbers in use, two or more area codes may be needed to assign everyone a local number.

You can get 7.92 million numbers out of each area code, according to Area-Codes.com, which adds, "although there are technically 10 million seven-digit phone number combinations available in each area code, some numbers aren't available,

such as 911, 411 and numbers starting with 0 or 1."

With the proliferation of cell phones in addition to home phones, business phones, fax lines and lines used for Internet connections, the numbers in any area code can get used up quickly. Because of this, a new 364 overlay was created, which simply means that two area codes will be used in the same geographic area.

The new 364 numbers will be assigned beginning next month. At that time, a new neighbor may get a 10-digit number starting with 364.

It stinks and is a hassle, for sure. But before you get to feeling too sorry for yourself, save your pity for those still using a rotary dial phone.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bechler's column omitted key points

To the editor

In his Jan. 15, 2014, column in this newspaper, state Rep. Lynn Bechler failed to include, in my opinion, important information regarding some of the issues he discussed. I have no argument with what was written, it is what was omitted that I find troubling and a disservice to readers seeking to understand important, and often complicated, matters of state.

Specifically:

- While addressing education funding, he asked, "If all the millions of dollars the lottery col-

lects is going to fund education," why the need for more tax dollars? A reasonable question, but without context it is difficult to fully understand. The context is that last year's general fund education budget was \$5.4 billion and the lottery revenue was \$215 million. Important funds, to be sure, but far from addressing education budgetary needs.

- Also omitted was the fact that lottery revenues have for years totally funded the Kentucky Excellence in Education Scholarship (KEES) program, which provides money to virtually all Kentucky high school graduates pursuing higher education in-state. Surplus lottery funds provide needs-based

scholarships. If the issue is eliminating KEES and needs-based scholarships and putting the money elsewhere, then let's hear it.

- In his remarks regarding the human papillomavirus (HPV) issue and his opposition to mandatory vaccinations, he said "HPV causes warts on the hands, feet and genitals." This may be true, but the salient point is that HPV causes cervical cancer, one of the most common, painful, debilitating and potentially fatal cancers among U.S. women. This fact was omitted.
- Finally, cervical cancer is preventable by the vaccination of young girls. While called

mandatory by opponents of the vaccine, that's not entirely accurate since proposed legislation has always included strong "opt out" provisions giving parents and/or guardians the final say. That, at least, is worthy of mention.

I hope I've not offended Rep. Bechler or his good supporters, but sometimes one can't resist telling their version of the rest of the story.

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Princeton, Ky.

*(Editor's note: Cherry is the former state representative for the 4th District, which Rep. Bechler now represents in Frankfort.)*

# 'Devil in details' of governor's budget plan

As you might suspect, the governor's two-year budget proposal was the big news of the week. For me, the main takeaways of his speech were education, tax reform, state employee raises, funding for low income working families to send their children to pre-school, gambling and increased debt.

The governor's proposed budget is not set in stone, and it will undoubtedly undergo many changes in the General Assembly before a final version is reached. The details of his proposed budget have just been released, and I am in the process of reviewing them. As the old saying goes, "The devil is in the details."

The governor is to be commended for laying out his general plan in a straightforward manner, without the finger-pointing and the blame game that too often goes on in Washington. That said, while there are areas of agreement, we also have some major differences in what we believe.

It is obvious that adequate funding for the education of our children is a priority. The notion, however, that kynect – the governor's implementation of "Obamacare" – is saving the state money with those "savings" going toward education is mind boggling. As of 9 a.m. on Friday, according to



the governor's own statistics, 162,099 Kentuckians have enrolled in kynect, but 122,328, or 75 percent, have enrolled in Medicaid. I submit that Medicaid costs Kentuckians money; it doesn't save money. I further believe that charter schools are worth trying, but there was no mention of that in his speech.

Inasmuch as I have been pushing for raises for those state employees who have gone without one for five or six years, I was pleased to see that the governor's proposed budget included them. I will work diligently to see that funding for these raises is in the budget passed by the General Assembly.

Another area where we are in agreement is his proposal of funding to help low-income families send their children to pre-school so parents can work. Interestingly, this is funding that the executive branch unilaterally cut last year without any legislative input.

We also agree on the need

for comprehensive tax reform. Kentucky needs to modernize its tax system to bring it into the 21st century. A concern I have, though, is that in the past his comments on tax reform seemed to me to be a way of saying tax increase. If the details of his proposal confirm that approach, I will be working on a different proposal.

While, thankfully, the governor did not rely on gambling to fund education, he once more pressed the idea that increased gambling was a quick and easy way to increase revenue to the state. That is a view I question. Looking at Illinois for example, a state that has embraced casino gambling, we see a state that has a high tax rate and is in deep financial peril. I'm not sure we want to see that in the commonwealth.

The governor's wish list also included the issuance of \$1.96 billion in General Fund revenue bonds. For a state that is already over \$45 billion in debt with a bond rating that is so bad it is only better than the ratings for Illinois and California, I suspect that most Kentuckians would not support this idea in the face of the continued slow growth in our economy.

The governor and I are also at odds over the gas tax. The governor has proposed

setting a new, higher floor for the average wholesale gas price in order to keep gas taxes high. You might remember that in a previous update I mentioned that I filed a bill that would give the Kentucky General Assembly future say regarding Kentucky's gasoline taxes. For more than 30 years, we've allowed the gasoline tax to rise based on the wholesale price formula of fuel in the Commonwealth, without any say or approval of legislators. In my opinion, the gas tax rate should not be adjusted unless we in the General Assembly approve it.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. I remain honored to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th District.

In addition to the contact information found on this page, I am also on Facebook, and you can follow my periodic posts if you "Like" my Lynn Bechler, Kentucky State Representative page.

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

# Governor's budget proposal 1st of many steps before final passage

After a pause in legislative work Jan. 20 to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Senate reconvened the next day in a joint session with the House to hear the governor's budget proposal.

Determining the state's two-year budget is the most daunting, time-consuming task we undertake in the legislature. As you can imagine, getting a majority of 138 lawmakers – who represent varied ideologies and communities across the state – to agree on any bill is hard. It was never meant to be effortless. Our government and the legislative process were designed so that every person has a voice and only the best bills become law. A measure with the complexity and consequences of the budget bill makes that process even more involved. The governor's speech was a first step.



The governor's plan, which focused largely on increased spending for education and training efforts, is now in the hands of House budget subcommittees. There, line item details are being hammered out for billions of dollars of revenues and expenditures.

In the coming weeks, the bill will move through the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee and then to the full House for that chamber's stamp of approval. That is when we will have a chance to put our mark on it here in the Sen-

ate. Then conferees will meet to settle differences between the House and Senate plans.

It is much more than a matter of mathematics. Getting the numbers to add up is easy. The hard part is reconciling the differences in priorities, principles and philosophies among lawmakers. We do not always agree on which programs and services to cut or invest in. And we have to work toward a consensus on the most fiscally responsible way to move our state forward.

It will most likely take nearly every one of our remaining working days – and many late nights and weekends between – for the plan to make it back to the governor's desk to become law.

For now though, many other bills are getting their turn on the Senate floor.

Senate Bill 4, called the

Legislative Pension Reciprocity Repeal, would permit lawmakers to make a one-time irrevocable declaration opting out of the higher-paying pension calculation.

SB 4 is now in the House for their consideration.

We also heard more news from the governor last Wednesday when he announced in a joint press conference with U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers the expansion of high-speed broadband Internet statewide.

High-speed Internet has become a necessary tool to compete in today's global economy, and 23 percent of Kentuckians currently do not have access to reliable broadband. That will change with a state and federal investment building nearly 3,000 miles of fiber infrastructure to connect Kentucky to the world. The project will start in eastern

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This will remove barriers to students and adults across the state to educa-

tion, training, health care and career opportunities and benefit the state for years to come.

In today's rapidly changing world, Kentucky needs to keep up. With this program, we will not only keep up, but move ahead.

We will consider many more bills and issues before final adjournment on April 15. I encourage you to stay informed and stay involved with the legislative process and the bills we take up. Let me know your thoughts and concerns about the budget or any other legislative issues we are considering. To do my job well, I need to hear from you.

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

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# Election filings finalized

STAFF REPORT  
Tuesday ended the filing period for candidates seeking office this year in partisan races for political office and nonpartisan contests for judicial posts. Only political candidates facing opposition from their respective party will appear on the May 20 primary election ballot. In addition, there will be a run-off election for 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge with the top two candidates facing off in the Nov. 4 election.

In the nonpartisan races for mayor and city council of Marion and Crittenden County Board of Education, candidates have until Aug. 20 to file for election.

Write-in candidates have until Oct. 24 to declare their candidacy.

April 21 is the last day to register to vote in the May primary election.

Below is a list of candidates who have filed their paperwork to seek election in 2014. Incumbents are denoted with an asterisk.

- COUNTY**  
**County Judge-Executive**  
- Perry A. Newcom (R)\*  
**County Attorney**  
- Rebecca Johnson (D)\*  
**County Sheriff**  
- Wayne Agent (R)\*  
**County Clerk**  
- Carolyn Byford (R)\*  
**County Jailer**  
- Robbie Kirk (R)  
- Mike McConnell (R)  
- Robert "Rocky" Roberts (R)  
- Ricky Winders (R)  
- Byron Jasis (D)  
- Daniel Kemper (D)  
- Rick Mills (D)  
**Property Valuation Administrator**  
- Ronnie Heady (D)\*  
**County Coroner**  
- Bradley R. Gilbert (R)\*  
**County Surveyor**  
- Jacob Cleveland Selph (R)  
**District 1 Magistrate**  
- Jeff Ellis (R)\*  
- Bob Trowbridge (R)  
- Danny Fowler (D)  
**District 2 Magistrate**  
- Curtis Wade Buntin (D)\*  
**District 3 Magistrate**  
- Junior Martin (R)  
- Glenn Underdown (R)\*  
**District 4 Magistrate**  
- Rickey D. Riley (R)  
- Mark A. Holloman (D)  
**District 5 Magistrate**  
- Donnetta Travis (D)\*  
- Wayne Winters (R)  
**District 6 Magistrate**  
- Dan Wood (D)\*  
**District 1 Constable**  
- Bobby Phelps (D)\*  
- Barry R. Brown (R)  
**District 2 Constable**  
- Tony Alexander (R)  
- Barkley Hughes (R)  
**District 3 Constable**  
- Paul Beard (R)  
- Roy Todd (D)\*  
**District 5 Constable**  
- Wayne West (R)\*  
**District 6 Constable**  
- Billy Arflack (D)\*

- KENTUCKY STATEHOUSE**  
**4th District Representative**  
- Lynn Bechler (R)\*  
- Jarrod H. Jackson (D)  
**4th District Senator**  
- J. Dorsey Ridley (D)\*

- U.S. CONGRESS**  
**1st District Congressman**  
- Ed Whitfield (R)\*  
- Wesley Seaton Bolin (D)  
- Charles Kendall Hatchett (D)  
**Senator**  
- Matt Bevin (R)  
- James Brady Copas (R)  
- Mitch McConnell (R)\*  
- Chris Payne (R)  
- Shawna Sterling (R)  
- Burrell Charles Farnsley (D)  
- Alison Lundergan Grimes (D)  
- Gregory Brent Leichty (D)  
- Tom Recktenwald (D)

- COURTS (NON-PARTISAN)**  
**District 5 Judge**  
- Daniel Heady\*  
**Circuit 5 Judge**  
- René Williams\*  
**Circuit 5 Family Court Judge**  
- Ben Leonard  
- Laura Alvey Peak  
- Brandi Hagan Rogers  
**1st District Court of Appeals Judge**  
- Christopher Shea Nickell\*  
**1st District Supreme Court Justice**  
- Bill Cunningham\*

- MARION (NON-PARTISAN)**  
*Candidates have until Aug. 20 to file*  
**Mayor**  
- Mikey Alexander\*

# People still talking about ‘The Ice Storm’

The Ice Storm was five years ago. How is that possible? Go into any restaurant or beauty shop or other gathering place in Marion and relate an experience about the Ice Storm and you're likely to hear dozens of other people's stories in response. Most folks around here talk about the storm as if it happened yesterday.

I know I do.

The morning after the storm hit, I walked out of my house and up my driveway to check out the condition of the county road on which I live. To my complete amazement – and horror – every tree lining the road had either fallen across the road or shed large branches onto it. I was trapped. There was no other path to civilization available to me. I walked back in to call the police department to see how bad it was countywide, and perhaps to see if anyone could come get me, only to learn that all land line and cell phone service was out of order. Of course, the electricity had quit several hours earlier. I started to think that I might be in trouble.

