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## Voters flock to GOP anticipating caucus

A flurry of voters across Kentucky rushed at the end of 2015 to beat the deadline for changing party registration in order to vote in this year's Republican Presidential Caucus and May primaries. Whatever your party as of the first day of 2016, that's the party under which you will choose your presidential nominee.

Most voters changing party converted to the GOP, largely to be eligible to vote for one of the hoard of Republican contenders seeking the party's top nomination. Locally, Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford said her office has processed several GOP conversions. However, final numbers won't be released from the Secretary of State's office until later this month. The Republican majority in the county will surely grow.

Those new and old Republicans will go to the ballot box to choose their presidential nominee in less than two months. The Saturday, March 5 caucus will see the polls open from only 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In Crittenden County, the lone polling location will be at the middle school multi-purpose room.

County clerks like Byford play no role in the caucus outside of providing voter registration rolls to the Republican Party of Kentucky, which will be conducting the vote. Byford has had many questions asked of her about the process, and has answered what she can. For most questions, visit [RPK.org/caucus](http://RPK.org/caucus).

Each Republican vote will count. Votes will be tallied and delegates to respective candidates will be doled out based on their percentage of overall votes in Kentucky. There is no winner-take-all like for Democrats in their traditional May presidential primary. Candidates having filed for the caucus include: Jeb Bush, Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Ben Carson, Marco Rubio, Rand Paul, John Kasich, Chris Christie and Carly Fiorina.

All Republican voters and Democrats can still vote in the May primary election for other races. Only the GOP presidential race will not be on tap.

## Meetings

- Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday for its regular monthly meeting. The meeting has been moved up a week due to the Jan. 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

- Livingston County Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the board office in Smithland.

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Rocket Arena for its monthly working session.

- Marion Tourism Commission will meet at 5 p.m. next Wednesday at the welcome center.



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## City-only alcohol petition awaits verification

STAFF REPORT

A petition for a local option election on alcohol sales at Marion restaurants has been submitted to local officials with almost 100 more signatures than necessary.

In November 2014, Tyler Collins began planning for a drive to legalize the sale of alcohol at qualifying eateries in town. Last summer, he finalized word-

ing on the petition and began collecting signatures. On Dec. 28, the petition was turned in with 221 signatures.

The verification process is under way, and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said legal questions both he and



Collins

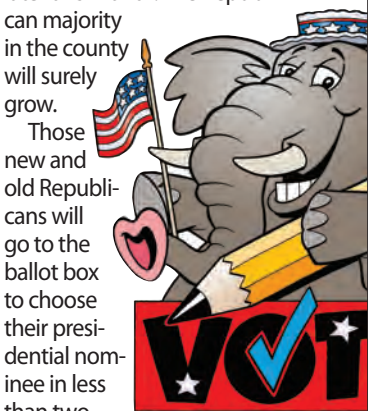
County Attorney Rebecca Johnson have could be answered this week.

Petitioners are asking to send to referendum the following question to city voters only: "Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink in Marion at restaurants and dining facilities with a seating capacity of at least 50 persons and which derives at least 70 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of

food if the alcoholic beverage is purchased in conjunction with a meal?"

Newcom, charged with verifying the petition and scheduling a subsequent special election if all qualifications are met, said the wording of the question appears to be in order. But there do remain uncertainties surrounding some of the names on the peti-

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On Monday, the last reminders of 2015 were removed across the city as detention center trustees helped Marion city workers take down holiday decorations around town. Above, Jamie Lebanion unwraps greenery around a street light pole.

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## End-of-year flooding only minor issue

STAFF REPORT

Despite reports of anywhere between 6 and 10 inches of rainfall over the last week of 2015, county roads may suffer no prolonged effects, said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

"By the end of this week, everything should just about be in pretty good shape," Newcom said Monday about the county's road crew and its work since flooding the last week of December.

Crittenden County Deputy Director of Emergency Management Fred

Brown said the county's problems were minimal compared to those along the Mississippi River where major flooding has closed major transportation arteries, including the U.S. 51 bridge over the Ohio River at Cairo, Ill.



Brown

"Our biggest issue is the ferry being closed," Brown said. The Cave In Rock Ferry, which links Crittenden County to Hardin County, Ill., closed New Year's Eve due to high water on the Ohio

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## Rockets-Cardinals rivalry taken to new level on the court

STAFF REPORT

Will the competitive fires stoke just as warmly Saturday night when Livingston Central graduates host Crittenden County old-timers in the first ever Cardinals vs. Rockets alumni basketball game?

Probably so. "We've been practicing some," said Crittenden County High School basketball

coach Denis Hodge.

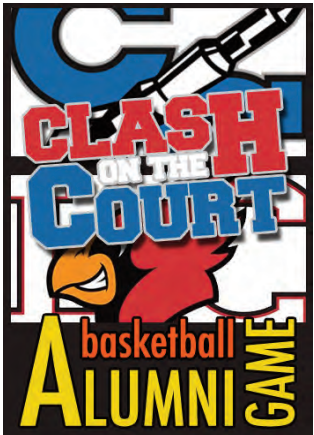
"Oh, I think it's going to be lots of fun," said Janet McGregor, a Cardinals booster and organizer of the event, which starts at 5 p.m. at the Livingston High School gym in Smithland.

In addition to three old-timers basketball games for men and women, there will be live auctions with items going on sale such as vacations at Green Turtle Bay and Kentucky Dam Village and tickets to a UK vs. Tennessee basketball game in Lexington.

Cheerleaders from bygone eras will be performing at halftimes and tossing dozens of spirit balls dyed red and blue into what organizers hope are packed stands. One thousand tickets are expected to be sold.

Livingston alumni have been practicing their ball skills, too, and McGregor says it's been fun to watch.

"Some of them are having a hard time get-



ting up and down the floor," laughed McGregor. "They think they're having heart attacks."

Of course, when old-timers get together for such events, a lack of athletic conditioning is more pronounced than Ace bandages and the aroma of Icy Hot. However, it's the camaraderie and rekindling of old memories that tend to prevail above anything for a highlight reel.

The affair is a fundraising event for both schools' basketball programs. Crittenden County has 200 tickets to sell in advance. All of the money from those sales will go to Crittenden County's Rockets and Lady Rockets. Tickets are \$5 each, and they're on sale at The Crit-

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Second-year Crittenden County Lions Club member Natalie Parish was named 2015 Lion of the Year by her fellow Lions for her many efforts since joining the club. She is the lone female member of the civic organization.

## Parish selected Lion of the Year

STAFF REPORT

Natalie Parish has been recognized by the local Lions Club with its top honor for 2015.

Parish, just a two-year member of Crittenden County Lions Club, was honored at last month's annual awards ceremony as the organization's Lion of the Year.

She has helped build the group's annual fair pageants into a major fundraising project, serves as the Lion's Club's treasurer and last year, published the Crittenden County Fair Catalog.

"It was unanimous that she should be Lion of the Year," said Club President Ronnie Heady. "We have a lot of members who work really

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## What do you think?

### Send us your opinion on the legalization of alcohol sales in Marion

Letters should be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday the week before publication. Submissions must include only the author's name, address, phone number and signature. Phone numbers and addresses are required, but will not be published.

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tion.

Of the 221 signatures received, only 138 must be verified as city voters, which is the requisite figure based on a quarter of the number of Marion voters in last November's general election.

County Clerk Carolyn Byford and staff spent a couple of days cross checking names with the voter registration roll. Several names have been disqualified, like those of people not registered to vote or those living outside the city limit.

There are several other names with questions surrounding them, and County Attorney Johnson is awaiting an opinion from Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear's office as to whether they should be disqualified.

Regardless, Newcom believes a special election is on the way.

"I think, as it looks, they're going to have enough (signatures) anyway," he said.

A special election must be scheduled by Newcom to be held no fewer than 60 days (Friday, Feb. 26) and no more than 90 days (Sunday, March 27) from the date the petition was turned in. A local option election cannot piggyback an already-scheduled election like the May primary. Byford estimates the cost for a special election in the five city precincts to be more than \$10,000. Voters in those precincts currently cast their ballots at the courthouse, the Ed-Tech Center and three churches, two of which are part of the Southern Baptist Convention that staunchly opposes the consumption of alcohol – Emmanuel and Marion Baptist churches – and St. William Catholic Church.

Though Collins started his

Grow Marion campaign months earlier and began collecting signatures last summer, he moved in September with his wife to Bladensburg, Md., which is in the Washington, D.C., area. His father, Will Collins, turned in the petition last week, and volunteers finished collecting support.

"Fortunately, I did most of the ground work before I came to DC and had volunteers round up the stragglers," Tyler said Monday in a Facebook message.

Newcom said that process all appears to be legal.

Collins, said he has spent many hours conducting research on public alcohol policy and thinks the efforts will come to fruition.

"I do believe that it is going to pass," he said. "This has been a very 'hush hush' campaign where people support it, but do not want the potential mess of getting their name involved. So I am expecting a lot of people to vote yes who would not sign the petition."

Collins calls this attempt to legalize alcohol in Crittenden County more conservative than efforts in the past. In 2013, a petition was circulated to legalize the sale of packaged alcohol and alcohol by the drink across the entire county. That petition died without the requisite number of signatures. Prior to that, a measure in 2000, which called for county-wide by-the-drink sales in qualifying restaurants only, failed 1,622 to 2,314.

According to Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control, as of October 2015, Crittenden County was one of 24 dry counties in the commonwealth, a third of which are in western Kentucky. The only bordering county without some type of alcohol sales is Webster County.

As we usher in the New Year and the 150th regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly, work is under way on one of the most important duties of legislators – passing a two-year budget for the commonwealth.

I'm sure it doesn't come as a surprise that everyone in Frankfort has their own idea about how to spend – and save – the state's money. While the budget bill can sometimes produce impassioned, heated, and lengthy debates, lawmakers are responsible for coming to an agreement in the end. The state constitution requires that we make sure the state's budget is balanced before the last gavel falls.

As the state continues to claw its way out of the re-

cession, the recent budget reports offer some promising numbers. Fiscal Year 2015 ended with a \$165 million surplus, marking the fifth straight year of growth for Kentucky. Personal and business tax revenue exceeded projections. And the state's rainy day fund is at its highest level since 2007.

Many economists are cautiously optimistic about the state's financial outlook going into Fiscal Year 2016. The current forecast is that there will be between \$250 million to \$300 million in new revenue. State budget officials attribute much of the growth to higher-than-expected receipts from personal in-

come and business taxes as well as Kentucky's sales

## Budget on legislature's agenda



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House: 1987-94  
Senate: 2004-present

With the new year comes a new General Assembly, and as always, I will be providing updates on its progress.

This year's session opens with a new dynamic in the Commonwealth, since it is the first session with our new governor, Matt Bevin and Lt. Gov. Jeanne Hampton. In addition to Gov. Bevin and Lt. Gov. Hampton, we have a new attorney general, Andy Beshear; a new auditor, Mike Harmon; a new treasurer, Allison Ball; and a new agriculture commissioner, Ryan Quarles. Our secretary of state, Alison Grimes, was re-elected and will be serving a second term.

The main task in the 2016 session is developing a budget for the next two fiscal years. Gov. Bevin

will be presenting his budget request to a joint session of the General Assembly on Jan. 26, and then it will be up to the legislature to review it and make any changes we deem appropriate. Once the House of Representatives and the Senate come to an agreement and pass a budget, it will be sent to Gov. Bevin to be signed into law or vetoed.

My expectation is that the General Assembly will pass a budget in late March or early April and the governor will accept it with minimal changes.

Kentucky is in serious financial trouble with bond ratings among the worst in the country, so my feeling is that the budget will be lean and will remain so until our economy picks up dramatically.

Some other pressing is-

tax. But those silver linings come with some dark clouds. Coal severance tax receipts continue to plummet. Lottery proceeds were \$16.5 million lower than expected. Revenues from the gasoline tax have declined as fuel prices dropped. Pension shortfalls remain unresolved, and bills for Medicaid expansion will soon start coming due.

One of the biggest challenges will be addressing the shortfall in the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System. It will need an additional \$520.4 million in state contributions to be fully funded next fiscal year. That's in addition to around \$380 million paid out to the system from the state general fund this fiscal year.

There are also concerns about paying for Medicaid expansion. On Dec. 30, Gov. Matt Bevin announced his plan to develop a transformative Medicaid program for the commonwealth to address the financial unsustainability of the current Medicaid program. The governor tapped Mark Birdwhistell, a former Secretary

of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, to head a group to assist in the drafting of a Medicaid waiver solution for the commonwealth. I will follow the work of this group closely over the coming weeks.

While the budget will be our priority, there will be other issues we will be asked to legislate. There were 201 bills prefiled – 44 by senators and 157 by representatives. That's the most since 2010. The bills cover everything from expanding voting rights for felons, strengthening the drunken driving law, changing the process of issuing marriage licenses, regulating drones, creating a sales tax holiday for school supplies and clothes, and protecting children from sex offenders.

This is just a very short overview of a few of the things I know we'll be dealing with during the 2016 session. And, even though we have some idea of what to expect going in, we also expect surprises. I'm sure there will be issues that pop up mid-session. We'll be dealing with those, too.

## Local option sales tax among pressing issues



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**Service**  
House: 2013-present

issues are our pension systems, the escalating scourge of heroin, roads and bridges, education, Medicaid, whether or not the Kentucky Constitution should be amended to allow cities or counties the ability to levy a one-cent temporary sales tax for construction projects if local voters approve, campaign finance changes and 911 funding. I would also like to see comprehensive tax reform and regulatory reform tackled, but I am not sure the House has the collective will to address them at this time.

