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Relay kickoff event slated for tonight

A Crittenden County Relay for Life kickoff event is scheduled for 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at Calvary Baptist Church in Crayne. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend.

“We will have finger foods, so we ask that each of you bring something to share,” said Natalie Parish, chairperson of this year’s Relay.

Misty Lane and Brad Walton, both cancer survivors in their 30s, are slated to speak at tonight’s kickoff.

Eight teams have already signed up for this year’s Relay, according to Parish.

Relay for Life is slated for June 5 on the court square.



Parish



January weather brings Arctic chill

A blast of Arctic air hit the area this week. In fact, at press time, the forecast for Wednesday was for temperatures to dip to the single digits with a possible wind chill factor as low as minus 15 degrees through Wednesday evening, by far the coldest temperatures this winter. Temperatures were expected to reach a high of the mid-20s today (Thursday) with highs below or hovering just above the freezing mark through next Thursday.

Crittenden County Courthouse was set to remain open as a warming shelter the rest of the week, reports the judge-executive’s office.

Special precaution is advised to prevent frozen pipes and extra care should be taken to protect outdoor animals with a warm shelter and unfrozen water supply.

Stumbo: Time for smoking ban vote

Kentuckians seem to support a comprehensive statewide smoking ban with two-thirds supporting it, according to the latest Kentucky Health Issues Poll. Hours after the poll was released Monday, Kentucky House Speaker Greg Stumbo said it is time for a House floor vote on the proposal.

The poll, taken Oct. 8 through Nov. 6, found that 66 percent of Kentucky adults favored a law that would prohibit smoking in most public places, while 29 percent opposed it. The matter is sure to come up during the current session of the Kentucky General Assembly, which began Tuesday and adjourns March 24.

Public meetings

- Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Marion City Hall for its January monthly meeting.

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday in the judge-executive’s courthouse office.



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Farmers co-op to open in Salem

STAFF REPORT

Northeast Livingston County will not go very long without a farm store.

By the end of this month, Henry Farmers Cooperative based in Paris, Tenn., will open its third satellite store and service center in Salem.

The “co-op,” as it’s commonly called, is leasing the former Community Farm Store and will offer everything from clothing, hardware and farm supplies to custom lime and fertilizer services.

Community Farm Store’s assets sold at public auction

in early December, leaving local farmers scratching their heads as to where they would find some of the services they’d become accustomed to over the years from the farm store, and before it, Rudolph Farm Supply. The closest alternatives for some of the dry fertilizer and lime services farmers need is in Princeton, Morganfield or Clay.

Community Farm Store had operated on U.S. 60 in Salem since August of 2010, after Rudolph Farm Supply sold out after more than 30 years in business.

Henry Farmers Co-op is part of the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative. It operates much like other cooperatives such as Kenergy Corp., which is familiar to area residents. The customers, in essence, own the business and can even receive something akin to dividends during profitable years.

Henry Farmers Co-op has farm service centers in Cottage Grove, Tenn., and in Midway, Ky., between Hazel and Murray. The co-op has been in business in Paris since 1948.

Michelle Minton, who had

been with Community Farm Store for two years, will manage the co-op. She has a long history in agriculture supplies as the daughter of the late Jack Voss, who operated a farm implement company in Marion for many years.



Minton

Minton said there were about 1,200 regular farm store customers who were troubled by the loss of con-

venience and proximity of services when the store went out of business late last year.

“The local farm store is an asset to the community and the surrounding area because of the services it provided,” she said. “Without it, some people could have a 20-mile drive or more just to find necessities for the farm.”

Minton said the new operation will offer general farm supplies, hardware, feed, seed, chemicals, fertilizer, a clothing line that includes popular brands such as Under Armor, garden supplies and home furnishings.

Back-to-school boost



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

Middle, high schools get new English textbooks

“Santa came, and he brought new textbooks,” said Crittenden County Middle School English teacher Kara Hatfield when describing the new teaching materials that arrived over Christmas break for Crittenden County middle and high school language arts classes. Hatfield (right), shown with Crittenden County School District Instructional Supervisor Tonya Driver, said she worked through some of the preview materials over Christmas break and was impressed with the level of text complexity and online resources that will be available with the new books. Classes resumed Monday in Crittenden County after a two-week break over the holidays.

Alliance buys rights to Patriot coal contracts

STAFF REPORT

Just two days after Patriot Coal Corp. announced it would permanently close two Union County mines, cautious optimism was born for hundreds of workers at the shuttered Highland Mine near Henderson and the Dodge Hill Mining Complex near Sturgis.