But late-afternoon on that first day of the storm, the city's utilities director, Brian Thomas, and Police Officer Marty Hodge noticed I was missing and, chainsaws in hand, blazed a path wide enough to fit a car down the length of my road, and I was able to make it into town. When I got to city hall and spoke with other emergency personnel and saw what few reports we could get about the magnitude of the storm's



damage, I was dumbstruck. Although it would be several more days before we truly understood what had happened, the following things were obvious:

- There was no electricity anywhere within at least 50 miles of us.
- All commercial activity in the region was at a complete standstill.
- Every street in the city and every road in the county was either partially or totally blocked by tree limbs, other debris and downed power lines. I couldn't begin to imagine the scope of the effort it would take to get the community back to some semblance of normal.
- An emergency shelter was set up at the elementary school in short order, and it quickly filled to capacity. Many homes in Marion and Crittenden County have electricity as their sole heating source, so getting as many residents of those homes as possible to a warm place was an immediate priority in the first days of the storm's aftermath.
- Organizing our emergency response efforts was also an early priority. Although it would be some time before large numbers of National Guard and FEMA personnel

made it into our area, we did have a fairly significant contingent of local workers and volunteers ready to do whatever they could to help. The efforts of these folks needed to be coordinated and directed to the areas that needed such help the most.

Former Pennyriple District Health Department Director Jim Tolley, former Judge-Executive Fred Brown and Mayor Mickey Alexander provided the leadership to make this happen. City Hall was the designated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the time, and it, literally, became home to the local National Guard contingent, a couple of dozen linemen from KU and other utility companies, a dozen or so agents with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and many other volunteers from places like the local rescue squad and area fire departments.

One of the most solemn and somber moments I remember from those early days of the crisis was when we made the extremely difficult decision to notify the public to leave the area if they had anywhere else to go. We were not receiving any information from AT&T and KU as to when basic services might be restored, we had only one gas station operating (which our police had commandeered and instituted a rationing system) and our entire commerce system had been severely crippled. Our big concern in the first hours and days of the storm's aftermath was obviously the safety and welfare

of our citizens. It just seemed logical to tell any of our people who had the resources to leave that they should do so.

On the Thursday following the Ice Storm, I was presented with a particularly challenging issue – it was supposed to be payday for City employees. We were on generator power at city hall, but that power wasn't sufficient to run the computers that we use for payroll. In addition, the banks were all closed due to the crisis, so we weren't sure that issuing checks would be effective anyway.

I no longer remember how I managed to make contact with then-Farmer's Bank President Gareth Hardin, but I did. I asked for his help in getting money to our employees, many of whom had to be paid in order to take care of their families in the wake of the storm. Later that morning, City Treasurer Melinda Gipson and City Clerk Pam Enoch and I met Mr. Hardin and his employees Chris Cook and Cheryl Watson in a candlelit – but otherwise pitch black – Farmer's Bank lobby, where they proceeded to count out and hand over to us enough money we thought would cover our employees' basic needs. I have told this to people many times in the years since. This was definitely one of the most surreal experiences I have ever had in my 20-plus years of government service.

There was at least one light-hearted moment I can recall, although I'm not sure I thought it was particularly funny at the time. As I men-

tioned before, city hall was housing a whole bunch of people in the days immediately following the storm. And although we had showers in the building so no one's body had to be dirty, the same could not be said for some type of facility for the clothes they were wearing. In due time, at least slightly undesirable odors began permeating throughout our hallowed halls. Thankfully, Johnson's Furniture – although not yet reopened – was able to deliver and install a new washer and dryer in a utility closet behind the police department before this situation reached a crisis level!

One last recollection for the time being – I remember many people in the days following the Ice Storm making the observation that we as a community had to fend for ourselves, to save ourselves as best as we could. Aid from outside the area would ultimately reach us, but we were definitely flying solo for at least the first two weeks following the storm. Thus, I believe the enduring legacy of the 2009 Ice Storm is that we must always be prepared to take care of ourselves and each other in times of crisis, whether natural or man-made. We can't afford to wait around for other people to come to our rescue. I just sincerely hope we never have to deal with a disaster of this magnitude again.

*(Mark Bryant has been the City of Marion's city administrator since 2006. His column appears periodically in this newspaper.)*

## Princeton man files for statehouse

STAFF REPORT  
Jarrod Jackson, a Princeton Democrat and political newcomer, filed his candidacy papers Monday in Frankfort, making official his bid for Kentucky's 4th House District seat currently held by Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion).

"As a conservative Democrat with deep roots in Caldwell County, I understand the issues facing our west Kentucky families," said Jackson, who is an attorney in Princeton. "I look forward to bringing new energy and fresh solutions to the challenges we face here and in our Commonwealth."

In a news release, Jackson said he believes in limited government and the individual liberties guaranteed by the Constitution, including Second Amendment rights.

The son of two public school teachers, Jackson said he "understands the value of public education and the right of every Kentucky child to have access to a quality education."

Jackson is involved with the community through Caldwell County Relay to Life. He is also the president of the

56th Bar Association and the vice president of the Princeton-Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce.

"In serving my local community, I have learned the value of listening to those you serve, first and foremost. It is one of the things I will bring to Frankfort," he said.

Neither Jackson nor Bechler will face opposition from within their own party during the May 20 primary election. The general election is Nov. 4.



Jackson

## Couple convicted of theft gets off with light sentence

STAFF REPORT  
A man and woman got off fairly lightly – with only a \$25 fine – despite being convicted of theft by a Crittenden District Court Jury last week.

The problem, however, was just beginning for one of them.

Following about an hour of testimony last Wednesday, the jury deliberated 15 minutes before finding Daniel Carter, 41, and Melissa Shewmaker, 38, both of Marion, guilty of attempting to steal a truckload of tin from a roadside field off Bridwell Loop just outside the city limits of Marion.

Property owner Maurice Corley testified that the metal roof had blown off of his shed during a storm, and that it was scattered about his field. On Aug. 24 of last year, Crittenden County Deputy Sheriff Ray Agent testified that he was on routine patrol when he saw the two defendants and another man parked in the road, loading the tin into a pickup. The other man was not charged, but Carter and Shewmaker were booked on a charge of theft by unlawful taking.

Shewmaker took the stand, but Carter did not. She said they believed the tin was scrap, just lying on the side of the road, perhaps dumped

there by someone else. They had planned to sell it, she admitted.

The deputy told jurors the tin was worth about \$100. Shewmaker said its value was much less than that.

The two defendants were facing up to 365 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Yet, in the end, jurors set their fine at just \$25 each. They will also have to pay court costs and fees.

The real trouble for Carter started once the jury had reached its decision and jurors had left the courtroom. Although inadmissible at trial, Carter was on misdemeanor probation for resisting arrest in a previous district court case. County Attorney Rebecca Johnson asked the judge to revoke Carter's probation and put him in jail for the balance of his sentence, 335 days, on the older case. By being convicted of theft, Carter had violated terms of his probation, Johnson said.

District Judge Daniel Heady accepted the prosecutor's recommendation and ordered Carter to report to the county jail Monday morning.

Court records indicate that Carter and Shewmaker are both convicted felons from previous cases in Crittenden County.

## Press earns several 2013 KPA awards at annual convention

STAFF REPORT  
The Crittenden Press earned several awards for weekly newspapers in the Kentucky Press Association's 2013 Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers contest. The honors were announced at the KPA convention on Friday.

A collaborative effort of the newspaper staff, the 2013 Back to School section earned second-place in the category of Best Special Section.

Editor Daryl K. Tabor won first place in the Best Ongoing/Extended Coverage category for his stories on

Crittenden County native Scott A. Campbell's promotion to general in the Kentucky Army National Guard.

Tabor also earned a second-place award in Best General News Photo for an image of U.S. 641 construction as seen through a cylindrical drainage tile. The accompanying story on the status of the new roadway also earned Tabor an Honorable Mention in the Best General News Story category.

Lastly, Tabor earned an Honorable Mention in the Best Column category.

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# ‘09 ice storm has lingering effect on flora, fauna

Ironically, disaster also helping utilities keep power on

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS PUBLISHER

It may seem counterintuitive, but because of the 2009 ice storm, there are fewer power outages these days.

Because of that mon-strous winter storm five years ago, our forests will be shrinking for decades to come.

Yet, strangely enough, some wildlife species flourished right after the icy winter.

These ironic effects and many more lasting consequences of the historic ice storm that hit western Kentucky at the end of January 2009 are constant reminders of the memorable event on this, its fifth anniversary.

The timber and logging industry has been dramatically changed by the storm that felled trees and damaged many others. Indeed, arborists say the forest will continue to rot well into the future.

"The ice storm of 2009 devastated our timber and left many landowners with a great amount of anxiety over the future of their forests," said private forester Randy Gardner, who helps landowners determine the value of and market their

standing timber. The problem is that trees are going to keep dying.

Crittenden County logger John Travis sees the lasting effects of the ice storm every day.

"A lot of stuff is just now starting to die. Where limbs broke off, bugs have gotten in and now they're killing the trees," Travis said. "Limbs are just now starting to fall off. The hangers are really dangerous because they've started to rot and are falling."

Travis and Gardner agree that timber prices tanked right after the ice storm, but they've bounced back and are pretty good right now.

"With a stroke of luck, the summer following the ice storm was cool and had plenty of rain," Gardner said. "That allowed the damaged trees time to heal. Many woodlots have recovered and are thriving."

Others are not doing so well, says Travis. The ice storm damaged the forest canopy – the tops of trees that create shade in the woods. With a damaged and porous canopy, more sunlight has allowed trees to

sprout what timber cutters call suckers. Those are limbs jutting out from up and down the trunk.

"That makes a tree brushier and it will have more knots, which hurts its value as far as high-grade logs," Travis said.

Although Gardner recommended against knee-jerk reactions and panic cutting right after the storm, he's leaning the other way now.

"Timber prices have recovered and it may be time for many landowners to consider selling their damaged timber," he explained. "Sellers are in a good position and timber is really moving. If marked and marketed properly, sales can create high revenues and leave the forests growing quality trees for future harvests."

### Animals went up, down

The ice storm did more than change the forest canopy. It changed the forest floor, too.

Dead and dying trees are very beneficial to wildlife and so is vegetation. A thinner canopy promoted more growth on the forest floor and helped improve habitat

for many small game and non-game species, such as the bobwhite quail.

"Dead standing trees provide home to many species such as woodpeckers, flying squirrels and as the trees fall and start the decay process a whole new web of life begins from moss and lichens to worms and salamanders," said wildlife biologist Philip Sharp of Marion. "Most only see a dead tree and the financial value lost, but we should consider the irreplaceable ecological value gained."

Sharp concedes that the storm has had lasting effects on timber and will for many years to come. He also says that many of the positive affects of the storm with respect to wildlife habitat are quickly vanishing.

"Most of the positives can be attributed to the canopy opening, allowing sunlight to penetrate the forest floor, creating an explosion of new growth and ground-level habitat for many wildlife species to take refuge," Sharp said. "Five years later, most of this essential habitat is gone, the canopy is closing back and the tree tops have rotted away."

Sharp, who works for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, says technical and financial

assistance is available for landowners who want to better manage their woodlots for timber and wildlife. You can contact him for more information.

### Lights are staying on

Oddly, there have been noticeably fewer power outages since the 2009 ice storm. That's largely attributable to improvements forced upon utility companies by the storm and its aftermath. Countless millions of dollars were spent improving distribution and transmission lines. Kenergy Corp. and Kentucky Utilities Co. – the two local power companies – say they've learned from the experience. Ice storms and wind storms have been more fierce and more common over the past decade, said Cliff Feltham, spokesperson for KU.

"In each case, we have learned something about how to respond or marshal our forces to take care of outages and get restorations done more quickly," he explained. "It's kind of like kids with fire or tornado drills in school, but ours were live-action recoveries."

Feltham said his power company has fortified and improved its power grid, making the system hardier, which means smaller storms

may not be causing the problems they once did.

"It's a relatively young system now, parts of it anyway," he said. "And that's helped us, probably kept us from having some outages we probably would have had."

Likewise, Charlie Thomas, who lives in Marion and has worked for Kenergy for 33 years, says there is no doubt that his power company is better prepared to handle what Mother Nature throws its way.

"When the ice storm hit, we replaced more poles in a month than we would have in a year," said Thomas, who recalls working 16-hour shifts for 34 days straight.

"I hate to say it, but overall the storm improved our system due to the fact that we did so much maintenance so quickly," he explained.

Now, when Kenergy is stringing line to a new home or doing maintenance on its distribution system, the ice storm remains vividly present.

"When we build a new line to a home, we set three poles instead of two. When we're clearing right of ways, we cut them back farther," Thomas explains. "We do anything to make it better in case that happens again."

## ROBBERY

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waiving a gun as soon as he walked through the door. He demanded cash. There were two tellers on duty at the time, and because it was near the noon hour, several bank employees were out to lunch.