Several proposals have come before the House in the past and will most likely be brought forth again. Among these are raising the state's minimum wage, a statewide smoking ban, whether or not to authorize public-private partnerships for construction projects and restoring voting rights to those who have been convicted of certain felonies and have completed their sentences.

I have filed a bill that would prohibit Kentucky from providing funds to or-

ganizations or to affiliates of national organizations that provide abortion services. It is important to understand that this bill does not cut any funding for women's health care, it simply redirects the money to non-abortion providers.

My committee assignments remain the same: Agriculture and Small Business, where I am honored to serve as vice chair; Economic Development; and Labor & Industry.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives, and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th District. I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181, directly at (502) 564-8100, ext. 665, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at LRC.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link or by mail to the Capitol Annex, Room 424C, Frankfort, KY 40601.

## Arflack asks for new rescue home during jail hearing

STAFF REPORT

Only two people showed up for a public hearing Monday at Crittenden County Courthouse where plans for renovating a cinder-block building on West Carlisle Street were discussed.

The county is working toward turning the building – which was formerly the Bob Wheeler Museum – into a Restrictive Custody Center (RCC) operated by the Crittenden County Detention Center.

A man who lives near the proposed new center and a representative from the rescue squad showed up for the meeting, which was statutorily required by the county's fiscal court in order to hear community comments with regard to its plans for the RCC.

Donnie Arflack, chief of the rescue squad, had the only extensive comment. The other man said he was just curious about what was "going on his back yard."

Arflack's organization has been using the block building for its monthly squad meetings and annual fundraising event (family photo sessions) for about 10 years or more. Prior to that, the squad met inside its equipment storage building next door.

Arflack asked county leaders to help find another place for the squad to meet before the new center is created. Arflack said the rescue squad would like to be able to use the large metal building on the corner of South Weldon

and East Carlisle for its meetings. However, it will need to be renovated he said.

That building was formerly used by the county road department before it moved to another location years ago.

"It's just a big shed right now," Arflack said.

The building will need interior walls, ceiling, heat and air, wiring and insulation, Arflack told magistrates. He did not have an estimate on the cost to bring the building, which is on county property, up to standard.

County leaders asked Arflack to help get estimates for the work.

"It's not going to be a real quick project," Arflack said. County leaders are plan-

ning to spend about \$245,000 to renovate the block building to Kentucky Department of Corrections standards for housing inmates. It will house Class D felons who qualify for work release. The building will be something akin to a barracks where inmates will spend their nights and weekends behind bars with a full-time guard keeping watch. Otherwise, they will be working in the community.

Jailer Robbie Kirk and county leaders think that moving those inmates from the more highly secure jail to the RCC will improve revenue at the detention center because it will free up jail beds for higher risk inmates.

They hope renovation work on the RCC will begin early this year.

Crittenden County.

Legendary basketball skipers will be back in their coaching seats, including Crittenden's Joe McCord and Jimmy Croft and Livingston's Don Ringstaff and Mike Riley.

There were going to be two women's games, but plans were changed based on registration numbers. There will be two men's games – one for players 40 and older, and one for those who are under 40. All players must have graduated before 2010, according to the game's Facebook page.

There will be a shoot-around starting at 4 p.m., with tipoff for the women's game at 5 p.m. The 40-over men's game starts at 6:30 p.m. and the under-40 game is at approximately 8 p.m.

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tenden Press until 5 p.m. Friday.

Tickets will also be available at the door. Livingston's high school basketball programs get that money and player registration fees. Although pre-registration continues, players who want to be part of the action may sign up at the door. Cost to play is \$20. Game-day registration begins at 4 p.m. Players will receive a game shirt, but should bring the rest of their gear such as shorts, jogging pants and shoes.

McGregor said plans are to have an annual event. Next year's alumni game will be in

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hard, but she has gone above and beyond."

Parish started managing Crittenden County Fair pageants five years ago, well before she joined the club. During that time, she has grown the pageants from a one-crown event that was drawing fewer than 10 contestants to a four-crown series of age divisions that last summer draw 113 participants.

She is the only female member of Crittenden County Lions Club, and it's the first time the group's top honor has gone to a woman. Former Lions Club Presi-

dent John Robertson was also honored during the Lions Club's awards ceremony. Robertson was recognized for work as president of the club in 2014.

Founded in 1917, Lions Clubs International has grown to more than 46,000 local clubs and more than 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries around the world. Lions Clubs International extends its mission of service across a broad range, including sight, health, youth, elderly, the environment and disaster relief.



Robertson



Arflack

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Community made Christmas success

To the editor

This year, I had the honor of serving as the coordinator for Community Christmas as president of Crittenden County Inter-agency Council.

I was overwhelmed by the generosity of this community. As a result of this generosity, we were able to help many in need.

To all who volunteered, made monetary and toy donations, allowed us to place angel tree gift tags at your establishments or allowed us

the use of your facilities, thank you. This is a worthy cause and without you, we could not have had a successful program.

To those of you who received gifts or food from this program, I hope that you understand and appreciate how giving your community is and that if you are able in the future, that you pay it forward.

**Cheryl Burks**  
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ROLL CALL OF THOSE WE LOST IN 2015

Each January, The Crittenden Press remembers those we lost in the previous year. Following are the names, ages and date of death of those whose obituaries appeared in our newspaper:

- Michael Barry "Mickey" Nelson, 75, Jan. 2.
- Connie Shaffer, 81, Jan. 2.
- Robert Howard Coleman, 88, Jan. 5.
- James R. "Bob" Hall, 90, Jan. 5.
- Maxine Maholland, 91, Jan. 5.
- Eddie Hayden Dycus, 87, Jan. 5.
- Carman Ann Hunt, 79, Jan. 6.
- Marilyn Pease Tramel, 78, Jan. 6.
- Barbara Jean Shuecraft, 80, Jan. 8.
- Paul Edward Sunderland, 70, Jan. 9.
- Melissa "Missy" Jane Nesbitt Orenduff, 40, Jan. 10.
- Ronald F. "Tink" Hicklin, 96, Jan. 11.
- Frankie N. Gass, 87, Jan. 12.
- James Donald "Don" Taylor, 86, Jan. 13.
- Johnny McGregor, 66, Jan. 15.
- Bobbie Jean Rice, 63, Jan. 17.
- Laverne Hill Travis, 83, Jan. 21.
- Edith R. Mutter, 73, Jan. 21.
- Donald Abell Wright, 85, Jan. 22.
- Dorothy Nell Dortch Smith, 89, Jan. 24.
- Pauline Barnes, 85, Jan. 24.
- Patricia Joy McConnell, 60, Jan. 29.
- Aretta Elizabeth Eggleston, 37, Jan. 29.
- Marion Doug Binkley, 72, Jan. 29.
- Janie Faye Howard Villalobos, 73, Jan. 29.
- James Willard Patmor, 89, Jan. 29.
- Kathern Elliott, 86, Jan. 30.
- Orville Douglas Black, 79, Jan. 31.
- Ruby Arflack Hill, 91, Feb. 1.
- Walter "Ronnie" Green, 74, Feb. 2.
- Shawwna Rochelle Murray, 25, Feb. 3.
- Charles Ray Aldridge, 87, Feb. 7.
- James Burnett Glenn, 80, Feb. 8.
- Maurice W. Lemon, 76, Feb. 8.
- Roy Douglas Jacobs, 66, Feb. 9.
- Dorce M. Driskill, 74, Feb. 9.
- Barbara Miniard 74, Feb. 9.
- Rozelle Chambers, 95, Feb. 9.
- Juanita Doom Cobb, 89, Feb. 10.
- Pamela Jo Grace, 56, Feb. 13.
- David Alan Wheeler, 63, Feb. 15.
- William Glenn "Bill" McConnell, 90, Feb. 16.
- John Weldon "J.W." Clarke, 93, Feb. 16.
- William Eugene "Bill" Clark, 71, Feb. 16.
- Katherine C. Sutton, 78, Feb. 18.
- Sonny Dean Towery, 56, Feb. 20.
- Harold K. Whitmer, 79, Feb. 20.
- Barbara Jean Qualls, 67, Feb. 22.
- Carolyn Sue Franklin, 72, Feb. 22.
- David Wayne Agent, 64, Feb. 22.
- William Ricky Whitley, 60, Feb. 23.
- Betty Jean Fitzgerald, 64, Feb. 24.
- Robetta Sue Flanary, 67, Feb. 24.
- Rosa Mae Collins, 88, Feb. 26.
- Sherrie Ann Lanham, 67, Feb. 27.
- Zelda Belle McDowell, 59, Feb. 27.
- Harold G. Moore, 86, Feb. 28.
- Will Ed Bushart, 78, March 9.
- Johnnie A. Engler, 87, March 11.
- Viola Kathryn James, 84, March 12.
- Larry Glenn Tabor, 52, March 12.
- Sallie Ann Fritts, 70, March 13.
- Martha Jane McClure, 82, March 13.
- Willie West, 87, March 17.
- David Bruce Boone, 39, March 17.
- Robert Clifton Nichols, 75, March 21.
- Gene Summers, 76, March 22.
- Phyllis Phelps, 66, March 22.
- John L. "Jack" Sullivan, 87, March 22.
- Wanda Frallex, 73, March 23.
- Elizabeth Ann DeBoe, 88, March 25.
- Hazel M. Eskew, 84, March 25.
- Grace Hummel Jones, 93, April 1.
- Sidney Vernon Watson, 82, April 2.
- Wanda Ruth Hodge, 67, April 3.
- Harold Hayden Hodge, 94, April 3.
- Rebecca Ann Koon, 67, April 4.
- Troy P. Conway, 82, April 4.
- Mary E. Washer, 91, April 6.
- Harlan L. Gilbert, 87, April 7.
- Kenneth Ray Floyd, 67, April 8.
- John Edward Dalton, 70, April 8.
- Charlotte Ann Conger, 73, April 14.
- Donald Lee McEuen, 70, April 14.
- Jack L. Stalion, 71, April 15.
- J.D. Gilland, 91, April 17.
- Dawn Michelle Smith, 49, April 17.
- Toby Wood Knoth, 82, April 19.
- Christopher M. Templeton, 33, April 20.
- Ishmel Loyal Teitloff, 64, April 21.
- Charles W. "Nubby" Stone, 80, April 29.
- Carmlee Poindexter, 83, April 30.
- Rommel S. Ellington Sr., 60, May 2.
- Connie Helen Travis, 77, May 2.
- George Ronnie Keen, 57, May 2.
- Harvie Ray Few, 68, May 3.
- Franklin Dewey Lovelless, 81, May 4.
- James F. Hardesty, 60, May 6.
- Nancy Pearl Hall, 84, May 7.
- Harold Wayne Belt, 67, May 7.
- Jerry D. Bryant, 76, May 8.
- Donald Roger McMackin, 79, May 10.
- Wesley Miles Stone, 63, May 11.
- Gerald T. "Jerry" McCree, 66, May 12.
- Lou Ella Coffey, 87, May 13.
- Vineta L. Hunter, 85, May 14.
- Wanda Mae Shell, 79, May 16.
- David Gene Damron, 57, May 16.
- Geraldine Eberle, 63, May 20.
- William Edward "Bill" Todd, 77, May 24.
- Janet Ellen Godman, 68, May 28.
- Charles Osbourn "Papaw Wahoo" Sunderland, 73, May 30.
- Willa Belle Arflack, 95, May 30.
- Aubrey Belt, 81, June 2.
- Emma Frances "Kamama" Sutton, 69, June 2.
- Kyle Overby, 29, June 2.
- Billy Douglas Holcomb, 82, June 3.
- Dennis Glenn Belt, 80, June 4.
- Margaret Ann Brown 73, June 4.
- Dexter William Derr Sr., 58, June 5.
- Dorotha Lee Ennoch, 89, June 5.
- Mary Beth Harris Walker, 43, June 7.
- Frances Elizabeth Austin Garland, 95, June 8.
- Marlene Lively Shadowen, 68, June 11.
- Harold W. Jennings, 76, June 11.
- Dr. Jerry B. McKenney, 89, June 12.
- Rocky Dale Gray, 54, June 14.
- Robert E. Quertermous, 51, June 14.

- James Gifford Adamson, 82, June 15.
- Elsie Lucille Roberts, 92, June 15.
- Betty Grace Brookes Frazer, 82, June 16.
- W.G. Belt, 86, June 19.
- Ann Jeanette Baumgart Lannert, 88, June 20.
- Doye M. Powell, 80, June 20.
- Shelby Rubenia Brown 79, June 21.
- Dorothy Mae Lanham, 91, June 21.
- Martha An Easley Hofer, 82, June 22.
- Neville L. Palmer, 39, June 22.
- John Dalton Jackson, 89, June 24.
- Erika Elizabeth Crider, 86, June 26.
- Gwendola Fae Arflack Ford, 85, July 1.
- Lena Lee Miller, 72, July 3.
- Clifton Darnell, 82, July 4.
- Nina Mae Winn, 80, July 4.
- Eugene Johnson "E.J." Engler, 71, July 10.
- Louie M. Dismore, 58, July 11.
- Kathryn Majors Pritchett, 91, July 14.
- Michael Oether Croft, 69, July 17.
- William Eugene "Gene" Sutton, 78, July 17.
- Rachel Blackburn, 94, July 20.
- Willie Blanche "Billie" Morse, 90, July 20.
- Dorothy Rhea Shoemaker, 89, July 23.
- Jessica Ann LeMaster, 26, July 24.
- David P. "Chip" Sizemore, 80, July 25.
- Birdie Marion Workman, 76, July 26.
- Bessie Lee Hunt, 77, July 26.
- Troy Estill McNeely, 84, July 28.
- Anna Lucille Cloyd, 96, July 30.
- Wesley V. Norman Jr., 84, July 30.
- Bobby Ladd, 36, Aug. 2.
- Paula Marie Millikan Byrne, 33, Aug. 4.
- Betty Jo Starrick, 77, Aug. 5.
- Vernon L. Travis 94, Aug. 9.
- Kristen Nicole Adkins, 33, Aug. 9.
- Mary Alice Day, 79, Aug. 11.
- Edward Louis Baker, 71, Aug. 11.
- Richard Charles Burcks, 57, Aug. 11.
- Paula Stinnett Brown, 50, Aug. 17.
- Susan Holder, 65, Aug. 17.
- Michael Larry Robertson, 60, Aug. 18.
- Michelle Marie Hamblin, 40, Aug. 21.
- Sandra Dunning, 71, Aug. 22.
- Tammy K. Pinson, 53, Aug. 14.
- Rena Mae Beshears, 89, Aug. 24.
- Ruth Marie Davis, 95, Aug. 27.
- James H. Miller Jr., 89, Aug. 28.
- Audrey Glenn "Sonny" Belt Sr., 78, Aug. 31.
- Katherine "Kitty" Matthews, 59, Sept. 1.
- Evelyn Nichols Kirk, 91, Sept. 1.
- Kenneth Lee Volkert, 63, Sept. 3.
- Nellie Virginia Haire, 88, Sept. 7.
- James Dallas Croft, 83, Sept. 5.
- Betty Jean Higgs, 81, Sept. 6.
- Joseph Michael Rushing, 58, Sept. 8.
- Ronald Stephen Joiner, 58, Sept. 9.
- James Ralph Barnes, 59, Sept. 10.
- Betty Jean Travis, 76, Sept. 10.
- Margaret Graham "Peggy" Howton, 67, Sept. 11.
- Sandra Jean Belt, 57, Sept. 11.
- Margaret Jean Riley, 91, Sept. 12.
- Chad Robert McCormick, 29, Sept. 18.
- Nicholas Alexander Robles, 24, Sept. 19.
- Jessica Elizabeth Sunderland, 72, Sept. 22.
- Charles L. Martin, 74, Sept. 23.
- Donna D. Lingo, 71, Sept. 25.
- Helen Louise Marshall, 75, Sept. 26.
- Sharon Louise Marshall, 57, Sept. 30.
- Jack G. Easley Jr., 72, Oct. 1.
- Velma LeVan Pope Dunning, 96, Oct. 3.
- Carolyn Ann Birch Easley, 78, Oct. 5.
- Anna Catherine Warren, 38, Oct. 7.
- Iona C. Sturgeon Sliger, 85, Oct. 7.
- Mona Rae Hall, 89, Oct. 9.
- Ronnie Dale Richardson Sr., 64, Oct. 10.
- Harold "Bunk" Hina, 64, Oct. 10.
- Bill Audus Belt, 80, Oct. 13.
- Gladys Rhea Riley, 95, Oct. 14.
- Teresa Gail Buchanan, 65, Oct. 14.
- Charles Allen Hinchee, 79, Oct. 14.
- Eugene D. Fortune, 71, Oct. 15.
- Ollie Thomas Patton, 90, Oct. 16.
- Gwen Mayden May, 61, Oct. 16.
- Eddie Rozwalka, 51, Oct. 18.
- Mary Lee Campbell Asbridge, 92, Oct. 20.
- William Doy Riley, 91, Oct. 20.
- Betty Jo Martin White, 73, Oct. 21.
- Janet Marie Corley Sheffield, 78, Oct. 22.
- Virgil Elgin Cook Jr., 82, Oct. 22.
- Lane Nall Bridwell, 55, Oct. 22.
- Terry Wayne Adams, 62, Oct. 25.
- Mildred Asbridge, 88, Oct. 25.
- William E. "Coke" Fox, 88, Oct. 31.
- Sandra Maree Beach, 65, Oct. 31.
- Helen M. Robinson, 90, Nov. 3.
- Ruby Evelee Barfield, 100, Nov. 4.
- Robert Andrew "Bob" Topp, 60, Nov. 4.
- Richard K. "Sam" Brandon, 60, Nov. 6.
- Micky Allen Brown, 67, Nov. 6.
- Vaughn W. "Rocky" Haifley, 75, Nov. 7.
- Kathryn Templeton, 77, Nov. 7.
- Roger Dean Belt, 51, Nov. 9.
- Clarence Lewis Adams, 78, Nov. 20.
- Stephanie Ann Gibbs, 42, Nov. 21.
- Margaret Todd, 62, Nov. 21.
- Maggie Dell Runyan, 94, Nov. 22.
- Darrell Alvey, 49, Nov. 23.
- Nancy L. McKinney, 66, Nov. 24.
- James "Jimmy" Orville Downs, 82, Nov. 25.
- Leonard Ernest Barnes, 61, Nov. 26.
- Howard Donald "Don" Hodge, 81, Nov. 27.
- Walzie W. Hosick, 93, Nov. 28.
- Frances Joyce, 92, Nov. 29.
- Edward D. Hinchee, 67, Nov. 30.
- Mildred Matthews McDonald, 99, Nov. 30.
- James Wayne Hunter, 70, Dec. 1.
- Jerry Dee Wilson, 82, Dec. 7.
- Raymond Miller Clayton 97, Dec. 8.
- Craig S. Lee, 54, Dec. 8.
- Max Berryman Bynum, 76, Dec. 11.
- Joe Ward, 70, Dec. 12.
- Betty Sue Gray, 68, Dec. 12.
- Betty Jewel "Da" Lemon, 85, Dec. 14.
- Nelda Frances Phelps, 91, Dec. 17.
- Shoney Oliver, 80, Dec. 18.
- Larry Allen "Snake" Herron, 67, Dec. 19.
- Margaret M. Robertson, 87, Dec. 22.
- Theresa Colleen Bradford, 65, Dec. 24.
- Deborah Jean Myers, 55, Dec. 25.
- George Henry "G. H." McVican, 77, Dec. 27.
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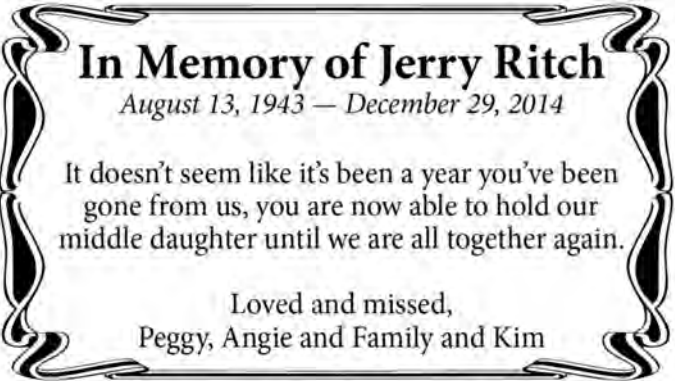
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**ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS  
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**January 1 through March 1** is the period for listing your real estate for assessment of the State, County, Library, County Extension, Health, Special Districts and School taxes for the year 2016. The assessment date for real property is January 1 as required by KRS 132.220.

**REAL ESTATE:** Farms, homes, houses and lots, mobile homes, vacant land and Commercial buildings. Anyone who has built a new structure or made an addition, deletion, or improvement to an existing structure on their property during the preceding year should list that.

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:** Persons who are eligible for the Homestead Exemption for 2016 should come into our office and apply anytime during the year. If you are currently drawing the exemption because of your age you do not need to reapply. The exemption for this tax year is \$36,900.

Were you born in **1951** or before? Are you classified as totally disabled from any retirement agency? Apply for the homestead exemption and save approximately \$308 on your tax bill. If you live in the Marion area, you would save approximately \$82 more off of your city tax bill. These estimates are based on 2015 tax rates and may vary depending on what local taxing jurisdictions adopt in 2016. You must live in Crittenden County and own property here to qualify in our county for this exemption. If you are already receiving the disability exemption, you will need to reapply for this benefit annually. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOUR BIRTHDAY** or until the tax bills have been printed, come in now for this benefit.

The Revenue Cabinet, Frankfort, KY, from motor vehicle registration assesses all **MOTOR VEHICLES AND BOATS**. 2016 motor vehicle and boat taxes will be paid to the County Clerk when the vehicle is relicensed for 2016. The assessment shall be due if not protested in writing, along with supporting documentation to the Revenue Cabinet within forty-five (45) days from the date of notice. January 1 is the assessment date.

**TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY:** The filing date is January 1 through May 15. This would include merchant's inventories, shop tools, construction and office equipment, airplanes, etc. All tangible property tax returns postmarked after May 16 will be forwarded to the Revenue Cabinet omitted for billing with 10% penalty as required by KRS 132.290. **Intangible returns are no longer required.**

**The Property Valuation Administrator (PVA)** does not have any authority in setting property tax rates and does not collect any taxes. With the exemption of the State rate, local citizens that are on the governing bodies of local taxing jurisdictions set all property tax rates.

**The Mission of the PVA Office** is to provide accurate assessments and efficient services to property owners or anyone utilizing the PVA office records and administer the statutes of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in a fair and impartial manner.

If you buy or sell property during the year we make every effort to get it to the right person at the right address. **WE DO NOT SPLIT ANY TAX BILL THAT SELLS DURING THE YEAR.** We assess all property as of January 1st. We will use the address on the deed **UNTIL NOTIFIED IN WRITING OTHERWISE..**

**FIRE DUES:** Three years ago a fire fee of \$30 was added to your bill. The ordinance by the fiscal court states that each owner shall get one fee due. If you own property with another individual on a separate property you will get an additional fee for that bill. You have a chance to opt of this in the Critt Co Judge Executive's Office. The PVA does not have the authority to exonerate this unless it is a clerical error and all bills are subject to audit. If you feel you need an exception you need to get that in writing from your local fire chief or opt out. The PVA Office does NOT decide who should or should not pay this. Opting out must be done annually through the Critt. Co. Judge Executive's Office.

State Law requires that every property be physically examined every four years. This year we will be reviewing the Tolu, Sheridan area as well as farms across the county.

Our regular office hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. If you have a special need and can't come when our office is open; call our office at 965-4598 and I will be happy to make an appointment to meet your needs.

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KSP Post 2  
monthly activity

The following is a monthly activity report for Kentucky State Police Post 2 in Madisonville, reflecting information from December 2015. The data is provided by Capt. Brent White, post commander. Post 2 serves Crittenden, Caldwell, Webster, Christian, Todd, Muhlenberg and Hopkins counties.

ACTIVITY	TOTAL
DUI arrests .....	27
Citations issued.....	1,022
Speeding .....	420
Seatbelt .....	45
Child restraint .....	4
Courtesy notices .....	590
Crashes investigated .....	88
Motorist assists .....	194
Calls for service.....	721
Criminal cases opened....	42
Criminal arrests .....	120

**Highway fatalities**

There was one fatality in the district, which occurred in Hopkins County. Through the end of December, there had been 35 fatal crashes resulting in the loss of 40 lives, 10 more than in 2014. Ten victims were not wearing a seatbelt and 18 were, seven were not wearing a helmet, two were pedestrians, the seatbelt status of two is unknown and one was not applicable. Alcohol was a suspected factor in five fatal crashes.

**2015 Crittenden fatalities**

Three single-vehicle, one-person fatalities occurred in Crittenden County last year, including:

- On June 5, 58-year-old Dexter W. Derr Sr. of Sturgis was killed on U.S. 60 East just outside of Marion. Derr was the pastor at Shiloh Christian Church in Sturgis. He was not wearing a seatbelt.
- Bobby Ladd, 36, of Princeton died Aug. 1 from injuries sustained as a result of a three-wheeler motorcycle crash on U.S. 641 near Mott City. He was not wearing a helmet.
- On Nov. 4, Robert A. Topp, 60, of Marion died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle wreck on Ky. 132 about 13 miles east of Marion at the Crittenden-Webster County line. He was not wearing a helmet.



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## Bridging the gap

The last wooden bridge on a public roadway in Crittenden County is now history. On Dec. 21, the new White Road bridge was finished with a grated metal deck. This bridge fit the bill for state funding, so Kentucky is paying 80 percent of the cost with the county taking care of the balance. The new bridge has a concrete superstructure and metal, mesh decking. The cost of the bridge was around \$103,000. The wooden bridge probably dated back to the 1940s.

## FLOODING

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River. However, as of press time Tuesday, it was expected to re-open as early as Wednesday as the river recedes.

Ky. 135 near Tolu and Ky. 132 at the Webster County line remained closed at press time Tuesday, as did several county roads - Barnet Chapel, Phin Croft, Monroe Wesmoland, E-town Landing, Long Branch, Caney Fork, Blackford Church, Cool Springs and Weston roads - but county road foreman Audi Maraman said those roads should start opening up if the river falls to just below flood stage (33 feet at Shawneetown, Ill.) Friday as predicted.

"We have had several tiles washed out on county roads," Newcom added. He said crews have been

working steadily to repair gravel roads and washouts. While the flooding to end 2015 reached historic heights along portions of the Mississippi River, the lower Ohio River fared much better. The river gauge at Shawneetown, which is used to determine when local ferry service is interrupted due to flooding at about 42.5 feet, peaked at 43.55 feet at around 3:15 a.m. Monday, putting it a 10.55 feet above flood stage. Just last March, the river crested at 48.36 feet, according to National Weather Service records. Monday's river crest was the highest in January since 1974, but was more than 20 feet below the record 65.64 feet recorded on Jan. 30 during the 1937 flood, which was one of the worst disasters in American history.

**Shawneetown river guage**  
The Shawneetown river

gauge, like all others up and down the Ohio River, is used locally to determine flooding records and its effects.

At Monday's crest of 43.55 feet, nearly 4.78 million gallons of water per second were flowing past any given spot on Crittenden County's shores. That's enough water to put Monday's NCAA football championship playing field in Glendale, Ariz., under 80 feet of water from goal post to goal post.