It was the first time the bank in Fredonia had been held up since the late 1940s. In that incident, a suspect was caught in Livingston County after crossing the Cumberland River at Dycusburg, according to some of the men having lunch at the Fredonia Store on Monday.

These alleged robbers were quickly apprehended as well. They had traveled fewer than eight miles from the bank nearly two hours after the robbery when Trooper First Class John Komar came upon the pickup, which was trying to turn around on Nichols Road in the northeast part of rural Caldwell County. The trooper got out of his cruiser and approached the passenger side of the vehicle.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS  
**Caldwell County Sheriff's Deputy Tony Noel (left) and Deputy Shawn Young prepare to cordon off the crime scene Monday afternoon at Fredonia Valley Bank following an armed robbery.**

He ordered the occupants to get out, but they did not. Instead, Lady, who was behind the wheel at that time, accelerated. The trooper barely got out of the way of the truck

and at the same time he fired one shot from his service weapon. The shot did not strike either suspect, and investigators were not immediately certain whether the shot

had even hit the truck. An extensive investigation of the vehicle was expected to take place Tuesday, but results were not available at press time.

It's not certain what the suspects had been doing between the noontime robbery and when the trooper came upon them. Recke said authorities have some suspicions, but they're not releasing that information at this point. He said the truck was not registered to either suspect, but it had not been reported stolen by its owner.

After failing to stop as ordered by Trooper Komar, the white pickup took off quickly and the trooper got back into his cruiser and gave chase. He followed the suspects north onto Needmore Road where Caldwell County Sheriff Stan Hudson and one or two more deputies joined the pursuit. The suspects pulled off of Needmore Road onto a gravel lane leading into a field. The trooper and two or three Caldwell Sheriff's vehicles were following the pickup at this point.

Based on what they knew about the suspect at that point, the state police spokesman said officers did not want to allow the vehicle back onto the public road.

Therefore, Sheriff Hudson used what state police said was legal intervention and rammed the suspect vehicle on its passenger side with his cruiser, disabling the S-10 pickup.

The two suspects were taken into custody without further incident, however, Lady was taken to the Caldwell County Medical Center because he told officers he had ingested a large amount of prescription medication just before the arrest.

Bielecki was lodged in the Caldwell County Jail and Lady was eventually taken there after being held at the hospital for overnight observation.

The money stolen from the bank was recovered during the investigation, police said.

The last time Lady was in-

volved in a robbery, he ended up in the hospital, too. That was in February 2010 when a homeowner found Lady in his house trying to steal a television and other items. The

Pembroke homeowner had a shotgun and the two got into a scuffle. Lady eventually got away and crashed his vehicle minutes later. His SUV burst into flames and a soldier from nearby Fort Campbell, who witnessed the wreck, pulled Lady from the

burning vehicle. Lady ended up in serious condition at Vanderbilt Hospital. He was convicted in November of that year and sentenced to prison.

Lady's record includes charges of misdemeanor shoplifting from the Princeton Walmart to more serious offenses such as stealing guns and a vehicle. His five-and-a-half-year felonious rampage has included serious crimes in three different counties.

The investigation is continuing by the Kentucky State Police.



Bielecki

## STORM

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community," Brown said of the ordeal.

Five years ago this week, all of Crittenden County was in the dark during the first days after the storm hit. The community was literally in the dark without power and figuratively so due to the uncertainty each day brought.

"We were shell-shocked in those first days," said Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant recalling the difficulties local officials had in trying to get a handle on things early on.

Not only did the power grid begin failing in the first hours of the storm, it wasn't long

before communications were cut off – cell towers and land lines went down as well as emergency communications for a time.

Things changed so rapidly, said Brown, that it seemed like every few hours officials were looking at a totally new situation with which to cope. But before circumstances were at their worst, county officials were able to set up a shelter at the elementary school, hosting dozens in the community who were without power and services at their homes.

"As the situation continually worsened, and we continued to lose electricity, we

signed an emergency declaration, alerted all emergency services personnel and started operating in full emergency mode," Brown said.

With outside help yet available and communications compromised, the situation became a bit harrowing.

"That was kind of scary," Bryant said of that early period of the event.

Because the courthouse had lost power, Marion City Hall,

which was powered by a generator, was turned into ground zero of emergency operations. From there, the recovery was able to begin in earnest, though a return to



Brown

## NEWS BRIEFS

### U.S. 641 funding request disappoints

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's 2014 recommended road plan released last week was a bit of a disappointment to Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

While the plan released by the governor's office included a request for full funding of the Cave In Rock Ferry over the next two-year budget cycle, only \$1.5 million was requested for the second phase of the U.S. 641 relocation project over that same period of time.

The recommended road plan for U.S. 641 shows \$1.5 million allotted for design work in the 2016 Fiscal Year. This encompasses Phase 2 of the project from Fredonia to U.S. 62 near Eddyville. For the so-called out years of the six-year transportation plan not funded by the biennial budget lawmakers will pass this year, \$5 million was requested for right-of-way purchase in 2018, \$2.5 million for utilities

relocation in 2019 and \$20 million for construction in 2020.

The money requested for engineering design work falls well short of what will be needed to complete that phase of the second leg of the U.S. 641 project. Newcom was hopeful for a full-funding request for design work during the next budget cycle.

Of course, the recommended plan could change – for better or worse – as lawmakers in Frankfort negotiate funding for road projects statewide during the current session of the Legislature.

### Corrections officers seeking pay raise

THE ASSOCIATD PRESS

A group of current and retired corrections officers plan to lobby state lawmakers during the current legislative session for a pay raise.

The Paducah Sun reports officers from the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville and the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex in Fre-

donia met last week to discuss the campaign, which will include letters and phone calls.

Several people from Crittenden County are employed at both facilities.

Larry Bland, who is president of the Lake Barkley Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, said the effort is necessary to retain staff and ensure the workforce is highly trained and competent. He says Kentucky ranks 49th in the nation in median hourly wages for correctional officers.

The western Kentucky group is asking for \$50 to \$75 additional pay per month for every two years a corrections officer has been employed.

### Unemployment rate falls to 8 percent

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

The Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET) says jobless rates for December fell to 8 percent.

The number was down from 8.2 percent in November and the same as the rate recorded for December 2012.

"Kentucky's labor market has been shrinking for the last six months. The labor force, which includes people who are either employed or are looking for work, is now at the same level as five years ago in December 2008. The number of employed has also decreased, but not by as much, and that has caused the unemployment rate to drop to 8 percent," said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET.

The state's trade, transportation and utilities sector grew by 4,200 jobs in December 2013 and the education and health services sector increased by 300. The leisure and hospitality sector gained 100 jobs as did the mining and logging sector.

Meanwhile jobs in the manufacturing sector lost 700 positions, while the government sector lost 300 jobs and the service sector lost 200.

"Manufacturing output is rising in Kentucky, but employment has dropped from a recent peak in April 2013," said Shanker.

The information sector remained flat in December.



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# Promise to fundamentally change America is being kept

President Obama has one promise he has kept. Some of the proof he is keeping that promise is shown in the following facts:

- He is keeping people unemployed by raising taxes on companies and productive people and refusing to open our own sources of energy, causing those energy jobs to go overseas.

- He has increased dependency on government to support the unemployed.

- He has also overloaded productive citizens to support the unproductive, keeping his demand to spread the wealth around.

But you never see these ungodly leeches that demand the wealth be spread around, spreading theirs around. It's always the hard-working, law abiding citizens' wealth they want for spreading around. With this money, they can continue to fool the foolable, who give them credit for their freebies and will keep them in power.

The Obamacare debacle is a glaring example to separate us from our hard-earned money and take total control of not only our health, but everything we own. Read the ungodly



thing!

Another part of their plan is to urge more and more people to get on the welfare system to overload it until it is unsustainable.

That will stress the government's resources until the dense crowded and nonproductive centers hit the streets in riots, driven by the ungodly and bias media who worship Obama and want the same things he wants.

Then he will use curfews and martial law to quell the unrest, leading to strict laws on the American people until the system is on the brink of destruction. Many on both sides of the aisle and in the nation will call for the government to step in and help.

That is what the government would be baiting and waiting to do. Their order would be boots on the necks of all, and their dream of a communist na-

tion would be realized and the greatest nation on earth disappear.

Why in the world do any of you think Obama never worries about his low ratings? Can't everyone see he never intends to leave the White House.

He has already said publicly that he intends to stay in Washington. He thinks all of us are so ignorant that we simply think he means he will just decide to settle down somewhere in Washington.

This is all following the instructions of two of Obama's sociologists mentors, Frances Fox Piven and her husband, the late Richard Cloward.

Their strategy, picked up and studied by Obama in Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals," was to build up and then sabotage the welfare system by persuading the recipients to demand their entitlements and break the system. That would fill the streets with rioters who would overload the government, thus pushing society in crisis and economic collapse and hasten the fall of capitalism and complete socialism in America.

Remember his hack, Attorney General Eric Holder, saying, "We can't

let a good crisis go to waste?"

My fear is that most all the senators and congressmen in Washington have come to know about this secret government controlling us and fear it can't be stopped. In fear of their own lives and/or livelihood, they deceitfully play both sides, hoping that when it all falls apart they will be accepted by the leaders.

These two professors, along with Saul Alinsky, were atheists and an acquaintance of Obama-backer George Soros, who also is an atheist and is dedicating his billions of dollars to help Obama destroy the America these five hate.

Talk about looking a gift horse in the mouth! They all made their millions in this God-blessed and free nation and expect to hold on to it when they destroy the very system that gave them the wonderful blessings they have devoured.

But not only does the communist system have other plans for them, so does God: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap."

In every nation that the communists have taken

over, they first kill all those who were deceptive in helping them take over, knowing they may turn and deceive them. Read history and be informed!

So Obama's promise to fundamentally transform America is being kept.

There is no way I can trust Obama. He has systematically shown deference to the Muslim religion and the Muslims and has at least seven of the vilest people in his cabinet.

He wants us to believe he would be against Iran nuking Israel?

He hates America as the Muslims do, and he wants us to believe he would be against Iran nuking us, knowing they would let him know so he could again suck up our tax dollars on a lavish vacation in his beloved birthplace, Kenya, or the location he would have us believe is his birthplace, Hawaii.

My plea to all who read this is the same plea Jesus and Paul cried out to us

many times, "Don't be deceived." And, certainly, don't be deceived not by a proven pathological liar!

Now for the deceived to cry, "Don't judge." Read the rest of the Bible that tells us in no uncertain terms that when one says they are a Christian, we better measure that life by God's word.

He doesn't want us deceived, blind and ignorant for any reason. He is the one who taught us to judge a tree by the fruit it bears.

Yes, the only promise our lying president has kept is fundamentally transforming America. But in the end, God will show him, along with all the other hypocrites, the blazing pit; and he'll see it wasn't worth it!

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

## Multiple services scheduled to honor chaplains

STAFF REPORT

On Feb. 3, 1943, the USAT Dorchester, a U.S. Army transport ship, was sunk by a German U-boat. Of the 902 young men on board, only 230 survived. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by the four heroic chaplains, who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.

Since 1951, The Chapel of Four Chaplains has spread

the message of interfaith cooperation and selfless service, touching the lives of thousands of people across this great country.

Thousands of Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Services will be held across the nation on or near Feb. 2, including one in Livingston County.

This service is a tribute to those courageous chaplains and the 672 young men who

lost their lives on that fateful night. Further, this service honors all those who have served, and whose courage and faith have sustained the United States.

New Union General Baptist Church (Ditney) in Lola is inviting everyone in the community to join its service on Sunday for the presentation by the American Legion Post 217.

"All veterans are encour-

aged to join in this remembrance of the four chaplains and service members who have given so much for our freedom and our country," said Post 217 Auxiliary President Faye Gibson. "We also encourage parents to bring their children to learn this important lesson on sacrifices, love and some history of these four men."

The service will begin at 10:45 a.m.

### Church notes

■ Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting following morning worship service Feb. 8. Those interested in upkeep of the cemetery are encouraged to attend.

■ Ambassadors for Christ church in Marion will host an

inter-denominational mid-winter harvest revival Feb. 7-9. Evangelist Aaron Crenshaw from Bardwell will be the speaker. Other churches in the area will also participate, with the goal of reaching out to those in need of salvation, healing and deliverance. Pastor Kenny Downs and brother Crenshaw invite everyone to attend.

■ Lola Pentecostal Church will present Anchored, a youth

retreat and lock-in for ages 10-17. The event will start at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 and will end at 7 a.m. Feb. 22. This event is focused on bringing together the youth in our communities. Church youth groups are encouraged and all churches are welcome to attend this time of worship, fun, fellowship and food. For more information please call (270)704-6130.