**Historic crests in feet**

- 65.64 on Jan. 30, 1937
- 56.35 on May 6, 2011
- 55.60 on March 14, 1945
- 55.30 on Jan. 19, 1950
- 54.60 on March 20, 1964

**Recent crests in feet**

- 48.36 on March 20, 2015
- 43.55 on Jan. 4, 2016
- 41.28 on April 11, 2014
- 39.14 on Dec. 30, 2013
- 56.35 on May 6, 2011

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Two bags .....	\$3
Three bags, cans, barrels .....	\$5
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Pickups	
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Short bed (full) .....	\$18
Short bed with sides .....	\$27
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Full-size bed (full) .....	\$35
Full-size bed with sides .....	\$60
10- to 14-foot trailer .....	\$45
15- to 16-foot trailer .....	\$60
Recliners/chairs .....	\$8
Sofa/loveseat .....	\$12
Bed .....	\$15
Roofing materials .....	\$100-\$150
Dump trucks	
1-axel (half) .....	\$75
1-axel (full) .....	\$125
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### Brush

The county's brush dump on Bridwell Loop is accessible at any time for the disposal of limbs or brush only. Other items are prohibited.

### Cleanup days

The county offers a spring and fall cleaning day where the center will accept at no charge furniture, appliances and a variety of other items. Every-day trash is not included for free.

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**Grandparents:** Charlie and Nancy Hunt

**KOLESON RYLAND TINSLEY**  
November 29, 2015  
**Parents:** Misty and Zac Tinsley

**AYDEN CLARK OLIVER**  
October 20, 2015  
**Parents:** Casey and Savannah Oliver

**AVERY BETH EPLEY**  
August 3, 2015  
**Parents:** Daniel and Caitlyn Epley

**AUDREY GALE SMILEY**  
September 25, 2015  
**Daughter of:** Miranda Smiley

**MADDISON BROOKE SMILEY**  
December 3, 2015  
**Daughter of:** Evan and Amber Smiley

**BRYAR NATHANIEL DUTTON**  
June 21, 2015  
**Son of:** Megan Dutton

**TONI GRACE COSBY**  
October 29, 2015  
**Parents:** Kyle and Cortny Cosby

**GRAYSON THOMAS WHEELER**  
January 15, 2015  
**Son of:** Mike and Cassie Wheeler  
**Grandson of:** Karen Wheeler

**EVIE KATHERINE CUNNINGHAM "EVIE KATE"**  
December 17, 2015  
**Parents:** Kory & Katie Cunningham  
**Grandparents:** Alan & Doris Stout, Ricky & Celisa Cunningham

**Haylee Annmarie Hutchens**  
January 14, 2008  
**Taylah Renee Hutchens**  
December 11, 2009  
**Jason James "JJ" Hutchens**  
March 2, 2012  
Adopted: August 3, 2015  
**Parents:** Josh and Leigh (Browning) Hutchens



# Union Baptist Church Cemetery final resting spot of Civil War vets, prominent individuals

Union Baptist Church was organized in 1810, making it the first Baptist church in what is now Crittenden County. Located about 5 miles west of Marion on U.S. 60, the church sits in a beautiful vale overlooking the cemetery, which is full of history. Silent stories linger in the valley. Stories of pioneers of years past and present are buried here. Some have familiar names and other names are not so familiar anymore.

Many young wives, infant daughters and sons are buried here. Times were harsh in these early days of our county, and women and children were usually the first to feel the effects. People from all walks of life are buried here – family members, farmers, preachers, doctors, veterans from past wars – and all have their own story that is important to the history of our county.

Following is only a small part of the stories that lay buried with the people there.

The two oldest tombstones for people buried there belong to Maj. David Owen and his wife Mary Wilson Owen. Mary's death date is Aug. 27, 1821. Maj. Owen's is Nov. 8, 1832. He was a veteran of the War of 1812. David and Mary bought land from James Hodge in December 1818.

The oldest stone is actually for Nelly Hodge, who died Jan. 16, 1811, but it is only her stone, as it was moved from the old Robert Hodge homeplace off Salem View Road.

Loyd Levi Price was born Sept. 11, 1833, and died July 18, 1912.

At the close of the Civil War, Price, a young single man from Tennessee who had fought for the North, bought 2 acres of land in the Union Baptist Church neighborhood. This was 6 miles from Marion, and one-fourth of a mile off Marion-Salem Road. It was a county road then, but now is known as U.S. 60.

Price built a house, married a local girl and built a store building. He stocked it with groceries and merchandise that he received by boat at the landing at Tolu. He had a splendid trade as the store was located halfway between Marion and Salem. It was a place the women could take their eggs for sale or to trade for groceries and small items in the dry goods line. All kinds of farm supplies were also available for the local farmers.

Price realized the need for a post office in their neighborhood and applied to the Post Office Department in Washington for an office to be opened and put in his store.

Prior to this, the settlement had no name, but it must be named to have a post office. He asked for the village to be named Levi and call it the Levi Post Office. The Post Office Department



notified him there was already a Levi post office in Kentucky and the closest they could name it would be Levias, so Mr. Price settled for the name Levias. The Levias post office was established April 13, 1881. From that time, the village went by the name of Levias.

Melvin Ramage, one of the caretakers of this cemetery, knew that Mr. Price played an important role in creating the community where he lives. On his tombstone, he has placed a frame with the story of how Price got the post office for the community and how it got its name.

David Washington Carter was born May 13, 1812, and died May 10, 1875.

Carter was born in Livingston County the son of Gabriel and Elizabeth Carter. As a young man, he was a farmer, a surveyor and justice of the peace. Carter, a Democrat, was elected as the first Crittenden County Judge. The Constitution of Kentucky was rewritten after the election of 1850, so the legislature had to reincorporate Marion in order that her government and regulations would comply with similar cities in the state. The first election held under the new constitution was in May 1851, and David Washington Carter was chosen as the first Crittenden County Judge.

Rev. Collin Hodge was born Feb. 22, 1816, and died Jan. 6, 1878.

Hodge was ranked as one of the most prominent ministers in the 1800s by the Kentucky Baptist History. He delivered his first sermon in Union Baptist Church in 1842 and was ordained by this church in 1844. Another of his first churches to preach at was Caldwell Springs Baptist Church in the Frances area. He was married to Charlotte Stewart Hodge. She is buried next to him. Family history states Rev. Hodge died of typhoid pneumonia.

Elijah Brockman Franklin was born Sept. 15, 1841 and died Dec. 1, 1917.

Franklin's Crittenden Press obituary reads, "Elijah Brockman Franklin died at his home in the city Dec. 1, 1917, at 5 o'clock of asthma. He had been ill and detained at home for a year past and bed-fast much of the time. He was born near Union Church Sept. 15, 1841, and was therefore in his seventh year. He was married in 1865 just after the close of the Civil War to Miss Dean

Taylor. Mr. Franklin served as a Union soldier the years and was in Co. K, 1st Illinois Light Artillery, which he joined in 1861. He was a member of Union Baptist Church since its organization and was buried in the cemetery there."

Dean Franklin was born May 1, 1845, and died June 28, 1932.

From Franklin's Crittenden Press obituary: "Mrs. Dean Taylor Franklin, 87, died June 28 at her home at Levias following a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Franklin, who was lovingly known as 'Ant Dean' by hundreds of friends in the county where she had spent her life, was the wife of the late E.B. Franklin. Mrs. Franklin was in many ways an unusual woman for her age. She read with a great deal of interest an account of world happenings. She enjoyed her daily paper and was a constant reader of the better grade magazines and books."

John E. Franks was born Sept. 20, 1887, and died Sept. 14, 1918.

He enlisted in the Army Oct. 2, 1917, in Co. C., 6th Infantry (American Expeditionary Force). He was sent to France and on Sept. 14, 1918, was wounded by machine gun fire and died soon afterwards. He was 28 years old. His body was shipped home in August 1921, and he is buried at Union Cemetery. He was the son of John and Martha Franks.

Dr. Joseph Anthony Davidson was born June 10, 1873, and died Feb. 15, 1907.

From his Crittenden Press obituary: "Dr. J. Anthony Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Davidson of the Union neighborhood. He was a victim of tuberculosis and had been ill for more than two years. He was a student of the Louisville Medical College from which he graduated July 1905 when he contracted a cold which settled in his lungs. He was born June 10, 1873, near Union. He was elected county assessor in November 1905, but on account of his delicate health, he was not able to do his work." His tombstones reads, "How many hopes lie buried here."

Dr. Andrew Donakey was born July 29, 1836, and died Mar. 1, 1898.

As a physician, Dr. Donakey was conscientious and painstaking, very careful with treatment, diagnosis and progress. He was a charter member of the Crittenden County medical society and took a deep interest in its success.

Dr. J. L. (James Leonard) Paris was born Jan. 30, 1830, and died Oct. 11, 1896.

He was the son of James Leonard Sr. and Julia Hughes Paris. He was a native of Crittenden County,



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

but for a while, he lived and practiced medicine in Hardin County, Ill. He was married to Nancy Susan Smart.

There are several Civil War veterans buried here:

- J. W. (James) Burklow was born April 13, 1841, and died at the age of 66 of Bright's Disease. He was the son of Leroy and Harriett Bealmear Burklow. He enlisted in the Union Army in September 1861 and was assigned to Battery K of the 1st Illinois Volunteer Light Artillery. His services started in Cairo, Ill., where he was part of Grant's Army of the West.
- Y. E. (Young) Jennings served with John G. Glenn's Co. H, 20th Kentucky Infantry. He was born about 1835 and died 1880.
- Rutherford Barton Brown was born July 2, 1844, and died Mar. 3, 1927. He came to Crittenden County from Wilson County, Tenn., after the Civil War. He served Co. B, 4th Tennessee Cavalry. He surrendered and was paroled at Washington, Ga., April 1865.
- Sgt. Columbus Watson of Co. H, 20th Kentucky Infantry. He was the son of John and Sally Brown Watson.
- Loyd Levi Price of Co. D, Kentucky 20th Infantry Regiment. He mustered out of Louisville Jan. 17, 1865.
- John Duncan was born in 1830 and died March 22, 1862. He was a private in



18th Regiment, Illinois Volunteers.

- J.M. Wilborn of Co. F, 15th Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry.
- Leroy Davidson was born May 15, 1835, and died April 5, 1891. He served with Co. E, 48th Illinois Infantry. His obituary reads: "Leroy Davidson, an old and respected citizen of this section, died last Sunday of pneumonia after a brief illness of eight days. His bereaved family and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community."

At top, Union Baptist Church watches peacefully over the cemetery that lies nearby. Above left, David Washington Carter, was a farmer and justice of the peace in the days before he became the first elected judge of Crittenden County. His parents, Gabriel and Elizabeth Carter, lived in the area later to be known as Levias as early as 1810. Just above, Rev. Collin Hodge was a faithful minister of the gospel for 48 years. He pastored churches and held revivals in Livingston, Crittenden and Caldwell counties. He was the son of Robert Hodge Sr. and Sarah Armistead Hodge. At left, Levi Loyd Price, born in Warren County, Tenn., was responsible for the Levias post office and the name for the community.

A history visit to this well-kept and cared for cemetery is a pleasant experience. There are still many more stories waiting for us to find and share so their history will not be forgotten.

(Editor's note: Brenda Underdown is a Crittenden County historian, genealogist, chair of the Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found on her blog at [OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com](#).)

January 7, 2016

Public Notice

Legal advertisements for The Crittenden Press

## County looking for snow removal bids

**BID NOTICE**

Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for snow removal and/or debris removal and/or tree cutting services. All bids must be submitted to the county Judge Executive's office by 8:30 a.m. CST January 21, 2016, at which time bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court.

Please indicate the item being bid on the outside of the envelope. Bidders must show proof of liability insurance, provide equipment size and price per hour of operation or price per tree to be cut.

If you have any questions regarding this bid notice contact the office of the Judge Executive at (270) 965-5251. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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## County taking bids for chip and seal

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Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for Chip and Seal, single and double, on various roads in Crittenden County. All bids must be submitted to the county Judge Executive's office by 8:30 a.m. CST January 21, 2016, at which time bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court.

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# Fredonia Heritage Society promoting efforts to preserve oral history, still taking veteran bios

**STAFF REPORT**

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will meet on today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Fredonia Lions Club Building in Fredonia. The program for the evening is entitled, "A Blast from the Past."

This is one of our ongoing efforts to promote and preserve oral history. This will be a time for everyone attending to share a brief historical story from their past that others may not have heard. Topics could include childhood, school days, homes, churches, adventures, ancestors and more.

Also on the agenda will be a business meeting and refreshments.

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is for anyone interested in learning more about the heritage and history of the Fredonia Valley and for those who want to see the history of the community preserved for future generations. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every odd-numbered month, when you can learn more about local history through informative programs and speakers.

The society is in the process of compiling its third publication, featuring veterans from the Fredonia Valley. Although the compilation is already in progress, it is still not too late.

"If you or a member of your family served in any branch of the military in war time or in times of peace at any time in history, and is connected to the Fredonia Valley now or in

the past, we want to include them in our book," said Pam Faughn, a member of the book committee. "All you have to do is to provide a picture and a biography of the veteran."

Photographs and biographies may be emailed to Pam Faughn at [faughn@att.net](mailto:faughn@att.net). If you have any questions, you may also email Faughn or contact any other member of the book committee: Nancy Paris, Mar-

sha Green, Maggie Gammon, Linda Ward and Richard P'Pool.

"This book will be one you will want for your library, and you will definitely want yourself or your loved ones included," Faughn said.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is encouraged to attend tonight's meeting.

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# What will our new year be like?

What will our next new year be like?

For sure it won't be even as carefree as 2015, even with all the dark clouds which hang over our nation that 40 years ago we never dreamed of.

What the next 40 years bring is shrouded in doubts and fears as the threats grow from millions who want all dead who do not bow to their ideology.

When they could have been kept out, America was too busy disobeying God and were never made aware of the enemy and their plans all around us. They not only have a foot in the door, but are in and are all around us. Their cloaks and daggers are not visible until it is too late.

America has been a God-blessed nation, one that called itself Christian and "one nation under God," just as the Israel of old.

Several of the books in the Old Testament record where God told the Jews He would make them great and His very own nation, but if they disobeyed Him and turned to the ungodly nations around them, He would send foreigners against them and scatter them to the four winds.

All those several books also record that very thing was done, by the Babylonians in 585 B.C. and Rome in 70 A.D. when God sent the Roman army against them and again scattered



Jews all over the world. How vivid that was in Europe during World War II when Hitler had Jews in his torture chambers, concentration camps and ovens in all surrounding nations he had control of.

We are all encouraged to pray for God to give us Godly leaders and to bring America back to where we felt safe and daily life proved it. But Godly leaders will never be until we have Godly voters, as that is the kind of government God gave us.

So for years, I've been encouraging our congregation and others to pray for Godly voters so we can once again have a great, safe and decent nation. Of late, God has shown me how very selfish that kind of praying is, as it was basically for our benefit instead of for the lost souls we were praying for God to change.

How clear it is that God wants us to pray for the un-Godly for their soul's sake, not just for our benefit.

God died for all.

Remember "for God so loved the world"?

He loves everyone, and we are to believe in Him, not just about Him.

Also remember, "Love your enemy, and pray for those that hate and persecute you"?

So it takes all God gives me to pray for some who are so wicked and evil and out to hurt others. President Obama and Muslims are to mention a few. Yet, when I look at where they came from, all of them, what chance have they had?

Obama was birthed by an atheist, immoral mother and raised by her parents, who were atheists, and part-time by a Muslim father. He went for 20 years to a fake Christian church pastored by Jeremiah Wright, who was the first to ordain homosexuals in 1970, and mentored by the likes of Marxist Saul Alinsky, Charles Ogletree and Marshall Davis.

What chance did he really have?

The same question is for the Muslims, who have been taught from birth the teachings of the Koran and Muhammad that their only hope for Heaven is to hate all who will not accept their teachings and to kill them or charge them a tax and force them to accept an underdog human status.

So if we want to obey God, we are to love these and all of our enemies and pray for God to save them so they won't spend eternity in a devil's hell. If we will let

God help us to pity them, God's love for them will work in our own hearts much fuller.

Always think, "But for the grace of God, there goes I."

Please start this new year out knowing the only way God can help us is for us to do things His way.

His Word says, "Love never fails."

Think of that word, "never".

Now we can't fool God. He knows our hearts. We must sincerely love our enemies, and only God can put that kind of love in us, and that is by letting Him fill us with Himself, who loves all.

What God does for this nation will show if we are obeying Him in the Godly love realm. I know only too well, He and He alone can give us that kind of love, and He will if you ask Him

It won't keep you from radically hating what they do, but it will keep you from hating them and give you Godly power to love and pray for them.

Peter said it is God's will that none perish, and John said if we pray according to His will, we get what we pray for.

*(Editor's note: Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)*

## Marion Police activity report

The following is an activity report for Marion Police Department, reflecting information from December 2015 and from the entire year of 2015. The data is provided by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

CATEGORY	DECEMBER 2015	2015 TOTAL
Miles driven/patrolled.....	2,417	33,956
Criminal investigations.....	15	198
Domestics.....	15	127
Felony Arrests.....	1	52
Misdemeanor arrests.....	9	95
Non-criminal arrests.....	3	100
DUI arrests.....	2	15
Criminal summons served.....	0	68
Traffic citations.....	6	223
Traffic warnings.....	5	134
Parking tickets.....	1	10
Other citations.....	12	325
Traffic accidents.....	8	94
Security checks/alerts.....	52	700
Calls for service.....	304	3,509

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## CHURCH NOTES

- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
  - The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday at the church's Family Life Center.
  - Unity Fredonia Baptist Church's free clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
  - First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- (Editor's note: Keep the community aware of your church's activities. Email your announcement to us at thepress@the-press.com. Items should be received by 5 p.m. Monday for the current week's publication and will run one week at no charge.)*

## County unemployment at 4.6 percent

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's unemployment rate for November 2015 was 4.8 percent, falling slightly from the 4.9 percent rate in October, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET). That rate was a half-point below the 5.3 percent recorded for the state in November 2014.

"The labor market has improved markedly in 2015," said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET. "The economy is effectively at full employment though the labor force continues to shrink, primarily due to the aging population."

Crittenden and Livingston counties were among 92 in the state who saw the jobless rate drop between November 2014 and November 2015. The rate in Crittenden County was 4.6 percent in November, below both the state and national rates of 4.8 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

## Local jobless rate ticks up in county

Below are the jobless rates for select counties listed from the state's lowest in November 2015 to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between.

AREA	NOV. 2015	OCT. 2015	NOV. 2014
Kentucky.....	4.8	4.3	5.3
Pennyryle.....	5.3	4.7	5.7
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1).....	3.2	2.8	3.6
Crittenden.....	4.6	4.0	5.0
Webster.....	4.8	4.3	4.6
Caldwell.....	5.1	4.6	5.6
Lyon.....	5.4	4.4	6.4
Union.....	5.9	5.4	5.2
Livingston.....	6.2	5.2	7.0
Magoffin (120).....	12.6	11.4	11.1

"This year we have had steady job growth. On average Kentucky has added 3,000 jobs every month during the last 11 months," said Shanker.

Unemployment rose, however, in Crittenden and its surrounding counties between October and November of last year. (See chart above.)

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based on estimates from the Current Population Survey of households. It is designed to measure trends rather than to count the actual number of people working. It includes jobs in agriculture and those classified as self-employed.

# COME WORSHIP WITH US...

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

### Marion Baptist Church

College and Depot streets, Marion • 965-5232

- Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
- AWANA: 5:45 p.m.
- Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday contemporary service: 8:15 a.m.
- Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
- RA's, GAs and Youth Craze: 5:45 p.m.

**Pastor Mike Jones**

### 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.

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

Bro. Mark Girten, pastor Wednesday Bible study, 6:30 pm

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growing in grace 2 Peter 3:18

### PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church

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Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

### Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church

- Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
- Sunday evening: 6 p.m.
- Wednesday night Bible study: 7 p.m.

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

growing in grace 2 Peter 3:18

### PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church

Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem

Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

### Marion General Baptist Church

341 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.

Bro. Wesley Lynn, pastor

Sunday School / 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship / 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship / 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study / 6 pm

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Sunday School - 10 am | Sunday Worship - 11 am and 6 pm

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### St. William Catholic Church

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965-2477

Father Ryan Harpole

### Marion Church of Christ

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Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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### Frances Community Church

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Sunday school - 10 am • Worship service - 11 am

### 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.

### Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Road off Ky. 135 West

Bro. John Robertson, Pastor

Sunday school, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.

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



## Area Deaths

### McMican

George Henry "G.H." McMican, 77, of Marion died Dec. 27, 2015 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

He was a retired dairy farmer, one of the last in Crittenden County, and a member and deacon of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Doris Ann (Hendrix) McMican; two children Bill (Phyllis) McMican of Marion and Debbie (Kelly) McMackin of Kuttawa; five grandchildren, Benjamin (Rachel) McMican of Central Asia, Savannah (Jordan) Parrish of Marion, Tim and Rob McMackin of Kuttawa and Jake McMican of Marion; three great-grandchildren, Thatcher, Irelyn and Haven Parrish of Marion; two siblings, Charles McMican of Boonville, Ind., and Margaret Parish of the Frances community in Crittenden County; and multiple other extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Charlie Howard McMican, Ivy Lela (Kemp) McMican; and three siblings, Donnie McMican, Jane Baumrucker and Sarah Nichols.

Services were Thursday, Dec. 31 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with Bro. Lester Watson and Bro. Curtis Prewitt officiating. Burial was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to International Mission Board, c/o Emmanuel Baptist Church, 108 Hillcrest Drive, Marion, KY 42064.

### Gunther

Rebecca Orr Gunther, 90, of Marion died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015 at Livingston Hospital in Salem.

She was a past member of the Eastern Star and of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are her daughters, Linda (Ronald) Rustin of Caldwell County and Karen (Jim) Vaughan of Marion; two grandchildren, Sabrina (Jason) Stokes and Richard Rustin both of Marion; five great-grandchildren, Breeanna and Dalton Rustin of Caldwell County and Kailyn, Hudson and Reagan Stokes, all of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years Ralph Gunther; parents, Albert and Myrtle Orr; four brothers; and a sister.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery.

### Robertson

Margaret M. Robertson, 87, of Marion died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was a past member of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are her husband, James E. Robertson of Marion; son, Gerald Robertson of Marion; a grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ollie Maynard; mother, Novella Millikan; and two sisters.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Freedom Cemetery.

**For Online Condolences**  
myersfuneralhomeonline.com  
boydfuneraldirectors.com  
gilbertfunerals.com

### Hurley

Owen Leon Hurley, 85, of Salem died Monday, Dec. 28, 2015 near Smithland.

Hurley worked for Calender Farms driving a tractor. Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Tommie Rhea Hurley; sisters, Mildred Thompson and Carline Lawrence; brothers, Devonus and Troy Hurley; and parents, Henry and Vina Hurley.

Services were Thursday, Dec. 31 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem with Bro. Harold Rittenbery officiating. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

### Bradford

Theresa Colleen Bradford, 65, of Marion died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015 at her home.

Surviving are daughters; Ocie Bradford, Theresa Hodge and Pauline Wright, all of Marion; a son, Payne Bradford of Marion; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Rudolph Vrana of Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by husband, Burnie Earl Bradford III; her parents, Rudolph and Dorothy Vrana; a daughter; and a son.

A memorial service will be held at a date yet to be determined. Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Myers

Deborah Jean Myers, 55, of Marion died Friday, Dec. 25, 2015 at her home.

She was a housewife.

Surviving are her longtime companion, Mark Garrison of Marion; daughter Ashley Noffsinger of Providence; sons, Andrew Myers and Jesse Garrison, both of Marion; three grandchildren; sisters, Cathy Conyer, Diana Watson and Shirley Sosh, all of Marion; and a brother, Danny Starrick of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carles and Betty Jo Starrick.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016 at Hurricane Church.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

### Newcom

Ronald David Newcom, 57, of Clay died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016 at his home.

He attended Grace Baptist Church in Clay.

Surviving are a daughter, Calista Lovan of Clay; a sister, Brenda Harris of Clay; two brothers, John Newcom and Bobby Newcom of Marion; and three grandchildren.

Services were at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 6 at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay with Bro. Larry Williams officiating. Burial was at White Oak Cemetery in Clay.

Memorials may be made to David Newcom Memorial Fund, c/o United Bank, P.O. Box 488, Clay, KY 42404.

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### Fox

Jeffery T. Fox, 52, of Owensboro died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.

He worked as a mechanical engineer most of his life.

Surviving are his wife, Geri; mother, Sue Beavers; children, Richard Passi, Christina (Brandon) Greenwell, Michelle Passi, Jennifer Passi, Julie Passi and Cheyenne Fox; two grandchildren; sisters, Tina (Russell) Brewer and Theresa Meadors; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Jasper Fox; and a brother.

Services were Monday, Jan. 4 at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory in Owensboro. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery in Marion where a graveside service was held Tuesday, Jan. 5. Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion handled the local arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the family of Mr. Jeffery Fox, c/o Mrs. Geri Fox or the Owensboro Humane Society, 3101 W 2nd St, Owensboro, KY 42301.

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### Judge, other leaders going to Frankfort for 641 talks

STAFF REPORT

A contingent of local leaders is heading to Frankfort next week seeking details on plans for renewed work on the alternate U.S. 641 – a project which began almost 10 years ago and has yet to be completed.

Although part of the new highway has been developed, completion appears to remain years in the offing, according to county leaders who have shown disgust at delays over the past couple of years.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom is assembling a small group to visit next week with area legislators and Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock.

The meeting is for the expressed purpose of detailing the reasons this project needs to be completed and the harsh economic consequences for continued delays. Local industrial leaders will be among those going to the state capital with elected officials.

Newcom said poor transportation infrastructure has been a handicap for Crittenden County since before World War II.

"I have documentation from 1922 that states our region's most limiting factor to economic growth and jobs creation is infrastructure; specifically roads and rail," Newcom said.



4-H and Youth Development Extension Agent Leslea Barnes goes through a slide show prepared by Extension agents for a presentation at Tuesday's Chamber meeting.

## Extension agents share ideas on resources with Chamber

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Extension agents visited the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's regular monthly meeting Tuesday morning at Marion Visitors Center. The agents made a slide presentation and offered a number of resource opportunities to the Chamber and the community.

Leslea Barnes, agent for 4-H Youth Development, is the veteran of the staff, which is now at full strength after several years of being shorthanded.

The other agents attending the meeting were Dee Brasher, agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources; and Thays Flores, agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

The trio discussed when and why Extension was created. In a nutshell it's an "extension" of the University of Kentucky into the community. Barnes said UK Extension is in every county in the commonwealth.

"That is not true in all states," she said.

Barnes said 4-H and Extension offer a number of opportunities for young people. It also has programs that can provide college scholarships. She said one local student recently received a \$1,200 scholarship and others received lesser cash valued college assistance.

Brasher reminded Chamber members that Extension offers 12 free soil samples for local landowners, which


can a great value for those planting or improving forages or other plants on their property.