■ All ladies are invited to at-

tend the 15th annual Lola Pentecostal Church Ladies Retreat entitled Letting Go and Reaching Ahead at 7 p.m., March 7 and 10 a.m. March 8. Registration is \$15 and is due by Feb. 14. It covers a meal after both services. There will be special services, skits, workshops, door prizes and more. Come and enjoy this uplifting retreat and bring a friend. For more information, call (270) 988-2190.

## Ambassadors for Christ Church

113 Court Street in Marion, KY

will be hosting an inter-denominational

### Mid-Winter Harvest Revival

February 7 - 9, 2014

Everyone is invited to come and join us as we reach out to those in need with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Evangelist Aaron Crenshaw from Bardwell, KY will be the speaker.**

*Other churches in the area have agreed to come and participate in the revival. Our intention is to reach out together as the body of Christ to those in need of salvation, healing and deliverance.*

**PASTOR KENNY DOWNS AND BROTHER AARON WELCOME YOU TO COME AND JOIN US.**



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

### St. William Catholic Church

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Father Gregory Trawick

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965-2477



### Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. • Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 6 p.m. Adult Bible Study • Children and Youth Activities  
www.emmanuel.org



### First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

224 W. Bellville St. • Marion, Ky.

Dee Ann Thompson, pastor • Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. • Sunday Night Worship Service 6 p.m.



### Marion United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.  
**The People of the United Methodist Church**

Rev. Wayne Garvey, pastor

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
www.the-press.com/MARIONUnitedMethodist.html



### Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Road off Ky. 135 West

Bro. Wayne Winters, Pastor

Sunday school, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.



### Tofu United Methodist Church

Bro. Selby Coomer, Pastor

*We invite you to be our guest*

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.  
**The People of The United Methodist Church**

Sunday School 10 am • Service 11 am • Wednesday night youth 6:30 p.m.



### Marion General Baptist Church

WEST BELLVILLE STREET • MARION, KY

Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. • Tony Perryman, Pastor

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### Unity General Baptist Church

4691 U.S. 641 • Crayne, Ky.

Barry Hix, pastor • 365-5836 or 625-1248

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



### Life in Christ Church

*A New Testament church*

2925 U.S. 641, Marion

Sunday services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. | Wednesday services 7 p.m.

➤ Chris and Sue McDonald, pastors



### Marion Church of God

334 Fords Ferry Road • Marion, Kentucky

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

*"Where salvation makes you a member."*

Lucy Tedrick, pastor



### Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church

585 Sugar Grove Church Road • Marion, Ky. • 965-4435

Rev. Terra Sisco • Sunday School 10 a.m. •

Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.



### Frances Presbyterian Church

Bro. Bilch Gray • Bro. A.C. Hodge

Wednesday night prayer meeting and youth service: 7 pm

Sunday school: 10 am • Worship service: 11 am

Every fourth Sunday evening service: 5:30 pm



### Marion Baptist Church

College and Depot, Marion • 965-5232

• Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.  
• AWANA: 5:45 p.m.  
• Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
• Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.  
• RAAs, GAs and Youth Craze: 5:45 p.m.



### MARION CHURCH OF CHRIST

546 WEST ELM STREET • 965-9450

Richard Harp, minister

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Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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State Route 506 - Marion, Kentucky

Sunday School 10 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Bible Study 6 p.m.

**Pastor Daniel Hopkins**

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### Mexico Baptist Church

175 Mexico Road, (270) 965-4059

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship Training 6 p.m. • Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. • Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

**Pastor Tim Burdon**

Minister of Youth Robert Kirby  
Minister of Music Mike Crabtree

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### Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church

• Sunday school: 9:45 a.m. Bro. Steve Tinsley, pastor  
• Sunday worship: 11 a.m. Barnett Chapel Road  
• Sunday evening: 6 p.m. Crittenden County, Ky.  
• Wednesday night Bible study: 7 p.m.

*Barnett Chapel... where everyone is welcome.*



### Crooked Creek Baptist Church

261 Crooked Creek Church Road, Marion, Ky.

Sunday school, 10 am

Sunday worship: Morning, 11 am | Evening, 6 pm

Wednesday Bible study, 6 pm

*Join us every fourth Sunday of the month for gospel singing at 6 pm*



### Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church

State Route 723, 4 miles north of Salem

Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Herbert Alexander, Pastor**



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Marty Brown, Pastor

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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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### Caldwell Springs Missionary Baptist Church

2212 Ky. 855 • Marion, Kentucky

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

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### Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road  
Marion, Kentucky

*Pastor, Bro. Tommy Hodge*

Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.  
Sunday school, 10 a.m. | Sunday worship, 11 a.m.





OBITUARIES

Lawless

Gregory Edward Lawless, 51, of Marion died Jan. 24, 2014, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

He was a member of Ambassadors for Christ Church in Marion.

Lawless had several hobbies he loved such as studying the Bible, duck hunting and watching Atlanta Braves baseball.

He is survived by his wife, Angie Lawless of Marion; three children, Ellis Lawless of Sturgis, Justin Lawless of Burna and Michelle Lawless of Marion; two stepchildren, Nikki Croft and Jacob McDaniel, both of Marion; his parents, Jesse and Pauline Lawless of Salem; a sister, Karen and husband Wendell Roberts of Ventura, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Lawless was preceded in death by a grandson, Kane Lawless.

Funeral services were Tuesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. Kenny Downs officiating. Burial was in Dyer Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may also be left online at [BoydFuneralDirectors.com](http://BoydFuneralDirectors.com).

Easley

Gleaford Earl Easley, 91, of Marion died Jan. 22, 2014, at Crittenden Health Systems.

He was a member of Marion Church of God.

He is survived by his grandchildren, Brett Owen of Marion, Brent Owen of Marshall County, Kelly Johnson of Paducah and Karla Lawrence of Paducah; brothers, Willard Easley of Marion and Harry Easley of Eddyville; sisters, Lucy Tedrick of Marion, Wanda Ditty of Springfield, Ohio, and Bonnie Hartley and Lula Gilmore, both of Nashville, Tenn.; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rugeina Stone Easley; a daughter, Rugena Owen; his parents, Lorenza Alfred and Minnie Latricia Easley; six brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were Sunday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Mapleview Cemetery.

Donations may be made to: Marion Church of God, 334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, KY 42064.

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Easley

Pollard

Athleen Pollard, 84, a native of Crittenden County, died Jan. 20, 2014, at Valley Eldercare Center, Woodside Village in Grand Forks, N.D.

She was born in Tolu on Sept. 28, 1929.

Pollard worked for General Electric for 30 years, retiring in 1975. She was married on June 25, 1949, to Ronald "Ronnie" Pollard, with whom she enjoyed sharing the outdoors.

She was liked by everyone that she met. We always said that she could talk to a wall. She was very strong-willed – some may say stubborn – but we all loved her for that. She truly loved her husband, caring for him until his death. They were married for 64 years. The couple shared a great life together and now they are together again. We shall miss her dearly.

Pollard is survived by two sons, Alan and wife Peggy Palmer of Grand Forks and Regis and wife Llolanda Palmer of New Harmony, Ind.; four grandchildren, Shannon Palmer, Regis and wife Becky Palmer, Alison and husband Shawn Beckner and Randy Palmer; two great-grandchildren, Ethan Beckner and Malliyah Reed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, E.H. and Maudie L. Kimsey Jones; four brothers, Forrest Jones, Richard Jones, Laurence Jones and Ernest Jones; and two sisters, Katy Sherer and Mary Etta McGuinness.

Funeral services were Monday at Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home in Tell City, Ind. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to White Chapel Cemetery in Tolu.

Messages of condolence may be made online at [Zoercher-GillickFuneralHome.com](http://Zoercher-GillickFuneralHome.com).

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Pollard

Anna Mae McDowell, 80, of Smithland died Jan. 27, 2014, at Christian Care Center in Kuttawa.

She was a member of Birdsville Baptist Church.

McDowell is survived by three children, Barry Allen McDowell of Kuttawa, Shelia Ann Clarke of Salem and Debra Lynn Johnston of White Plains, Ky.; eight brothers and sisters, Dorsie Riepe of Metropolis, Ill., Mary Perino of Ledbetter, Tommy Sharp of Florida, Phyllis Thompson of Reid-



McDowell

land, Janet Heath of Sharpe, Darlene Rogers of Mayfield, Kenneth Sharp of Marion and Charlotte Potts of Paducah; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert F. McDowell; two sisters; a brother; and her parents, Lewis Elmer and Annie Youple Phillips Sharp.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. Mike Grimes officiating. Burial will follow in McMurray Chapel Cemetery in Smithland.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Long

Sylvia V. Tabor Long, 75, of Crayne, formerly of Cookeville, Tenn., died Jan. 27, 2014, at Oakview Nursing and Rehab in Marshall County.

She was a member of Mexico Baptist Church and Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Cookeville.

Long is survived by a son, Jay Tabor of Crayne; three stepchildren, Russell, Tonya and Rhonda, all of Tennessee; and four grandchildren, Jordan, Savannah,

Rheachel and Gracey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Tabor; and a sister, Barbra Bray.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be in Mexico Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Thank You

The family of Louise Waters wishes to express our deepest appreciation for all acts of kindness shown during her illness and death. Thank you to each one who visited or called to check on Mother. Thank you to each one for the words of comfort, hugs, prayers, flowers, Gideon Bibles bought in her memory, food brought to our homes, cards and gifts.

Thank you to Lyon County Ambulance Service, Dr. Rousseau and Crittenden Health Systems Emergency Room staff. Dr. Graham, you took excellent care of Mother and treated her and our family with dignity and respect and thank you so very much. Thank you to the nurses and staff at Crittenden Health Systems for taking such wonderful care of Mother. It was a comfort to know that she was treated so professionally by such caring people.

Thank you to Calvary Baptist for the concern shown to Mother and our family. She loved her church and her church family. Roger, mother would have been so very proud of the wonderful way you presented her life at the funeral service. The sermon you gave was a loving and awesome tribute of her life.

Thank you Bro. Lonnie for the wonderful message and kind words and to Calvary Baptist choir for the beautiful music. Thank you also to the ladies of Calvary Baptist Church, Walnut Grove Baptist Church and Eddyville First Baptist Church for the delicious meal served.

Thank you to the grandsons and grandson-in-laws for being pallbearers. Granny would have been so proud of each one of you. Thanks to the staff of Dunns Funeral Home for taking such wonderful care of mother. She was beautiful. You have been so kind and understanding.

Please forgive us if we have forgotten anyone as it is our error. There is a void in our lives but this time has been easier to bear with the support received. Thank you again.

Children  
Raymond & Faye Waters and Family  
Kathy & Wesley Stone and Family  
Roger & Cindy Waters and Family  
Kenneth and Linda Waters and Family  
Linda & David Brazell and Family

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the prayers, calls, visits, flowers, cards, gifts and donations during the loss of my husband, Allie "Kevin" Shuecraft. A special thank you to Dr. Greg Maddux, Baptist Health staff in room 7 ICU. Thank you also to Jessica Earls, Wesley and Marci, Denzil and Susie for their wonderful support as well as the staffs of Gilbert Funeral Home and Henry and Henry Monuments.

Thank you to Rev. Tim Fouts and Pastor Chris McDonald for the service, Faye Baker for the lovely song, Lola Pentecostal Church for the wonderful meal they prepared. Thank you pastor Chris and Sue McDonald for all the food they brought, my neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beavers, my sister Sharon Tinsley for staying at my house and taking care of things while I was at the hospital with my husband. I appreciate all the family and friends' love and support during this difficult heart-breaking time. A special thank you to my brother, Clark Hackney, for all his help during the loss of my husband and our mother.

I don't know what I would do without him and my lovely grandchildren. Finally a very special thank you to Excell Marine, Scotty, Doris, Charlie, Capt. Dave, Billy, Mitch, Bo and the many more that Kevin worked with. They were his river family away from home.

God bless and my sincere love to all.

Diann Shuecraft



**Sugar Grobe Cemetery Association**  
**Will Hold Its Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 8**  
**After Morning Worship**  
*Those interested in the upkeep of the cemetery, please attend this meeting.*

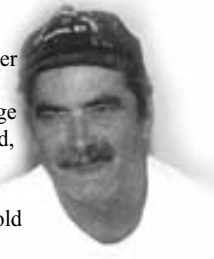
**Thank You**

The family of Shirley J. Hackney would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, calls, visits, cards and flowers. A special thank you to Henry and Henry Monuments for the food, Sis. Lucy Tedrick for the service, Faye Baker for the lovely song, Dr. Greg Maddux and the staffs of Lourdes Hospice and Gilbert Funeral Home. Thanks also to Ken Ford for all he did to help Mother, and all the people that took time out to visit Mom when she was so sick.