"We do a whole lot of things at our office, but if you bring in a snake to be identified, I will ask you to take it back outside," she said with a chuckle, a clear indication that such has happened before.

Flores said Extension can help families with healthy recipes, money management, sewing classes, parenting skills and food preservation. The Extension service has canning equipment that can be rented by families, she added.

For more about Extension, contact the local office at (270) 965-5236, or visit UK Extension online.

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CCES superlatives  
picked by students

Each year, Crittenden County Elementary School children vote fellow students for a variety of superlatives. This year's are:

- **Mr. and Miss CCES:** Seth Guess and Taylor Guess.
- **Most School Spirit:** Case Gobin, Briley Berry, Callie Dempsey and Lanie Greenwell.
- **Most Athletic:** Preston Morgeson, Raven Hayes and Emilee Russellburg.
- **Most Dependable:** Jordan Hardesty and Macie Hunt.
- **Most Likely to Succeed:** Evan McDowell and Natalie Boone.
- **Best All -around:** Seth Blackburn and Karsen Shouse.
- **Best Sense of Humor:** Darius Hughes, Laken Hunt and Carly Towery.
- **Most Artistic:** Matt Jenkins and Genesis Calderon.
- **Most Popular:** Sam Impastato and Brilee Crittendon.
- **Most Musically Inclined:** Gavin Peek and McKenna Myers.
- **Shyest:** Reed Minton and Hannah Baker.
- **Most Talented:** Evan Belt and Brylee Conyer.



York graduates  
from Murray State

Mandy York of Marion recently graduated from Murray State University with a bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences. She is the daughter of Jeff and Lisa York and the granddaughter of Martha James and Dianne York, all of Marion.

Calendar items  
for coming days

**Next Wednesday**  
- The Woman's Club of Marion will meet at 1:30 pm at their club building. The program on home-schooling will be presented by Becky Combs. Members are reminded to bring grooming items for girls which will be donated to the Family Resource Center. For further information, contact Becky Zahrte at (270) 978-3328.  
- Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Library. The program will be a fun quiz titled "Doo Wop Music Quiz."

Senior calendar  
for coming days

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those 60 and older or \$5 for those under 60. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. All menu items are subject to change based on availability.  
Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.

The center is a service of Pennyrille Allied Community Services. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is the director of the center.

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Menu is chili dog with onions on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, apple sauce and dreamsicle gelatin.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. The center will charter a trip to Walmart in Princeton for shopping. Menu is chicken and dumplings, broccolli cheese casserole, buttered carrots, cornbread and baked apples.
- Monday: Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is barbecue chicken, macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, whole wheat roll and tropical fruit.
- Tuesday: The center offers Lunch and a Movie in Paducah. Menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, seasoned cabbage, whole wheat roll and peach crisp.
- Wednesday: Menu is Mexican lasagna, steamed broccoli, whole wheat garlic bread stick and Jell-O cake.
- Next Thursday: Menu is chicken and rice casserole, peas, whole wheat roll and baked apples.

4-H youth give back to community

Throughout their time in 4-H, young people learn ways to become effective community leaders. One characteristic of many community leaders is a heart for service. As the holidays are a season of giving, Kentucky 4-H'ers put in a tremendous amount of time giving back to their communities during this season.

For many 4-H groups, the giving spirit extends way beyond the holiday season. Throughout the year you will find 4-H'ers giving back in many ways. This year local



4-H'ers sent Christmas cards to troops overseas and to a little girl who was severely burned and lost her family in a fire. The Crittenden County Middle and High School

Leadership Clubs also played a big part in the set up and distribution of the local Community Christmas. The Homeschool Club made and donated desserts for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Some clubs already have plans for the coming year to give back to the local community and overseas. Local club plans include making fleece blankets and visiting the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, making shoes out of old jeans to send overseas, vol-

unteering at the nursing home, and many other opportunities to make our community better.

Service even starts early in 4-H for our Crittenden County Elementary School Cloverbuds. They held a jumping jack marathon and collected over 250 canned goods that were donated to the food give away for Community Christmas. So no matter how young or old a child may be, there are always ways they are able to give back and develop their heart for service.

For more information about how 4-H is making the best better, contact the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service.

*(Editor's note: Leslea Barnes is the UK Cooperative Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development in Crittenden County. For more information on programming, call the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.)*

KMA brightens  
Christmas for vets

STAFF REPORT

Local motorcycle enthusiasts helped to make Christmas a little brighter for some veterans.

District 14 of the Kentucky Motorcycle Association – which includes Crittenden, Union, Webster and Henderson counties – again participated in the 11th annual Adopt-A-Veteran Angel Tree Program conducted by the Kentucky Career Center. The program is intended to brighten the Christmas holidays for veterans living in residential care facilities in Henderson, Union and Webster counties, where career centers are located. There is no center in Crittenden County.

KMA was able to adopt 12 angels this year and purchased pajamas, warm-ups, socks, t-shirts, house slippers, flannel shirts and lap blankets for their 12 adopted veterans. KMA participates each year to show their appreciation for veterans' service.

Gifts for the adopted veterans were taken to the residential care facilities by career center staff members and were distributed the week of Christmas.

KMA's primary purpose is to protect the rights of the state's motorcyclists by lobbying for passage of laws favorable to motorcyclists but they also work to support the community they live and ride in.



Campbell 30th anniversary

Scott and Linda Campbell of Elizabethtown, Ky., formerly of Marion, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last week. Campbell and the former Linda Louise Hackney were united in marriage on Dec. 29, 1985, with the Rev. Greg West officiating. Mr. Campbell works for

Parsons Corp. and is also the Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army's 38th Infantry Division in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Campbell has been a licensed physical therapist's assistant for 22 years and currently works for Caretenders Home Health in Eliz-

abethtown.

The Campbells have two sons – Joseph, who is a technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force stationed in South Korea, and Jace, who is a senior at John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown.

The Campbells celebrated their anniversary in Jamaica.

Library constantly adding titles;  
Flynn's 'Survivor' on shelves

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Public Library is constantly adding new books and other materials, so if you think you've seen everything the library has to offer, you may want think again.

The library offers a wide array of materials, including periodicals; DVDs; Internet service, including free WiFi; bookmobile; e-magazines; e-books; genealogy and other reference items; adult computer classes; and children's programming. For more, visit CrittendenLibrary.org or call (270) 965-3354.

Following are just a few titles making their way to the New shelf in early 2016, according to Director Regina Merrick:

Adult fiction

- "A Banquet of Consequences" by Elizabeth George.
- "The Survivor" by Vince

Flynn, a current New York Times Bestseller.

- "Dead to the Last Drop" by Cleo Coyle.
- "Shopaholic to the Rescue" by Sophie Kinsella.
- "All the Stars in the Heavens" by Adriana Trigiani.

Adult non-fiction

- "1,001 Ways to Cook Southern" by Southern Living.
- "Warman's Antiques & Collectibles, 2016," 49th edition by Noah Fleisher.
- "The Power of I Am" by Joel Osteen.
- "Audacious" by Beth Moore.
- "Troublemaker: Surviving Hollywood and Scientology" by Leah Remini, a current New York Times Bestseller.

Top 10 adult fiction  
checkouts in 2015

- "The Valley of Amazement" by Amy Tan.

- "The Lost Key" by Catherine Coulter.
- "Love Letters," No. 3 by Debbie Macomber.
- "Swan Point," No. 11 by Sherryl Woods.
- "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins.
- "The Liar" by Nora Roberts.
- "Private India: City on Fire" by James Patterson.
- "Murder on Sisters' Row: A Gaslight Mystery" by Victoria Thompson.
- "A Place Called Harmony," No. 8 by Jodi Thomas.
- "Top Secret 21: A Stephanie Plum Novel" by Janet Evanovich.

"These titles are still available for your enjoyment," said Merrick.

The library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

To the point

Retired Crittenden County teacher Lynann Woodall of Marion is shown presenting a battery-operated pencil sharpener to Brian Qualls, a Crittenden County Middle School teacher, for his classroom. Crittenden County Retired Teachers Association has presented six pencil sharpeners to teachers each year for the past three years. Each year, the names of two teachers from each school are randomly drawn to receive the sharpeners.

Writing contest for local youth hosted

STAFF REPORT

The Woman's Club of Marion is looking for short stories and poetry from local youth.

The club is again sponsoring its Youth Writing Contest, which is open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade in Crittenden County and surrounding counties as long as there is not a Woman's Club in their area. The entry deadline is the middle of next month.

Students have the choice to enter in two different categories – Youth Short Story and Youth Poetry.

"Last year, several of our local winners were also state winners," said Woman's Club of Marion President Rebecca Zahrte. "It is a great opportunity for our local youth to show off a little bit of their creative side, and it is always a treat to see what our kids come up with!"

The Youth Short Story Contest is limited to 2,000

words. The Youth Poetry Contest can include any style of writing with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum length of 50 lines.

For both contests, entries must be typed, double-spaced and printed on one side of 8.5 by 11-inch paper. Margins must be a minimum of an inch on all four sides of the paper. Entries must not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the authors. Entries do not have to be typed by the student.

Entries must include the following on the top right corner of each page:

- Author's name.
- Mailing address and phone number.
- Woman's Club of Marion.
- Category (short story or poetry).
- Title of work.
- Category number: Category 1 includes kindergarten and grades 1-2; Category 2

includes grades 3-5; Category 3 three includes middle schoolers, grades 6-8; and Category 4 includes high schoolers, grades 9-12.

The first-place winner in each category for the local contest will receive \$20 and will represent the Woman's Club of Marion in the General Federation of Women's Club Kentucky state contest.

Entries are due at noon Friday, Jan. 15 and can be submitted by delivering them to the student's school office; dropping off or mailing them to Crittenden County Extension Service; or emailing as a Word document attachment to Zahrte at rebecca.zahrte@gmail.com.

Crittenden County Extension Service office is located at 1534 U.S. 60 East in Marion.

For more information on the contest, contact Zahrte via email or by calling (270) 978-3328.

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BASKETBALL

Upcoming Schedule

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**SATURDAY**  
JV District tournaments at Lyon  
**MONDAY**  
Boys at Dawson Springs  
Girls host Fort Campbell

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Archery Deer	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Archery Turkey	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 16 - Feb. 10
Squirrel	Nov. 16 - Feb. 29
Western Goose	Nov. 26 - Jan. 31
Pennyrile Goose	Nov. 26 - Jan. 31
White-front Goose	Nov. 26 - Jan. 31
Snow Goose	Nov. 26 - Jan. 31
Wilson Snipe	Nov. 26 - Jan. 31
Duck	Dec. 7 to Jan. 31
Dove	Dec. 19 - Jan. 10
Youth Deer	Dec. 26 - 27
Snow Conservation	Feb. 1-5
Snow Conservation	Feb. 8 - March 31
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 6-7
Coyote Nighttime	Feb. 1 - May 31
Coyote Daytime	Year Round

YOUTH TRACK

**After-school track camp**  
Crittenden County Elementary School is hosting a Run Like a Ninja Warrior Track Camp with a mission of improving students' speed and agility. The camp will be after school from 3:10 to 5 p.m., Jan. 11-13 for grades K-2 and on Jan. 19-21 for grades 3-5. The first two days of each camp will be held at CCES. The final day of each session will be at Rocket Arena for a Ninja Warrior Race Course. Campers will be transported by bus to Rocket Arena then back to CCES. Cost is \$25. Forms were sent home with students last week. For more information, see coach Angela Starnes.

FOOTBALL

**Castiller All-State HM**  
Crittenden County quarterback Nick Castiller has earned all-state honorable mention recognition by the Louisville Courier-Journal newspaper. Castiller was the Rockets' leading rusher last fall with 737 yards and 15 touchdowns. He passed for a school-record 2,021 yards and is the team's No. 2 all-team passing leader with 2,814 yards. He was also selected as the team's Co-MVP this past season and is among the top five in a number of other offensive categories for career and single season.



Castiller

BASEBALL

**Driver earns roster spot**  
Campbellsville freshman pitcher Adam Driver has earned a spot on the team's home-game roster and hopes to find a spot on the travel squad this spring. His team is ranked No. 19 in the pre-season NAIA Coaches' Poll. Driver played mostly at first base in the fall season on the junior varsity team. The 6-foot-2 former Rocket pitched five innings in the fall and is still projected as a pitcher for the Tigers, who are predicted to finish second in Mid-South Conference.



Driver

BASKETBALL




**Watson is all-tourney**  
Crittenden County senior forward Dakota Watson was selected to the all-tournament team at last week's LaRue County Hawks Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament. Watson scored 29 points over three games as the Rockets went 0-3 in the event.



Watson

**Alumni Game tickets**  
Tickets are on sale at The Crittenden Press for Saturday Night's first-ever alumni basketball game series played between Crittenden and Livingston stars from yesteryear. Admission is \$5 and everyone over 3 years old needs a ticket. Proceeds from all tickets sold at The Press will go to the Rocket basketball program. Anyone interested in playing must have graduated before 2010 and pay a \$20 entry fee.

Moss reaches 1K in 2K15



Cassidy Moss (pictured in photos at left) and above with her mother Christy, coach Shannon Hodge, sister Chandler and father Ronnie Moss after scoring the 1,000th point and receiving the game ball at Russellville.

Lady Rocket junior carving place in basketball history

STAFF REPORT  
History is made every day, but there are times when a chapter jumps from the pages of time and says, "This is a special moment." Lady Rocket basketball fans are seeing what – in all likelihood – is the greatest offensive career in school history. It's unfolding in the form of Cassidy Moss's scoring parade that stretches all the way back to her middle school days. Just a junior with more than half of the season yet to play, Moss has reached the cherished basketball milestone of 1,000 career points. She hit that particular mark last week with a foul shot against the host team at the First Southern National Bank Classic at Russellville. Now, Moss says her sights are set on an even more prestigious badge. The one worn by the girls' all-time scoring leader. "I want to win the district and be a regional contender, too," said the 11th-grader, who started playing regularly as an eighth grader. "I want to thank my teammates and family, especially my dad for

pushing me," Moss said after achieving the 1,000 threshold. "And of course my coach, Coach Hodge, she has been a big factor, making me work hard. Starting out as an eighth grader helped the most because it gave me a head start." Perhaps, Moss will soar even higher and become the school's most prolific scorer – boys or girls. That figure is Tim Hill's at 1,822. For that, she needs only to maintain her 18-points-per-game pace of this season then average around 21 next year. It's by no means beyond probability. Moss has been a fixture in the Lady Rocket lineup since she was a middle schooler averaging six points a game. She came onto the scene just as the school's greatest team left the gym. Moss and former runningmate Chelsea Oliver helped the Lady Rockets usher in a new era after the girls had gone for the only time ever to the Kentucky Sweet 16 in 2011. Oliver graduated last year as the Lady Rockets' fifth best scorer ever. Moss will undoubtedly surpass her 1,291 points either late this season or early next

Moss Math 1,017		
POINTS	YEAR	AVERAGE
253	Current Junior	18.5
324	Sophomore	12.9
280	Freshman	11.2
160	8th Grade	5.9

winter. In basketball, it's scoring that matters. It is odd that in other sports, more emblematic statistics capture our imagination such as batting average in baseball and rushing yards in football. But for roundball, it's the scoring that captures the attention of historians. Points build admiration; and they win games. Moss has fashioned a storied career with forceful head fakes and power bounces to the rim. Strong around the basket, she can also knock down the three and from the foul line she's nearly automatic. It was apropos that Moss met her milestone at the foul line. Her style of play gets her there quite often

and during the three games at Russellville, players went to the free-throw line 186 times. While Moss excels at basketball, she is perhaps even better on the softball field. It is likely that a collegiate athletic career may come as a pitcher, rather than a shooter. But who can tell this early in her life. Last week she was named the Paducah Sun's Basketball Player of the Week, partly for her phenomenal game against Ballard Memorial in a pre-Christmas tournament. In that game alone, she scored 29 points and commanded 21 rebounds. Coach Hodge said she never recalls a player getting more than 20 points and 20 boards in a single game, and she has been around Lady Rocket basketball as a coach and player almost since it started. At the end of the day, it's a tearing competitive spirit that makes Moss so good. It's an undeniable will to win that gets the ball through the orange hoop. And like mentioned earlier, it's scoring that truly defines a basketball star.

Regroup and Rebound

Rocket skipper has new plan; prospects better in New Year

STAFF REPORT  
Coach Denis Hodge has a New Year's resolution. In fact, it's a multi-layered approach to creating a new beginning in 2016. The plan almost came to fruition Tuesday at Hopkins Central with senior Dakota Watson turning in a career performance. Despite trailing by two with a minute to play, Crittenden fell 58-52. Watson took the team on his back, playing strong in around the basket, posting up and scoring on put-backs. Watson had 28, including 12 of the team's 17 points during a pivotal second period when Crittenden came back from 10-point deficit to make it a close game the entire second half. Missed opportunities at the foul line may have cost Crittenden the game. They made just half of 30 free throws, and that's a key spoke in the coach's New Year plan. With his basketball team suffering its worst start in 25 years, Hodge knows there has to be more on which his boys hang their hats. "We are determined to not let ourselves be defined by the scoreboard," said the fifth-year head coach who averaged 13 wins a season over his first four as head coach. "Sure, we want wins, but we also want to consistently get better. They are working extremely hard and they will keep competing." Hodge said his approach has evolved since the first of the season. After going winless in their first 13 games, Hodge says it's obvious he needed to change some things so the team has established some goals. Every game, Hodge says his boys want to keep turnovers below 15; win the free throw line by scoring more points

there than the opposition; and, to limit the number of possessions it allows the opposing team to have each outing. Also, he said there is a renewed emphasis on defensive rebounding, which improved in this week's game. The coach thinks the Rockets can, by changing their offensive and defensive style, lower the number of possessions in each game. "We're not going to hold the ball... but we will walk it up the floor when we can," Hodge said. "On defense we might not press you after a made basket and we might not pick you up defensively at halfcourt. We might pick you up at the three-point line, unless you're a shooter." Hodge said freshman Gavin Dickerson continues to improve his stock with the team. He was not a projected pre-season starter, but has started all but one game and is among the team's top scorers most nights. Sophomore Logan Belt is becoming a more consistent scoring threat by improving his ball handling, the coach said. Hodge reflects on how his team started 7-0 last year and how important it was to keep everything in perspective at that point. Now, with the shoe on the other foot, it's perhaps even more important, he says, to focus on the little things and continue to make progress. He hopes the Rockets can begin improving its lot in 2016 on Friday when Lyon County comes to town. Crittenden played Lyon as well as anyone else in the first part of the season. Back in December, the Rockets led the Lyons by eight in the second half at Eddyville before losing by one. "We played pretty good defense against them the

first time," Hodge said. The Lyons are 3-9 overall and 2-2 in the Fifth District, but played Trigg County to a one-point loss last weekend. Over the holidays, Crittenden showed periodic spurts of good basketball, but was unable to finish any closer than 10 points in three games at the LaRue County Holiday Classic, despite seeing no overpowering teams. The Rockets lost to Greenwood, Trimble County and Glasgow. For Glasgow and Trimble, it was only their second victories of the season. The boys played a one-game holiday showcase at Murray before Christmas and lost to Calloway County by 29. In a game at Carlisle County, Crittenden was beaten by 40. Hopkins Central 58, Crittenden 52 Crittenden County 5 17 16 14 Hopkins Central 13 17 12 16 CRITTENDEN – Hicks 3, Hollis 11, Watson 28, Dickerson 3, Tolley 6, Stephens 1, James, Belt. FG 18. 3-pointers 1 (Hollis). FT 15-30. Fouls 21. HOPKINS CENTRAL – Porter 17, Barnhill 21, Slate 2, James 7, Bean 2, Crick 7, French, White 2, Jones. FG 20. 3-pointers 6 (Barnhill 3, Crick 2, Porter). FT 12-22. Fouls 26. Greenwood 57, Crittenden 47 Crittenden County 3 15 11 18 Greenwood 12 17 16 12 CRITTENDEN – Hicks 5, Hollis 5, Watson 11, Dickerson 4, Tolley 11, Stephens, James, Coleman, Belt 10, Myers, Boone. FG 15. 3-pointers 6 (Tolley 3, Belt 2, Hicks). FT 11-18. Fouls 18. GREENWOOD – Littrel 14, P.Burgess 3, Crump 9, Trade, Harris 8, Burgess 2, Dennis, South 2, Nash 3, Sanders 9, Saenz, Kirchner, Miller. FG 18. 3-pointers 7 (Littrel 2, P.Burgess, Harris, Nash, Sanders). FT 14-22. Fouls 20. Trimble County 57, Crittenden 45 Trimble County 10 17 14 16 Crittenden County 13 9 12 11 TRIMBLE – Blanton, Adair, Wright,



Rocket senior Dakota Watson had his best offensive performance as a varsity player Tuesday night on the road at Central Hopkins, but it wasn't quite enough to get Crittenden its first win. He also had double-digit rebounds. Harvey 3, Young 6, Stevens 21, Duncan 4, J.Rexroat 15, Clifford 4, B.Rexroat 4. FG 18. 3-pointers 7 (Stevens 6, Young). FT 14-20. Fouls 17. CRITTENDEN – Hicks 3, Hollis 8, Watson 7, Dickerson 15, Tolley 3, James, Coleman, Belt 3, Myers. FG 17. 3-pointers 2 (Belt, Tolley). FT 9-17. Fouls 15. Glasgow 52, Crittenden 39 Crittenden 7 6 11 15 Glasgow 18 14 6 14 CRITTENDEN – Hicks 2, Hollis 1, Watson 11, Dickerson 4, Tolley 5, Stephens 2, James 4, Coleman 2, Belt 6, Myers, Boone, Steele. FG 16. 3-pointers 1 (Belt). FT 6-15. Fouls 28. GLASGOW – Adams 7, Mills 4, Hughes 8, Mundy 15, Kingery 9, Austin 2, Kimble 7, Payton, Riddle, Worley, Riffle, Cook, Sinehold. FG 13. 3-pointers 4 (Mundy 2, Mills, Hughes). FT 22-44. Fouls 15. Calloway 78, Crittenden 49 Crittenden County 11 15 8 15 Calloway County 14 27 17 14 CRITTENDEN – Hicks 3, Hollis 4, Watson 5, Dickerson 19, Tolley 2, Stephens 2, James, Coleman, Belt 3, Myers 2, Towery 7, Nesbitt 2. FG 13. 3-pointers (Dickerson 2, Belt). FT 20-31. Fouls 25. CALLOWAY – Price 11, Burgess 7, Darnell 5, Dawson 5, Johnson 16,, Benson, Eastwood 1, Butler 11, Brannon 6, Scott 6, Chapman 2, Emerson, Curd 1, Stribling 1. FG 20. 3-pointers 6 (Price 2, Johnson 2, Butler 2). FT 28-40. Fouls 22. Carlisle 78, Crittenden 38 Crittenden County 10 8 8 12 Carlisle County 24 25 21 8 CRITTENDEN – Hicks 2, Hollis 3, Watson 6, Dickerson 10, Tolley 3, Stephens, James, Coleman, Belt 12, Myers, Towery 3, Nesbitt 2. FG 11. 3-pointers 5 (Belt 3, Tolley, Towery). FT 11-17. Fouls 16. CARLISLE – Smith 9, Crider 7, Norsworthy 10, Bailey 7, A.Bailey 12, Elder 12, Black, Thomason 6, Weatherspoon 4, Kellett 12, Reddick, Wilson 6, T.Wilson 3. FG 33. 3-pointers 3 (Crider, Norsworthy, Kellett). FT 9-17. Fouls 15.



# Lady Rockets remain on troubling skid at Hopkins Central

## Girls drop 5 of 6 over break

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's girls needed to get back on track following a somewhat disappointing Christmas break, but Tuesday's 63-31 loss at Hopkins Central side-tracked those plans.

Now, the Lady Rockets (6-8 overall, 2-1 district) must get ready for Fifth District foe Lyon County, which comes to Marion Friday with perhaps a district title in the balance. The Lyon girls are 10-1 overall and 4-0 in league play.

At Hopkins Central, Crittenden never got going, turning the ball over a number of times against a trapping press and playing a trifling defense.

Over the holiday break, Crittenden County went 1-5 as the Lady Rockets played without starting guard Amanda Lynch, who was away visiting family in another state. Lynch did not play Tuesday either.

Without Lynch in the lineup, Crittenden struggled at times offensively. In 20 percent of the 24 quarters over two Christmas tournaments, Crittenden was held to nine points or fewer. Lynch averaged nine points a game before the holidays and is the team's second leading scorer.

Coach Shannon Hodge said that not having Lynch was disappointing, but it created opportunities for others to improve their games with extra minutes on the floor.

"I wasn't totally displeased with the tournaments," Hodge said. "Some younger players got to be in there during some critical situations."

Perhaps the most direct beneficiary was Madison Champion, who started in Lynch's place and averaged 8.5 points. In half of the holiday tournament games, the rangy 5-foot-8 sophomore scored double digits, including 12 against Central Hardin at the Russellville Tournamen-



Crittenden County sophomore Madison Champion got her first starts of the season over the Christmas break and responded with some nice offensive play, averaging more than eight points and five rebounds.

ment.

Another underclassman, freshman Kenlee Perryman also showed promising offensive signs. She averaged four points over the six-game holiday in limited action.

Hodge says Perryman's offense is coming along nicely and expects her to be a consistent scorer moving forward.

The girls' play was sporadic through the Christmas series, at times appearing clumsy and lacking intensity. There were spurts of strength, too. Crittenden beat Ballard Memorial at the Lady Bomber Tournament before Christmas for their only win. In that game, Cassidy Moss scored 29 points and grabbed 21 rebounds. For the three-game Ballard tourney, she scored 59 points and had 42 rebounds. Her play earned Paducah

Sun Player of the Week honors.

After Christmas, the Lady Rockets travelled to Russellville for a three-game tournament. Despite losing all three, the girls provided several stretches of quality play, particularly on defense. All of the games at Russellville were marred by referee whistles. In Crittenden's three games there were 186 foul shots taken. Although some of the fouls could perhaps be attributed to tired legs and reaching arms, the officiating was as much a part of the outcome in those games as Crittenden's play.

The Lady Rockets played arguably their best 28 contiguous minutes of basketball during the holiday season on the final afternoon of the Russellville tournament against the host team. However, the windfall of good tid-

ings unwrapped in the last part of the fourth quarter and the girls headed home empty handed from the First Southern National Bank Christmas Classic, losing 53-42 to the Lady Panthers for the second time in two weeks. They were whitewashed by Russellville a week earlier in the Ballard tournament.

Crittenden also played fairly well in a loss to Christian County in the Russellville opening round. The Lady Rockets' second-half defense trimmed a 16-point deficit back to a one-point game with six minutes to play, but the girls couldn't find the offense to overcome Christian down the stretch.

The Lady Rockets had five empty possessions after closing to 47-46 on Champion's fast-break layup and allowed the Lady Colonels to escape with a 10-point win. Moss had 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Crittenden's play in the second game was poor against Central Hardin, a team that is winless this season other than its 10-point victory over the Lady Rockets. Three Crittenden starters fouled out in the second half of the game and the girls watched a double-digit first-half lead disappear. It was the low point of the season to date.