Diann Shuecraft  
and Brothers & Sisters

**In Loving Memory of**  
**Harold Bryant**  
July 20, 1951 – Jan. 29, 2013

Harold was born in a small town in Alabama, the third of four children. As a child he would look over the hill and wonder what was on the other side, as a man he found out. Harold joined the Army at the age of 18, fought in Vietnam, traveled the world, fished with the best of them, loved his family, worshipped his wife and battled cancer with the ferocity of a madman. Harold went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 29, 2013. We miss you so very much. You left a hole in our hearts that can never be filled. We love you Harold, Dad and Papaw.



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# Make lists, delegate to make best use of time

Most of us have heard of the supermom and her attempts to do and have it all, even though career and family responsibilities can be exhausting. This problem isn't unique to women and goes far beyond work and family life. How can busy people find time for exercise and eating right, let alone relaxing with a good book? How do they find enough time for adequate sleep? And how rewarding does life feel if they don't have enough time to do what they really want?

The answer may be to make better use of your time. We all have the same amount of time in the day, but some people are better than others at finding the time to do everything that really matters.

According to a recent New York Times article, Colum-



bia University economists put basic economic principles to work in their domestic life. With busy careers and a baby, they decided to pay others to do much of their ordinary work for them. They hired a personal chef and they paid people to assemble their furniture, to teach them to use computer software, to load their CDs onto their computers and even to sort through family photos. Even though they could do some tasks more quickly and efficiently themselves, they preferred

to delegate these tasks to others so they could spend more time on their careers and with their child.

I can relate to this with Christmas cards. I know someone who planned ahead and ordered her cards on-line. She had the option of the company signing, addressing and/or mailing the cards for her. She told me by doing it this way it allowed her to focus her efforts on other things.

This year I could have used that card service because I was mailing my cards on Dec. 21. When I was addressing them I discovered the place where I ordered them from had shorted me a 1/3 of my envelopes. Cards were an odd size so I just couldn't run out and get more. The result of this is that some people who I have sent

cards to for 34 years didn't receive one this year. Maybe they won't even notice but it disappoints me. I realize many people are not sending cards now but that is the only time I hear from some friends I went to school with and even some relatives. I will try to do better next year.

Few people truly understand the value of their time. Although it might be good for professional life, many people would say that paying others to do all mundane tasks is not so good for domestic life. Society at large places a high value on self-reliance. Some people may be able to pay others to do things they don't want to do, but it is also good to have the skills, just in case.

Many everyday tasks provide their own rewards.

Most parents would say that everyday tasks are highly important in childrearing. Naturally, you can clean your child's room more quickly and efficiently than she can, but she should really learn to do this for herself, as it builds skills and confidence. It also would be much faster for you to do the cooking, but cooking with your child is a wonderful experience for both of you. And again, it builds skills. Your child will have a better life if he can cook at home. He'll spend less on restaurant food and probably on medical bills, too, as home cooking can be more healthful. Children should be taught to do anything appropriate to their skill level and their stage of development. Teach children to cook, to clean, to take

out the garbage and to mow the yard. Your children shouldn't do everything, but reasonable tasks are good for them.

To make better use of your personal time, start with a list. What are people asking of you? What are all the things that need to be done? Then ask yourself how important each task is. Is it something you need to do, or can someone else do it? Delegate tasks wherever appropriate.

For more information on time management, please contact the Crittenden County Extension Office and ask for the Extension publication, FCS7-101 "The Successful Person's Guide to Time Management". Our phone number is (270) 965-5236 or visit the office located at 1534 U.S. 60 East in Marion.



It's science in motion as Ethan Sosh and Kylie Bloodworth participate in an experiment with tissue paper with Jason Lindsey, the host of television's Hooked on Science. Also pictured are Haley Moore and Logan Noland.

## Students get hooked on science

STAFF REPORT

Friction, motion and balance. These scientific concepts weren't too tough for preschoolers in Angel McDonald's class to grasp, especially when Jason Lindsey, host of Hooked on Science, was explaining those concepts. Lindsey visited Crittenden County Ele-

mentary School Jan. 23. Each year, he travels to over 500 schools stretching from St. Louis, Indianapolis, the Carolinas, Nashville and Little Rock.

In addition to getting kids hooked on science, Lindsey is also a meteorologist. He says the extreme

cold temperatures this winter is blamed on the polar vortex, which is breaking loose from Canada. While many believe the extremely cold temperatures dismiss the notion of global warming, Lindsey said there's plenty of evidence to support either argument.

## Education projects focus of January meeting of Woman's Club of Marion

STAFF REPORT

Seven members along with four guests enjoyed the January meeting of the Marion Woman's Club held Jan. 15 at Rocket Arena on the campus of Crittenden County High School.

Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, superintendent of Crittenden County schools, served as the program chair and introduced high school principal Rhonda Callaway, middle school principal Teresa Marshall along with Tonya Driver, Holly White and Melissa Shewcraft.

Shewcraft gave highlights of a newly implemented afterschool program at the middle

school, Bridgeway Learning Center, which has reached 125 students. Some of the programs offered include tutoring, homework help, engineering and robotics, recycling and more. Driver and White have written a grant to get a similar program started at the elementary school called Action Alley Learning Center and are waiting to see if the grant is approved.

Callaway gave highlights of the Crosswalk Learning Center at the high school. One of the main goals of the program this year is to improve communication from the high school and encourage more parental in-

volvement at the high school level.

The new year promises to be busy for the Woman's Club of Marion with adult entries in the short story and poetry contest due postmarked by Feb. 1. The nominating committee is getting a slate of candidates prepared for election of officers. The annual meeting and membership luncheon has been set for 11 a.m., March 8 at the Woman's Club building.

Anyone wanting more information concerning membership in the Woman's Club of Marion should contact Nancy Hunt, president at (270) 704-0057.

## Circuit Clerk's office reports record year for organ donation awareness

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Courts of Kentucky made 2013 a record-breaking year in the fight to save lives. With more than 900 Kentuckians on the waiting list for an organ transplant, officials stress the need is greater than ever. The circuit clerks and their driver's license staff make a significant impact by asking important questions while residents obtain a license or ID.

"We simply ask everyone if they would like to donate \$1 to the Kentucky Organ Donor Program and if they wish to be a registered organ donor. It is just one part of our job at the circuit clerk's office, but we know it makes an incredible difference to transplant patients in need," said Melissa Guill, Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk.

Last year was a record-breaking year for Kentucky, thanks to the circuit clerks. In 2013, more than 44 percent of Kentuckians donated \$1 to the organ donation awareness pro-

gram. The Kentucky Organ Donor Registry increased 10 percent and now 42.5 percent of Kentuckians are registered donors.

"Without the circuit clerks, we may not have 50,000 names on the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. Because of their efforts, over 1.4 million Kentuckians have registered. The impact of the circuit clerks is extraordinary," said Shelley Snyder, Executive Director of the Circuit Clerks' Trust for Life program.

Last year, Crittenden County residents donated \$1,336 to the Trust for Life and 241 residents joined the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. Now 41 percent of Crittenden County residents are registered donors.



Guill

"I am proud of the generosity of our community and appreciate your support of this life saving program," Guill said. "Your donations help an independent non-profit called the Trust for Life. From school and community presentations to statewide public relations efforts, the Trust provides vital education about organ, tissue and cornea donation. If anyone has questions about this mission, the trust is available to provide answers. To children and adults in need of organ transplants, this program means more than we can imagine."

Over 120,000 patients are currently waiting for an organ transplant. Typically each day, 18 people die waiting. All Crittenden County residents are eligible to join the Donor Registry at the circuit clerk's office or at [donatelife.org](http://donatelife.org). Everyone can join the registry regardless of age or medical history.



## 70th Anniversary

Edward Eugene and Sara Katherine Bridges celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Jan. 15. Friends joined in celebrating the occasion at the Marion Woman's Club on Jan. 11.

Bridges and the former Sara Saunders were married Jan. 15, 1944, in Bel Air, Md.

The couple are the parents of one son and two daughters. They have two grandchildren.

## Kentucky's retail food prices up slightly in 2013

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new survey shows that average retail food prices rose slightly in the last three months of 2013 in supermarkets across Kentucky.

The Kentucky Farm Bureau says the year ended with the highest prices in the decades-long history of its

Marketbasket Survey.

According to the latest survey, the total cost of 40 basic grocery items was \$120.08. Those results were 93 cents higher than the same list of items reported in the third quarter of 2013, which was the previous record high for food prices.

The latest survey reflects a 3.9 percent increase over the average price reported in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Five years ago, the average cost of the same 40 surveyed grocery items was \$111.63, or 7.6 percent less than what those items cost on average today.

Community CALENDAR

**Thursday, Jan. 30**

■ The Crittenden County Middle School SBDM Council will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the school's library.

**Monday, Feb. 3**

■ The Crittenden County Elementary School SBDM meeting will be held at 4 p.m., at the school's library.

**Thursday, Feb. 6**

■ A Crittenden County Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships, or MAPP, meeting will be held at 1 p.m., at the health department conference room.

■ The Pennyrile District Board of Health will meet at noon at the Lee S. Jones

Building located at 510 State Route 93 South in Eddyville.

**Monday, Feb. 10**

■ Crittenden Health Systems will sponsor a blood drive with the West Kentucky Regional Blood Center from 11 am. to 6 p.m., in the education room. All donors will receive a T-shirt and cholesterol screening.

**Monday, March 10**

■ The Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community will hold its next meeting at 6:30 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center.

**On-going**

■ Narconon reminds families that abuse of addictive phar-

maceutical drugs is on the rise. Learn to recognize the signs of drug abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free assessments and referrals. Call 800-431-1754 or visit [drugabusesolution.com](http://drugabusesolution.com) for more information.

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

■ The Crittenden County Public Library hosts Lego Club at 3:30 p.m., each Tuesday when school is in session.



# High school course offers students workforce experience

**By JASON TRAVIS**  
STAFF WRITER

Crittenden County High School is currently piloting a new course for its students that will allow them to obtain real-life experience in the work force. Entitled work experience, the course is designed to give students who are on track for graduation and have met additional requirements to earn high school credit while gaining professional work experience at a local business.

School officials said this is an approved course through the Kentucky Department of Education. It is also KEES approved and is coded through the state as experience-based work. Additional prerequisites for course participation include students

who have met or will meet all high school credit requirements and have a very good attendance record.

School officials insist students who meet criteria for the course will be held to high standards regarding punctuality, attendance, conduct and grades. Students will receive grades for the course based on their participation. Currently four high school seniors are piloting the course this semester.

Crittenden County High School principal Rhonda Callaway said school officials hoped to provide this type of course at the beginning of the next school year. However, Callaway said four students took dual credit online classes in the fall semester

through Madisonville Community College. That extra work provided room in their schedule this semester to participate in the pilot.

"We look at all of our kids uniquely and what they need and to not let our seven period a day schedule become a barrier to provide an opportunity for them to go out into the work force," Callaway said. "We tell our kids we want them to give back to the community. If you're going off to college we want you to get your degree and come back to your own community and give back."

Pending school board approval, the course would allow students to see the many local employment opportunities in this area.

  
**Wheeler**

Jeremy Wheeler is the high school college and career readiness coordinator. Wheeler said it makes sense to explore this option and reward students for meeting all of their required credits for graduation. The course would be seen as a beneficial alternative for students to explore possible career options. Instead of requiring students to stay on campus and take an elective class to fill an hour such as advanced P.E., they could leave for their work course at

an approved time, such as sixth or seventh periods. Wheeler said the course will also be a nice complement to senior exit interviews as students look to the future beyond high school.

Unlike an ag or business co-op, where students have to take a sequence of courses in a career pathway to participate, the work experience course could blend with a job students already have or students could work at a position that closely reflects their college career choice. Students may even explore an entirely new career path as a result of the work experience.

School officials will evaluate the pilot this semester and will study individual learning plans to look at ca-

reer interest concerning placement in the workforce. They also invite local business leaders to consider partnering with the high school in making positions available for students to earn professional work experience credit. Employers may contact Wheeler at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion at (270) 965-9294.

Wheeler believes the course will help students learn what it takes to be a good employee.

"It all comes down to opportunities," Wheeler said. "We are trying to give the most opportunities for the students here and for the community's business leaders to get great employees someday."



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## Seniors earn college, career readiness status

Crittenden County High School Principal Rhonda Callaway said school officials are excited about the College and Career Readiness wall. The wall inside the high school displays photos of seniors who have met benchmarks in the required areas as set by the Kentucky Department of Education. Callaway said school officials can't wait to add more senior photos to the wall and that their goal is to have 100 percent of all seniors photos displayed. Students who have met benchmarks include (front row, from left) Hayden McConnell, Mallory Eubanks, Kaci Beard, Grishma Patel, Paige Hicks, Dustin Perry, Brenden Phillips and Amber Wright; (row two) Dylan Doyle, Cody Hayes, Leah Scott, Travis Gilbert, Ashley Collyer, Daniel Waggoner, Micah Hollamon, Maggie Collins, Abby Whitney, Ashley Cooper and Anna Schnitker; (row three) Harley Butler, Kevin Chandler, Taylor Fritts and David Steinbach. Not Pictured: Brittney Buell, Peyton Guess, Marcus Hughes and Zach Tinsley.

## Blue Knights win big at regional tournament

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Blue Knights chess teams received high honors last weekend at the Quad A Regional Tournament.

In the high school division, the Blue Knights earned first place with a total of 13 wins, edging out a team from Murray with eight wins. The Blue Knights team of Micah Hollamon, Cole Foster, Cameron McDaniel, Benny Tucker, Hayden Brooks and Gage Moore will be heading to state competition in March. Senior Micah Hollamon had a perfect score of 4-0 and took first place in the last regional tournament of his high school career.

The middle school team of Clay Stevens and Skyler James earned fourth place and also qualified for the state tournament. Blue Knights coach Don Winters said a team usually consists of at least four players and to qualify for state with just two players is a major accomplishment.

The elementary school team of Chase Stevens,



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From left, Cole Foster, Gage Moore, Cameron McDaniel, Micah Hollamon, Benny Tucker, Hayden Brooks and Blue Knights Chess Team coach Don Winters display their first place team trophy from last weekend's Quad A Regional Tournament.

Dennon Wilson, Gage Russell, Cole Swinford and D.J. Morris earned a first place finish, which will send


them to the state tournament as well. Individually the team performed well, with Chase Stevens, Gage


Russell and Dennon Wilson placing third, fourth and fifth respectively.

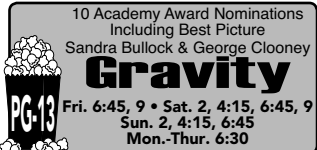
The elementary school also had one player, Evan McDowell, who competed in the K-3 section and took second place with 3 out of 4 wins.


All three teams will be representing Crittenden County at the state team tournament in Lexington on March 15.

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## MCC sets late start registration date

STAFF REPORT

Madisonville Community College will offer several "late start" classes for the spring 2014 semester. These 12-week classes will begin Feb. 10 and end May 2 with final exams scheduled for May 5-9.



Ranging from general education courses to program courses such as accounting, business and human services, the classes provide students with additional opportunities to begin their college careers. noted.

"We believe these late start classes will meet an important need for people who were not ready to start on Jan. 13, but want to take classes during the spring," MCC Chief Academic Officer Dr. Deborah Cox. "The 12-week term for these classes also offers students an opportunity to complete in a shorter time frame than the traditional 16-week

format."

To view a listing of available classes, visit the Spring 2014 Late Start Class Schedule on MCC's website at <http://tinyurl.com/lar6n3z>.

Contact Aimee Wilkerson in MCC's enrollment center (270) 824-8696 to complete the admission and registration processes.



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**All-A Honor Roll**

**Freshman class:** Bristen Holeman, Charlie Johnson, Cassidy Moss, Darren Paris, Cali Parish, Paxton Riley, Bobby Glen Stephens and Emily Robertson.

**Sophomore class:** Reid Baker, Seth Birdwell, Nick Castiller, Maria Dossett, Travis Fitzgerald, Raj Patel and Jayden Willis.

**Junior class:** Brayden McKinney.

**Senior class:** Dylan Doyle, Taylor Fritts, Travis Gilbert, Cody Hayes, Micah Hollamon, Brenden Phillips and Addam Whitt.

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**Sophomore class:** Taylor Belt, Hayden Brooks, Morgan Cinkovich, Caelyn Clark, Mason Haire, Dylan Hicks, Dylan Hollis, Braden Locke, Alex Maynard, Jessica McConnell, Austin McKinney, Arry Scofield, Megan Sherrell, Logan Shuecraft, Nicole Shuecraft and Kali Travis.

**Junior class:** Lauren Beavers, Jacob Berry, Shakendra Coleman, Trey DeBoe, Cole Easley, Cole Foster, Nicolas Greenwell, Noah Hadfield, Sydney Hunt, Sylvana Hunt, Taylor Johnson, RaKara McDowell, Ella LaPlante, Madison Lynch, Megan Manns, Mason Ryan, Tahla Trail, Colby Watson, Alex Yates and Landon Young.


**Senior class:** Harley Butler, Maggie Collins, Ashley Cooper, Alicia Fuls, Peyton Guess, Bailey Hart, Paige Hicks, Hayli Hill, Brittany Lemon, Hayden McConnell, Grishma Patel, Justin Reynolds, Faith Sitar, Lindsay Sizemore, Amber Wright and Haylee Young.

**All-A-and-B Honor Roll**

**Freshman class:** Courtney Beverly, Alice Blaisdell, Daniel Bricken, Regan Frazer, Jacob Hackney, Emily Hall, Ethan Hunt, Brennan Jones, Jared Lundy, Amanda Lynch, Landry McKinney, Gage Moore, Kiana Nesbitt, Audrey Smith, Evan Stone, Emily Tinsley, Michaela West, Katie Wheeler and Sean


The Crittenden County Middle School honor roll published in last week's Press should have included the following: Ethan Dossett- 7th Grade All A Honor Roll and Jake Gibson- 7th Grade A's and B's Honor Roll.

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**Happy 91st  
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Our Mother, Mona McDaniel, will be celebrating her 91st Birthday on Monday, February 3rd.

We are asking that her friends and family join us in celebrating this very special day by sending her a birthday card, 97 S.R. 1668, Marion, KY 42064, calling her on the phone (270) 965-3448, or coming by to visit with her. All of you who know Mother know what her friends mean to her. Mother loves receiving birthday cards and has kept every card she has received during her lifetime.

Thanks in advance from her children!

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Jan and Richard Gregory



# Marion saw new shops, stores open in 1926

To say that the City of Marion was on the rise in 1926 would be putting it mildly. All around the court square, new construction and remodeling was being seen and heard. The sound of the hammer and saw were a familiar noise for many weeks – and a welcomed sound, for it meant that Marion was growing and a good place to be living.

How proud the citizens must have been of their town. From the archives of The Crittenden Press, here are just a few of the exciting events that were taking place early in 1926.

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### February 1926

The two new business houses under construction for the local Masonic Lodge are now in the final stages of being finished. J.N. Boston & Sons are contracted for the erection of a two-story business house on the lot adjoining the Masonic Lodge and also a two-story house on the lot to the rear of the same property facing Belleville Street. The architecture of the building will be in conformity with the present building, making it have the appearance of only one building when the work is finally complete.

The new space facing Main Street is being plastered and trimmed, the front being ready for the plate glass show windows and the interior trim being under way. This is a handsome addition to the business section of Marion and is a splendid location. It is two stories high and the front harmonizes beautifully with the original Masonic building, now occupied by Taylor and Company.

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### New grocery store

Morris, Son and Mitchell, the name of the new store to occupy this space, is owned by D.B. Moore, better known as Dave. Mr. Moore will merchandise groceries in this building. He was formerly in this profession in Marion and is thoroughly familiar with every detail connected therewith, so he will undoubtedly enjoy a satisfactory patronage. He is also opening a new meat market in the store with a modern refrigerator showcase, meat slicer, sausage machine and storage refrigerator. Mr. Herbert Morris will be in charge of this department. He has had a number of years experience as a meat cutter.

He states that he will carry a stock of goods in every way worthy of a town as Marion, both in the sta-



ple and fancy lines. Workmen are now at work installing the fixtures and shelving for the new store.

(This would be located today where Roy and Tim's Barber Shop is on South Main St.)

### New Press location

The Masonic addition facing Belleville Street is practically complete, the trimming already being under way. It is a nice little building, well-lighted and ventilated with concrete floor down stairs.

Upon completion, this building will be occupied by The Press on the ground floor. The new quarters will leave little to be desired in the way of modernity. Well-lighted and ventilated and conveniently arranged, it is not going to be the fault of the building if you do not get a good paper.

The photography studio of George Travis will be on the second story. The studio will be modern in every respect.

### New theater to be finished soon

The new theater which is to be operated in the Main Street location vacated by The Crittenden Press is rapidly approaching completion. The new theater is to be called The Kentucky.

The new front is already in, the electric wiring completed and the metal projection booth installed. Also there will be a raised floor for better viewing and new seats. Ventilation will be provided by cooling breezes stirred by a battery of electric fans.

Mr. W.W. Runyan is the proprietor of this new enterprise and has announced that he will open the theater with one of Harold Bell Wright's pictures, "A Son of His Father." Mr. Runyan states that he will play only the cream of the film industry, giving his patrons clean, enjoyable pictures at all time.

(This space was located where the old Robards/Babb Drug Store used to be located. Thanks to Tink Hinklin who remembered when it was there.)

### New restaurant to open soon

Marion will have another place in which the

hungry may satisfy their craving for food. Guy Givens, who formerly operated a restaurant on the north side of the square, and M.W. Thomason will be the proprietors of the new eatery. Mr. Givens is one of the best known restaurant men in this part of the state and will have charge of the cuisine and management.

The new restaurant is located in the recently constructed Shelby building, which also houses the new armory. The building is one of the prettiest small town business blocks anywhere and is a strictly modern one. The floor is concrete, the ceiling made of metal and is beautifully decorated. The show window is wide and spacious, which will permit a tempting display of palatable food should the owners desire to use it for such.

The Sunrise Cafe is the name that M.W. Thomason and guy Givens have chosen for Marion's newest restaurants. The Sunrise Cafe proves to be a popular place and the crowds that went there for meals in the first few days continue.

(The Shelby building was the cream colored brick building torn down to make room for the new fire station.)

### Business house starts white way in Marion

Mrs. Lottie Terry has added much to the attractiveness of her store on Bellville Street by the addition of a number of new lights.

The show windows of both departments of her store are lighted at night. The area in front of the store is now brilliantly lighted with a row of electric lights, which not only adds to the look of her place of business but brightens up that section of the street. It's the start of a new tradition in business stores, lighted windows at night.

(Terry's store was located where the Christian Church parking lot is now on West Bellville Street.)

### Cook's Auto Laundry keeps up to date

There are at least a few other businesses besides The Crittenden Press in Marion that believes in up-to-the-minute appointments. One of them is the place where you may get your autos washed.

When Levi Cook built his auto laundry, it was the finest thing of its kind in America in a town anywhere near the size of Marion. Equipped for speed and with a desire to



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Morris, Son and Mitchell (top photo) is the name of the store owned by D.B. Moore, better known as Dave. His new store would feature a new and modern meat department run by Mr. Herbert Morris; (above) Mrs. Lottie Terry's store was one of the first in Marion to feature lighted windows. Known as the "white way," her store really brightened up the corner of the town square at night.

render service at a moderate price, this establishment was always busy.

The demand for this service grew to such an extent that Mr. Cook has added to the equipment by installing a deep well electric pump for supplying water for the radiators of such motor cars.

All you have to do now to water your radiator is to drive up, reach over and grab the hose and press the handle of the faucet while holding the nozzle in the proper place. A quick service gasoline station is also maintained.

A nice line of package

groceries is kept there for the benefit of those who are disposed to take advantage of an opportunity to save a little money.

Creed Threlkeld – none other than the popular "Pid" – is in charge of the entire establishment, and those who know Pid are content in the knowledge that he will see that they are taken care of when they drive up, either for an automobile bath, for a quart of oil, to have the tank filled with gas or for just some water. This place is quite an addition to the south part of town.

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Other places of importance that were being constructed at this time in Marion's colorful history was the magnificent Fohs Hall building, which from the standpoint of money invested was the largest building ever erected in Marion and the impressive Woman's Club Building on Carlisle Street.

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



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# Farm profits workshop this weekend

I hope everyone is enjoying the new year. I can't believe that January is almost over. My, how time flies. We are still waiting to hear on the Farm Bill. Hopefully, they are getting close to a finalized plan. In the meantime, we are trying to get all of our records updated so if you get something from us, please make sure that you address it.

### Tobacco payments

We still have a handful of individuals who receive tobacco payments. This year, the 10th and final tobacco payments will be made in February. We have not been given an exact date yet. This year, however, 95 percent of the payment will be received in February and the remaining 5 percent will be issued in October. So be prepared that your tobacco payments will be a little smaller than normal; but the remainder will be paid, it will just be paid in October. As soon as we know the



date for these payments we will let you know.