<b>Hopkins Central 63, Crittenden 31</b>					
Crittenden County	5	13	6	7	
Hopkins Central	20	26	15	2	
CRITTENDEN - Moss 13, Champion 4, Pierce 2, Collins, Nesbitt 6, Evans, Perryman 2, Summers 2, Woodward 2. FG 13. 3-pointers none. FT 5-12. Fouls 6.					
HOPKINS CENTRAL - Hughes 4, Hardy 8, M.Campbell 16, James, Combs 9, Baxter 5, Ikheard 6, L.Campbell 15, Moore, Stevens, Farmer. FG 28. 3-pointers 6 (M.Campbell 4, Baxter, L.Campbell). FT 1-6. Fouls 16.					

<b>Russellville 53, Crittenden 42</b>					
Crittenden County	16	5	11	10	
Russellville	14	12	7	20	
CRITTENDEN - Moss 17, Champion 4, Pierce 3, Evans 12, Nesbitt 4, Perryman 2, Collins, Summers. FG 15. 3-pointers none. FT 12-18. Fouls 24.					
RUSSELLVILLE - Bryant 15, Cheaney 17, Hendley 4, Wells, Gray 2, Stovall 3, Ray, Leblanc 12. FG 16. 3-pointers 1 (Hendley). FT 20-32. Fouls 18.					

<b>Central Hardin 74, Crittenden 64</b>					
Crittenden County	20	14	17	13	
Central Hardin	13	18	19	24	
CRITTENDEN - Moss 27, Champion 12, Pierce 3, Nesbitt 12, Evans 3, Collins 2, Summers 3, Woodward 2. FG 13. 3-pointers 1 (Champion). FT 36-52. Fouls 24.					
CENTRAL HARDIN - Martin 2, Bell, Berger 14, Woodrum 4, Kerr 10, Wright, Cross, Searcy 2, Ross, Bryant 6, Zoehringer 5, M.Kolley 15, Krupinski 4, S.Kolley 12. FG 28. 3-pointers 4 (Berger, Kerr, M.Kolley 2). FT 14-26. Fouls 34.					

<b>Christian County 58, Crittenden 48</b>					
Crittenden County	10	14	13	11	
Christian County	17	13	15	13	
CRITTENDEN - Moss 12, Champion 11, Pierce 4, Evans 6, Nesbitt 2, Collins, Summers, Perryman 3, Woodward. FG 17. 3-pointers 2 (Moss, Pierce). FT 12-22. Fouls 16.					
CHRISTIAN - Hampton 14, White, Phillips, Brodie 7, Wadlington 6, Gold 11, Tandy, Allen 2, Snorton 3, McGregory 2, Jackson 13. FG 19. 3-pointers 2 (Gold). FT 18-36. Fouls 25.					

<b>Russellville 68, Crittenden 46</b>					
Crittenden County	11	9	12	14	
Russellville	17	15	17	19	
CRITTENDEN - Moss 14, Champion 6, Pierce 11, Evans 2, Nesbitt 2, Collins 2, Summers 2, Perryman 7, Woodward. FG 19. 3-pointers 4 (Moss 2, Pierce, Perryman). FT 4-5. Fouls 21.					
RUSSELLVILLE - Bryan 12, Cheaney 27, Hendley 2, Wells 4, Gray 4, Day, Sagwall 2, Wilkerson, Poirier 2, Ray, Kennedy, Lablanc 15, Phillips 55. FG 24. 3-pointers 3 (Cheaney). FT 17-26. Fouls 13.					

<b>Crittenden 57, Ballard 43</b>					
Crittenden County	19	9	15	14	
Ballard Memorial	13	8	8	14	
CRITTENDEN - Moss 29, Champion 7, Pierce 5, Evans 7, Nesbitt 2, Collins, Summers, Perryman 7. FG 21. 3-pointers 2 (Moss, Pierce). FT 13-18. Fouls 21.					
BALLAD - Walker 9, Shelley 9, Newton 1, Buchanan 5, Robinson 8, Calvin 11. FG 15. 3-pointers 3 (Walker 2, Shelley). FT 10-28. Fouls 16.					

<b>Butler 49, Crittenden 42</b>					
Crittenden County	13	5	3	17	
Bulter County	11	5	18	15	
CRITTENDEN - Moss 16, Champion 11, Pierce 2, Evans 5, Nesbitt 2, Collins 2, Summers, Perryman 4. FG 15. 3-pointers 2 (Champion). FT 10-14. Fouls 17.					
BUTLER - Inscoe, White 2, Addison 5, Cardwell 8, Easley 11, Graham 4, Murphy 3, Flener 16. FG 18. 3-pointers 3 (Cardwell 2, Easley). FT 10-19. Fouls 17.					

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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the County Sheriff of Crittenden County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2014, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2014, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 24, 2015 on our consideration of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

2014-001 The Sheriff Failed To Pay Office Obligations In A Timely Manner And Held Invoices Over From Prior Year

2014-002 The Sheriff's Office Should Remit Excess Fees Due Fiscal Court Upon Submitting The Annual Fee Settlement

2014-003 The Sheriff Should Strengthen Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting In Order For The Quarterly Financial Report To Be Materially Accurate

2014-004 The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

Respectfully submitted,



Adam H. Edelen

Auditor of Public Accounts

September 24, 2015

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# Berry recalls healing hands of GOP presidential candidate Carson



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
In May, Matt Berry of Marion gave GOP presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson a picture (above) of the two of them the night before Carson performed a rare surgical procedure on Berry's brain as a child.

STAFF REPORT  
Matt Berry is likely the only Crittenden Countian who can say that Republican presidential hopeful Ben Carson changed his life.  
As a 3-year-old suffering from focal seizures, Berry was referred to Johns Hopkins University in Maryland and surgeon Ben Carson.  
Berry – the son of Wes Berry and Phyllis Berry Kirk – who turned 21 Dec. 28, said his life would drastically different if not for Carson.  
When he had a chance to hear Carson speak in Paducah last May, he thanked him.  
“I told him thanks for a

second chance at life,” said Berry, who supports Carson's run as the GOP presidential nominee.  
Along with shaking his hand, Berry gave Carson a picture of the two of them the night before the surgery, known as a hemispherectomy, a rare surgical procedure where one cerebral hemisphere (half of the brain) is removed or disabled in order to treat seizure disorders.  
Carson was one of the best at the procedure in



M. Berry

1998, and he successfully cured the 3-year-old of daily seizures, which affected his concentration and gate. The seizures were the result of a stroke at birth.  
His mother Phyllis Kirk was anticipating a lengthy hospital stay and potential setbacks caused by the surgery; however, to the contrary, Berry did amazingly well after the surgery.  
His mother recalls Dr. Carson coming out of surgery and telling her and his father Wes Berry that they could stop the prayer chain and start the praise chain.  
Today Matt lives with lingering effects from the stroke, but has been

seizure-free since the surgery.  
“He was amazed when I saw him and gave him the picture,” Berry said recently while taking a break from his job at Liberty Fuels in Marion. “He didn't expect to run into a patient.”  
Berry supports Carson's candidacy and says he is an all around good Christian man.  
“I would tell people if he can save my life, I wonder what he could do to save the country,” he said, adding, “I don't know what my life would be like if I hadn't had the surgery, but I thank God I don't.”

## 2015 in NEWS

STAFF REPORT  
Many of our leading stories from last year will continue to make the front page in 2016. In fact, there rarely are singular headlines that stand on their own as a top newsmaker. Twenty-fifteen was no different.  
Once again, U.S. 641 was banner news, most specifically for a lack of progress. Hardly any visible progress was made on the new road from Marion to Fredonia that since the 1990s has been envisioned as an economic lifeline for industry and business in Crittenden County.  
Local officials continued to lobby state officials for the paving of four lanes – as was initially promised – instead of the downgraded Super 2, but what they got in 2015 was no pavement at all. Hopes were for paving to be completed last year, but cautious optimism now calls for that in 2016.  
It has been 1,421 days since former Gov. Steve Beshear ceremonially turned dirt on the initial 5.2-mile project meant to eventually tie in to Interstate 69. Now that a new governor of a different political persuasion is leading the state, Republican Gov. Matt Bevin, local elected officials and economic and industry leaders are looking to renew their plea for progress. In fact, a contingent of those individuals will head to Frankfort next week to once again make that pitch in person.  
Another infrastructure proj-

ect makes the list of hot stories in 2015, though this one arrived late on the news scene.  
Last month, the City of Marion received word from Frankfort that the time has come to upgrade an inadequate sewer system, including a new treatment plant. For years, the city has been able avoid the mandate by appealing regulators with modest efforts to address inadequacies in the system, but Frankfort now wants a firm commitment toward progress.  
That promise is to begin upgrading lines to significantly reduce the infiltration of storm water into the sewer system that renders the treatment plant of 40-plus years inadequate. The plant is simply not capable of treating every-day waste water when a torrent of storm water rushes through the system during periods of heavy rain, leading to raw sewage entering Rush Creek.  
The cost of the fix – upgraded lines and a new plant outside of a floodplain – could be as much as \$10 million, likely forcing the city to drastically up its sewer rates to pay for the project.  
After months of negotiations, Crittenden Health Systems inked a deal with Baptist Health to take over management of the ambulance service. Crittenden EMS has been bleeding red ink for years, even with \$150,000 in annual assistance from taxpayers. By putting EMS under Baptist's management, hospital officials were looking to shed the losses or at least split them with the health care giant as the bottom line at the local hospital con-

tinues to improve.  
Detention center finances also showed improvement last year under Jailer Robbie Kirk, who completed his first full year on the job. Hoping to further reduce the burden on taxpayers to keep the jail open, Kirk initiated plans for adding 39 beds at a restricted custody center converted from the former Bob Wheeler Museum on adjacent property. (See related story on Page 2.)  
Mother Nature made her regular appearance in headlines during a year whose weather could simply be summed as soggy. Repeated snows kept plows busy and schools empty for several days to start 2015. Despite numerous snow days, students managed to graduate before June, but not before the board of education made clear that in the future, spring break is on the chopping block and fall break will be shortened from five to three days in order to offset weather-related dismissals.  
Spring flooding hampered farmers and closed roads and the Cave In Rock Ferry. A very wet summer damaged crops and delayed harvests, and torrential rains ended the year with more flooding, road closures and interruption of ferry service. She was a nuisance in 2015, but locally, Mother Nature created no major losses, nor was she guilty of claiming any lives.  
Marion's armory was rated as part of the very best the Army National Guard has to offer. The 1123rd Sapper Co. out of the Carson G. Davidson National Guard Armory earned the Itschner Plaque, an award

given by the Army to the engineer company judged to be the best. The company belongs to the Kentucky Army National Guard's 206th Engineer Battalion of the 149th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, based in Marion and Leitchfield.  
In business, Par 4 Plastics, one of Marion's top three employers, turned 25. In 1990, Joe McDaniel and his partner, the late Nelson Hughes, launched what would become a homegrown success story unparalleled in Marion manufacturing history. The maker of primarily automotive parts is currently experiencing record growth after recovering from the Great Recession.  
Farmers Bank & Trust Co. showcased its own century-plus of success by opening a branch in Henderson, competing in one of the largest banking communities in Kentucky.  
In crime, Webster County's Christopher A. Sheridan and Brooke Nicole Stevens, dubbed Bonnie and Clyde, kept the county on edge with a string of rural burglaries aggravated with weapons believed to be involved in the break-ins. The two were eventually nabbed and placed in jail.  
Britt Deckert received his day in court in a murder trial that saw a jury find him guilty of killing his stepbrother, A.J. Vasseur, on Aug. 1, 2013, on West Depot Street in Marion. Deckert received a manslaughter sentence and got 25 years in prison for that and an accompanying charge of wanton endangerment.  
Though the county continued to show a low unemployment rate at or below the state level, dozens of the best jobs for residents of the county became casualties of the so-called “War on Coal” by the Obama Administration. Closures of multiple area mines to

start and close the year left many highly paid miners wondering where they would turn to make ends meet.  
The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum unearthed a treasure, a \$357,000 grant to renovate a deteriorating structure that is home to one of the finest mineral collections in the world.  
A \$50,000 grant awarded late last year will help the local farmers' market to renovate and expand in 2016.  
And a community effort to

shed new light on playing fields at Marion-Crittenden County Park made one of the county's top attractions safer and more appealing to host baseball and softball tournaments.  
No doubt, some of what you may have considered top newsmakers in 2015 have not been covered here, but the aforementioned stand as a reminder of the stories our staff felt made the greatest impact on lives in and the future of our community.

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January.....	2.39	3/1.17
February.....	3.66	21/1.72
March.....	7.61	4/2.21
April.....	7.03	3/2.06
May.....	3.69	20/0.84
June.....	4.99	19/2.19
July.....	8.73	7/2.06
August.....	5.24	19/2.29
September.....	2.48	29/1.84
October.....	3.45	27/2.30
November.....	6.01	28/1.32
December.....	7.98	27/2.33
2015 total.....	63.25	
2014 total.....	41.39	
2013 total.....	57.34	
2012 total.....	34.69	
2011 total.....	72.74	
2010 total.....	35.05	

**NOTES**  
- There were eight days in 2015 where 2-plus inches of rain fell, accounting for almost 28 percent of the annual total.  
- Wettest day: Dec. 27, 2.33 inches.  
- Hottest day: July 29, 93.7 degrees.  
- Coldest day: Feb. 19, -3.4 degrees.  
- Warming trend: After dropping 5.2 degrees from 2012 to 55.2 degrees in 2014, the average temperature last year rose slightly to 56.4 degrees.

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