### Breaking out new ground

Agricultural producers are reminded to consult with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) before breaking out new ground for production, as doing so without prior authorization may put a producer's federal farm program benefits in jeopardy. This is especially true for land that must meet Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions. Producers with HEL-de-

termined soils must apply tillage, crop residue and rotation requirements as specified in their conservation plan. Producers should notify the FSA prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects to ensure compliance. If you intend to clear any trees to create new cropland, these areas will need to be reviewed to ensure any work will not risk your eligibility for benefits. Landowners and operators can complete form AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification to determine whether a referral to NRCS is necessary. **GFP workshop** A Growing Farm Profits workshop will be held Saturday through Monday in Lexington. This workshop features nationally-respected speakers and is to help horticultural producers understand things that affect profitability, including

record keeping, budgeting, food safety, packing shed design and marketing. The registration is \$25 and includes continental breakfast and lunch all three days and resource materials valued at over \$100. For more information, contact Carolyn Gahn at carolyn@cfaky.org. You can register at tinyurl.com/ma29y5r. **Upcoming** - Saturday through Monday: Growing Farm Profits Workshop. - March 1: Last day to purchase Noninsured Crop Assistance Program coverage on grass. - July 28: Last day to apply for Emergency Loan (Livingston County). (Laura Kessler is the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency executive director at the Salem service center, which serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties. She can be reached at (270) 988-2180.)

# Dates set for February ag workshops

Renew or get your Certified Private Applicator License by attending a local class offered through the Crittenden County University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. A certified private applicator can buy and use restricted use pesticides to produce any agriculture commodity on owned or rented land or employer's land. They can spray the land of others in exchange for services but not money. They can also train workers on Worker Protection Standards. To become certified, we will view videos from the University of Kentucky's Entomology Department and review key topics such as: - Knowing common pests and damage. - Reading and understanding labels. - Calibrating and applying pesticides properly. - Recognizing "sensitive areas"-groundwater and endangered species. - Understanding pesticide safety. - Pesticide record keeping. The class is expected to last no longer than two hours. The certification will last for three years and will expire Dec. 31 of the final year. Kentucky has 13 major drain basins, more than 89,000 miles of rivers and streams and 637,000 acres



of wetlands. Close to a half-million people rely on springs and wells for their water supply and 1.2 million use a public system supplied by ground water. Not only do we need to protect ourselves while spraying, we need to protect our environment, which in return will protect us. It's vital that we make sure that our pesticides don't contaminate our water. Whether you are a row crop farmer, a tomato grower or a home gardener, call the extension office to make your reservations. The class will be offered Feb. 11 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. The class begins at 6 p.m. and is free.

### PQA Certification

On Feb. 5, we will offer a Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Certification. If you have swine, you may be asking yourself, "Why should I go through pork quality assurance?" This answer is easy. By following the PQA program, you are improving your

swine care and management practices. By following good health, nutrition and management procedures, you can make sure pigs perform at their highest level and are a safe, wholesome pork product for consumers. This program focuses on avoiding volatile drug residues. When you are knowledgeable about drug usage, withdrawal times and administration, you can produce a safer product for consumers. PQA helps decrease costs because you may be able to eliminate the use of some animal health products, which are quite expensive. PQA also increases awareness of food safety. Pork producers are an important part of the food supply chain. The care you give pigs at your farm and during transport will affect the products consumers can buy. Equine specialist Dr. Richard Coffey will be at the Ed-Tech Center at 1:30 p.m. next Wednesday at to certify the producers. **GAP Certification** Another class that is going to be offered in February is the good agricultural practices (GAP) certification. GAPs are production-level approaches to ensure the safety of fresh produce for human consumption. GAP production and post-harvest guidelines are de-

signed to reduce the risk of food-borne disease contamination on fresh produce. These voluntary producers can be tailored to any production system. GAP recommendations are directed toward the primary sources of contamination: soil, water, hands, and surfaces. At the training, you will learn about bacteria and other harmful micro-organisms commonly associated with the fresh produce, the costs and impact of diseases and outbreaks caused by food borne pathogens, strategies for controlling potential microbial food safety hazards before planting and throughout all phases of production-planting, production, harvesting and post-harvest handling. The GAP certification class will begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 10 at the Ed Tech Center. If you plan to attend any of these classes, notify Meredith Hall, Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent, at Extension office by calling (270) 965-5236 or e-mail her at meredith.hall@uky.edu. (Merideth Hall is the agricultural and natural resources agent with Crittenden County University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. Her column appears in this newspaper periodically. She can be reached at (270) 965-5236.)

# Community Christmas classes scheduled

Families wanting to have their children sponsored through Community Christmas in 2014 must attend a minimum of three approved educational classes or programs between February and September 2014. Participants will need to sign in and show identification at the event. Classes will be free and open to the public. If school is cancelled due to weather, classes will not be held. Below are the classes scheduled for February. March listings will be published next week and new listings will be available every two months. - Feb. 8: Healthy Eating. Spend a Saturday morning learning how to make better food choices and what they'll be planting at the Victory Gardens. Class runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Woman's Club of Marion Building at 126 E. Carlisle St. in Marion. Presenters are Crissy Carter, RD; Sue Parent of the Extension Service; and Robbie Kirk of the Victory Gardens. The program is sponsored by the Woman's Club of Marion. Please bring a canned food item to donate to a local food pantry. The program is for all ages. Call (270) 978-3328 with questions. Door prizes will be given. - Feb. 10: SHIP, kynecnt, PACS, Finances...Help Me Understand Them! All ages are invited to learn about these programs dealing with insurance and health issues. The program is at 1 p.m. at the senior citizens center in Marion. Sponsors are PACS, PADD and the UK Extension Service. Presenters are Robby Shearon, Alicia McDowell, Nancy Hunt

and Kathy Belt. For further information, call (270) 965-5229. Door prizes and lots of freebies will be given. - Feb. 11: Prescription Drugs and Their Abuse by Children. This informational meeting will help parents talk to their child about use and misuse of prescription drugs. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Ed-Tech Center on Industrial Drive in Marion. The presenter will be Virginia Oldham, MA, ICPS, the Pennyroyal Center Youth Empowerment Service Coordinator. Pre-register with Head Start at (270) 965-5846 or the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236. - Feb. 13: GED and Work Keys Informational Meeting. You will receive information on the changes and opportunities for assistance in

completing the GED. The Work Keys Test is a job skills assessment system that connects training and skill testing. This test is a requirement for some employers. Participants will learn how this test can better prepare you for the ever-changing workplace. The meeting is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Crittenden County Adult Education Center at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion. The sponsors are Crittenden County Adult Education Program and 21st CCLC/Crosswalk Learning Center at Crittenden County High School. Contact Missy Myers, coordinator and instructor at (270) 965-9435 to register or Cheryl Burks, site coordinator for 21st CCLC/Crosswalk Learning Center, at

(270) 965-2248 or 965-9833. - Feb. 20: Slow Cooking for a Fast Pace Life. The program is from noon to 1 p.m. or from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office on U.S. 60 East. The presenter is Nancy Hunt with the UK Extension Service. You must pre-register by Feb. 18 by calling (270) 965-5236. This meeting will include tasting. - Feb. 27: Plan for Food Spending. Do you run out of food before the end of the month? Learn tips and tools to use so this won't happen. Classes are at 1:30 or 5 p.m. at the Extension office at 1534 U.S. 60 East in Marion. The program will be presented by Parrent. Call (270) 965-5236 to pre-register. A door prize will be given.

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# Eastern Kentucky man jailed on theft charge

**STAFF REPORT** An eastern Kentucky man has been charged with theft in connection with two missing iPhones. Bascom K. Kline, 20, of Mount Sterling was arrested by Kentucky State Police last Wednesday afternoon following an investigation that began at a Crittenden County school. According to a state police report, Trooper First Class Darron Holliman joined Marion Police Department in investigating a complaint last Wednesday of a stolen iPhone at Crittenden County High School. While there, a staff member advised Trooper Holliman of another iPhone that had been stolen from a female's purse Jan. 18 at Conrad's Food Store. The trooper was able to obtain a description of the suspect after viewing the store's video surveillance. The suspect was identified as Kline, who was later found walking along South College Street in Marion. Kline was arrested and charged with one count of theft by unlawful taking under \$500, a Class D felony. He was lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center. Marion Police Department assisted with the investigation.

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BASKETBALL

Upcoming prep games

Crittenden County Schedule

Friday

Lady Rockets at Ft. Campbell

Saturday

Lady Rockets at Caldwell County

Tuesday

Rockets host Hopkins Central

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Fifth District Standings		
BOYS		
Team	Overall	Dist.
Trigg County	11-6	6-0
Crittenden County	5-15	4-2
Livingston Central	4-14	1-4
Lyon County	6-11	0-5
GIRLS		
Lyon County	10-6	5-0
Livingston Central	9-8	4-1
Crittenden County	5-12	2-4
Trigg County	5-12	0-6

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

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Trapping	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 23 - Feb. 28
Duck	Nov. 28 - Jan. 26
West Goose Zone	Nov. 28 - Jan. 31
Pennyrile Goose	Nov. 28 - Jan. 31
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Turkey Youth	April 5-6
Spring Turkey	April 12 - May 4

Coyote hunting contest

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

FOOTBALL

Pardue back in Ga.

Former Crittenden County and University of Kentucky football coach Steve Pardue has landed a new job as head coach at East Coweta High School in Georgia. Pardue won three state championships at LaGrange, Ga., between 2001 and 2004 before taking a position as running backs coach on Joker Phillips' UK coaching staff in 2011 and 2012. Phillips and Pardue are longtime friends and many of Pardue's high school players at LaGrange went to UK, including Wesley Woodyard, who is playing in Sunday's Super Bowl with the Denver Broncos. When Kentucky fired Phillips, Pardue and the rest of the staff were out of a job, too. He has spent the last year back in LaGrange, but not coaching. Pardue was head coach at Crittenden County from 1987-90. East Coweta has gone 38-29 over the last six seasons in Georgia's highest classification. The team has made the playoffs every year since 1997.

SENIOR BOWL STARTER

Crittenden veteran

official coin tosser

STAFF REPORT  
Although he's given so much, retired U.S. Army Sgt. Chase Matthews continues to give more.  
Matthews was on hand last weekend for the ceremonial pre-game coin toss prior to the Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala. His appearance was part of a Homes for Our Troops program to raise awareness for the national non-profit organization and to honor another veteran helped by the group.  
Matthews, who grew up in Dycusburg, was deployed to Iraq in March 2007 with the Kentucky National Guard unit based in Marion. While on a mission in Iraq, the humvee Matthews was driving was hit by an improvised explosive device, which detonated beneath the up-armored vehicle. Matthews was seriously injured, losing a portion of both legs and full mobility of his left arm.  
Homes for Our Troops helped Matthews build a home just across the county line in Lyon County, where he

now lives with his wife Jennifer and their two children.  
Like his appearance last weekend at the collegiate showcase game in Mobile, Matthews appears quite regularly for Homes for Our Troops. He's never missed being part of Jacob Tamme's annual Homes for Our Troops fundraising golf tournament in Lexington.  
"I've gone there the last five years," he said.  
Tamme, a native of Danville, Ky., is a tight end for the Denver Broncos and will play in Sunday's Super Bowl.  
Matthews admits he's a bigger fan of the NFL than college football, but he was excited to be part of last weekend's Senior Bowl and the festivities leading up to it.  
He and his wife attended a pre-game event on Friday where he met the players and coaching staffs. On Saturday, he officially started the game during the midfield ceremony, and he was given the coin as a keepsake.



Chase Matthews was at midfield for the coin toss Saturday.

Avoiding the midseason blues

Next 2 weeks

will be easier

STAFF REPORT  
Seven straight losses might push a lesser outfit into the mid-winter doldrums. However, the Rockets remain optimistic about the final stretch of this year's basketball season.  
Despite losing 74-52 to Murray at Rocket Arena Tuesday night – and falling to 5-15 overall – coach Denis Hodge's boys can avoid the sluggish malaise and lack of motivation that sometimes goes with midseason blues by simply reviewing the last three weeks. The vast majority of their losses have come at the hands of Graves, Webster, Marshall, Trigg, Caldwell and now Murray. Each are arguably among the top 10 or so teams in all of western Kentucky – Regions One and Two combined.  
Looking down the road, Crittenden County's next two weeks include six games against five teams and only two of them have winning records. Are you smiling yet? Caldwell County (11-6) will be the best team. The Rockets know just what to expect there. The Tigers have whitewashed Crittenden twice already, including at 32-point shellacking in the All A Classic semifinal round Friday at Dawson Springs. Caldwell's athleticism and Crittenden's turnovers made it a lopsided affair after one period. Dakota Watson scored a team-high 11 points in the game and Caldwell's Elijah Sindelar led his club with 18 points. He scored 10 in the second period when the Tigers pulled away. Caldwell scored 13 first-half points off turnovers.  
Other than Caldwell, the Rockets' only upcoming opponent with a winning record is Hardin County (Ill.). The Cougars are 8-5 and will be at Marion Feb. 6. The other three matchups over the next couple of weeks include three teams that have a combined eight wins. Hopkins Central – a squad CCHS plays twice between now and Feb. 13 – is 2-16. Granted, one of their wins was over Crittenden in the McLean Holiday Tournament, but they're certainly beatable. Otherwise, Dawson Springs is 1-14 and Community Christian is 5-15. Just the right medicine for an ailing soul.



Rocket junior Noah Dickerson works the backcourt against Caldwell County's Elijah Sindelar during the Class A tournament at Dawson Springs.

Girls ready

for coming

challenges

STAFF REPORT  
Seven straight days off should help the Lady Rockets regroup for the final stretch of the basketball season. From a week ago Monday until the night before last, Crittenden's girls had done nothing but practice.  
Coach Shannon Hodge said her team needs to get tougher both physically and mentally.  
After its week-long respite that ended with Tuesday's 67-32 loss to Union County at Rocket Arena, Hodge says her team must quit making the same mistakes and hoping for different results.  
"I think we believe we can do it and want to do it, we're just having trouble putting it into action," the coach said.  
Over the next eight games, the girls will play seven different teams and only two have winning records – Caldwell County and St. Mary. One game vs. Dawson Springs and two against Fort Campbell give the Lady Rockets a sure shot at wins. Both opponents are arguably the region's worst.



Oliver 17 vs. Union

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Caldwell 68, Crittenden 36				
Crittenden County	10	14	6	6
Caldwell County	17	21	24	6
CRITTENDEN – Owen 9, Dickerson 7, Belt 2, Gilbert, C. Watson 7, Champion, Tinsley, Hicks, Driver, Hadfield, Myers, D. Watson 11. FG 11. 3-pointers 2 (Owen). FT 12-16.				
CALDWELL – Oliver, Seymore 8, Sindelar 18, Young 2, Boyd 8, McCarty 2, Pepper 7, Hopson 12, Cain 9, Dyer 2, Davis. FG 25. 3-pointers 3 (Sindelar 2, Hopson 1). FT 15-19.				

Murray 74, Crittenden 52

Murray	20	19	15	20
Crittenden County	8	11	18	15
MURRAY – English 20, Curtis 8, D.Boone 2, J.Boone 8, Kelly 2, Stubblefield 8, Sheppard 10, Clark 4, Hornbuckle 10, Dickerson 2. FG 27. 3-pointers 5 (English 4, Curtis 1). FT 13-18.				
CRITTENDEN – Owen 17, Dickerson 7, Belt 9, Gilbert 4, Young 5, Champion, Tinsley 2, Hicks, D. Watson 4, C. Watson 4. FG 23. 3-pointers 3 (Owen, Dickerson, Young). FT 3-6.				

Union County 67, Crittenden 32

Union County	16	17	16	18
Crittenden County	11	6	8	7
UNION – Wright 4, Thompson 21, Campbell 19, A.Hendrickson 4, Smith 9, Bennett 2, Bealmear 4, E.Hendrickson 4, Conway, Robertson, Williams. FG 24. 3-pointers 2 (Thompson, Smith). FT 15-17.				
CRITTENDEN – McDowell 3, C.Moss 8, Oliver 17, Evans 2, K.Moss 2, Pierce, Lynch, Collins. FG 12. 3-pointers none. FT 8-20.				

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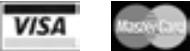
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Email [rhonda.callaway@crittenden.kyschools.us](mailto:rhonda.callaway@crittenden.kyschools.us)  
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Notice is hereby given that on January 22nd, 2014 Barbara Gross of 915 March Oliver Rd., Fredonia, Ky 42411 was appointed executrix with will annexed of Mary Louise Gross, deceased, whose address was 915 March Oliver Road, Fredonia, KY 42411. Stuart C. Peek, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executrix with will annexed on or before the 22nd day of July, 2014 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

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Notice is hereby given that on January 17, 2014 Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed an application with the Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky for approval of revisions in its Demand-Side-Management and Energy-Efficiency ("DSMEE") program portfolio, as shown in KU's Adjustment Clause Demand-Side Management Cost Recovery Mechanism ("DSMCRM") tariff and the resulting changes in its DSMCRM charges. In its application, KU notified the KPSC that the revised DSMCRM tariff sheets are proposed to become effective on and after February 16, 2014; however, because KU anticipates the Commission will suspend the proposed changes in the DSMCRM tariff to conduct an investigation of the proposed changes, KU has asked the Commission to approve the proposed changes in its DSMEE program portfolio and resulting increases in the charges under the DSMCRM mechanism in its DSMCRM tariff to be effective on January 1, 2015.  
The proposed changes to the DSMEE program portfolio, if approved, will result in an increase in the charges calculated under the DSMCRM mechanism. The increase charges for all affected electric rate classes are as follows:  

Residential Service Rate RS, Volunteer Fire Department Service Rate VFD, and Low Emission Vehicle Service Rate LEV			
Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00349	\$ 0.00378	+ \$ 0.00029	+ 8.3%

General Service Rate GS			
Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00238	\$ 0.00222	- \$ 0.00016	- 6.7%

All Electric School Rate AES			
Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00088	\$ 0.00101	+ \$ 0.00013	+ 14.7%

Power Service Rate PS, Time-of-Day Secondary Service Rate TODS, and Time-of-Day Primary Service Rate TODP			
Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00067	\$ 0.00069	+ \$ 0.00002	+ 3.0%

  
KU projects that the monthly bill impact of the new DSMEE programs and program enhancements will be an increase of \$0.29 per month for a KU residential electric customer using 1,000 kWh per month.  
This tariff filing may be examined at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, or on Kentucky Utilities Company's website at [www.lge-ku.com](http://www.lge-ku.com).  
This tariff filing may also be examined at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.  
Comments regarding this tariff filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.  
The proposed changes to the DSMEE program portfolio and associated increase in the charges calculated under the DSMCRM mechanism contained in this notice are proposed by Kentucky Utilities Company. The Public Service Commission may order changes to KU's proposed DSMEE program portfolio that may result in charges under the DSMCRM mechanism that differ from the proposed charges contained in this notice.  
A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.  

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District court jurors fill the gallery in the Crittenden County Courthouse courtroom last week during a visit from Kentucky Supreme Court Justice John Minton Jr. (left foreground) and officials with the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts. Circuit Court Judge Rene Williams (right foreground) points out water damage in the courtroom.

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# MINTON

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ham and Appeals Court Judge Donna Dixon. Cunningham was also present at last week's on-site survey of the courthouse.

Considering the state's poor financial condition, few who understand the fiscal challenges facing the commonwealth's court system – and more broadly, the state in general – are inclined to believe that a new justice center in Marion is a realistic short-term solution. Therefore, local officials are hoping to garner enough support – or sympathy – to get a temporary fix to the courthouse's most pressing issues.

Minton and Dudgeon say the facility's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues and security concerns are paramount to space and maintenance problems illustrated during last week's

visit to the facility.

Judge Williams left no stone unturned while leading the officials on a tour of the entire building. She pointed out a \$10,000 electronic Smartboard ruined by water from a leaky roof a few weeks ago. The judge discussed serious challenges faced by court officers during high-profile trials and family court matters where emotions tend to run high. The cramped quarters in the courtroom create potentially volatile situations as prosecutors, defense attorneys, victims and defendants and their families are crowded literally shoulder to shoulder into a courtroom that has one public way in and the same way out. The only emergency exit from the top floor of the courthouse is an unmarked, discreet door that goes from the jury deliberation room onto the roof.

"After being here, I have a better understanding of the

situation and will quickly sit down with Vance Mitchell (AOC facilities chief) and address these concerns," Chief Justice Minton said.

For years, Crittenden County has been told it was high on a priority list of counties close to getting a new courthouse or justice center. At one time, it was believed Crittenden County was No. 3 on that list, but later, officials were told the county was bumped down to No. 7 or so because of emergency situations in other Kentucky counties.

"You are on a list," Minton said, explaining that the judicial arm of state government is charged with developing a strategic plan for keeping courthouses up to date and functional. However, he said the Kentucky General Assembly provides funding to see that those plans are implemented.

According to Leigh Anne Hiatt, public information officer for the AOC, Crittenden

County is ranked No. 10 on a priority list of 48 counties assessed by the AOC in April 2011.

"The assessments were done in counties that had not added a new judicial center or undergone a major renovation to the existing judicial facility prior to 1996," Hiatt explained. "The April 2011 assessments are the most recent conducted by the AOC. The assessments used comprehensive, objective criteria to determine which judicial buildings in Kentucky are most in need of renovation or replacement."

The chief justice said he will meet soon with Crittenden County's state legislators – Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) and Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) – to discuss the matter. Local leaders hope this interest may spur the state to update

Crittenden County's assessment or perhaps move it higher on the list.

No one, however, thinks the county will be getting a new courthouse or justice center within the next six to eight years. Indeed, some think it might be much longer.

Dudgeon agrees that county leaders have demonstrated legitimate concerns with respect to the courthouse and says she is prepared to see what can be done to improve the situation.

"There are significant concerns," she said last week, pointing specifically at ADA compliance and security.

Dudgeon said changes were made in the way the justice department approaches these types of issues following well-publicized criticism a few years ago when some

state leaders and the media criticized the extravagance and expense in building judicial centers, many in small, remote communities across Kentucky. Since 1998, the Kentucky Court of Justice has completed, authorized or begun construction on 70 new judicial centers. Nearby Webster, Livingston, Lyon and Hopkins counties each got one.

Because of the criticism, Dudgeon said there are new rules when it comes to solving problems such as those facing Crittenden County. Among the alternatives to a new judicial center is the possibility of leasing space elsewhere in town or expanding the current building.

Learning more about what Crittenden County wants as a long-term solution is important to the process, Dudgeon said. That's why she and the chief justice spent about three hours here last week.



Dudgeon

# kynect sign-up assistance offered

By JASON TRAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Under the Affordable Healthcare Act, by 2015, most Americans will be required to have some type of health insurance. Unlike HeathCare.gov, the national website created to enroll individuals for health insurance, Kentucky's health care exchange, kynect, has seen a much smoother rollout.

Robby Shearon works for Pennyryle Allied Community Services in Hopkinsville. He is an official "kynector" and assists individuals who want to enroll in the state's health exchange. Shearon works one day each week in Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Caldwell counties.

Since November, Shearon has seen about 260 individuals from those four counties sign up for the state's health care exchange program and averages signing up about six individuals a day.

the Crittenden County Public Library in Marion.

Typically, each Monday finds Shearon available from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Crittenden County PACS office located on North Walker Street in Marion.

For residents in Livingston County, Shearon is available from 9 a.m. to noon at the PACS office in Smithland and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Wayne Chittenden Office Complex located at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem. Walk-ins are welcome or individuals may schedule an appointment to see Shearon by calling PACS in Hopkinsville at (270) 886-6341.



Shearon

To sign up, Shearon said individuals need to bring income verification. Individuals receiving Social Security, disability, unemployment, pensions or retirement also need to provide verification. They also need to provide their Social Security numbers. Additionally, incarceration release records or information relating to green cards should also be provided. Kynectors do not enroll individuals who are 65 and eligible for Medicare. Kynectors can help determine Medicaid and KCHIP (Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program) eligibility.

"We try to help people who need Medicaid assistance. We also have payment assistance that helps people who make more than the allowed amount for Medicaid but still need help paying

their bills," Shearon said. "We also offer to anybody who wants to look at the new Kentucky Health Cooperative. It's quite a bit cheaper than most insurance. They've got some pretty good plans. Even if you have insurance and want to come to us and see what you qualify for, that's OK too."

A typical online application takes between 15 to 30 minutes, depending on how many people are in the household.

"If it's a single person, it can take as little as 10 minutes. If it's a family of five, it's probably going to take a full 30 minutes," Shearon said.

Kynectors have had 18 hours of college training through a Western Kentucky University program that was designed to educate them on the website, how to sign people up and determine what counts as income. Shearon emphasized many will find it easier to have someone to

assist them during the sign-up process and encourages individuals to walk in or make an appointment regarding their health care questions.

"The Internet is great. If you're technology inclined, it's not that big of a problem. However, you still don't have that assistance if something goes wrong. It might not be your fault if something goes wrong. But that's something we can fix pretty easily," he said.

The faster individuals sign up, the quicker they will get their coverage. Those who sign up before Feb. 15 are eligible by March 1 to be insured. After Feb. 15, coverage will begin in April. Those who sign up between March 15 and March 31 will have to wait until May for coverage.

Shearon will be at the aforementioned Crittenden and Livingston County locations through March 31. For more information on kynect, visit [kyenroll.ky.gov](http://kyenroll.ky.gov).

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