Crittenden County is home to dozens of the approximately 670 affected workers, including Bobby O’Leary, who’s still waiting on any news as to the future the mines.

“They’ve told us nothing,” he said Tuesday.

Patriot announced last Wednesday that it was closing the mines, but Tulsa, Okla.-based Alliance Resource Partners LP announced Friday that one of its subsidiaries, Alliance Coal LLC, had acquired rights to coal supply agreements from an affiliate of Patriot. Patriot had already indicated in last Wednesday’s news release that it was in the process of selling certain

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METRO SERVICES

Alliance Coal LLC has acquired rights to coal supply agreements from an affiliate of Patriot Coal Corp. The move could potentially put miners back to work who lost their jobs late last month when Patriot closed Highland and Dodge Hill mines in Union County.

Flu outbreak causing big problems locally, nationwide

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

The flu bug is here and causing big problems for the chronically ill and elderly.

Robin Curnel, director of nursing at Crittenden Health Systems, says it’s not too late to get the flu vaccine. Several options exist for getting the shot, including the hospital’s clinic.

There are two types of flu vaccines, Curnel explains, but

either one will help protect you from getting the virus.

“The strain that’s been the most trouble is a mutated version,” she said.

“Our hospital beds have several people with pneumonia, which started out as influenza,” she explained.

Holly White, spokesperson for the Crittenden County School District, said attendance Monday was better

than the final days before Christmas break. However, she says several children were reportedly ill at school.

She said it’s best to keep students home while they are contagious.

Curnel said the flu is troublesome for anyone who contracts it, but the virus can be especially harmful to the elderly and people with underlying issues that have already

compromised their immune system. It can even be life-threatening. Anyone who falls into those categories and exhibits flu-like symptoms should see a physician immediately, she said.

The flu is now widespread in Kentucky and 42 other states, and hospitalization rates match the dismal season two years ago. While health officials fear this will be

an unusually bad year, it’s too soon to say.

The latest figures released Monday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show the flu hitting hard in most of the 43 states where the illness was widespread. But the flu was not yet rampant in populous states like California and New

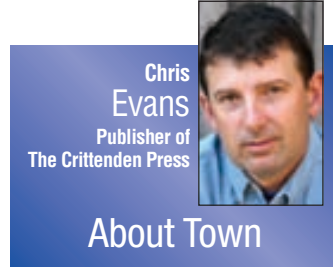
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Trip to Russellville stirs interest in Crittenden County’s namesake

Had the pulpit of community journalism not called, a history teacher is what this writer would likely have taken as a career. And after some recent research, though, the classroom might have proven a safer vocation. Read on to see why.

Can’t resist an opportunity to cruise through historic downtowns and soak in the timeless energy that blows through the streets like phantoms of our founding fathers.

Last week, while following the Lady Rockets on a trip to Russellville for a holiday basketball tournament, the moss-crowned brick sidewalks of one of Kentucky’s



About Town

pioneer towns beckoned my interest. A historic downtown section is identified and printed with several markers exposing tidbits of Russellville’s long and storied past.

Marion and Russellville have one inseparable tie. It’s John J. Crittenden, for whom our county is named.

Whether Crittenden was ever in this area, it’s generally unknown. However, his legacy in this state and beyond was strong enough that the General Assembly honored his statesmanship by putting Crittenden’s name on our humble corner of the commonwealth in 1842.

It was in Russellville where Crittenden lived a portion of his life from about 1811 to 1817, although he was born in Versailles, died in Frankfort and spent much of his political career in Washington. Crittenden was a Kentucky state legislator and governor. He was U.S. Attorney General,

served in the U.S. House of Representatives and succeeded the famous Henry Clay in the U.S. Senate.

Crittenden is perhaps best known to history students as author of the Crittenden Compromise, a failed legislative attempt to ease slavery tensions that eventually led to the Civil War.

Crittenden’s Logan County home is a block from the Russellville football field – itself an edifice to behold with a gothic stone fence guarding the gridiron. In Russellville, Crittenden

practiced law. He moved from central Kentucky to Russellville, at the time this state’s western frontier, because there were fewer lawyers on the edge of civilization. He believed that was the best place to make a living, but he didn’t stay too long.

Crittenden was married three times and had many children. One of his wives was a cousin to President Zachary Taylor and two of his sons were Civil War generals. One fought for the South and one



Crittenden

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Clockwise from top left, Crittenden County's Blue Knights K3 Chess Team consists of (from left) Abbey Swinford, Nai'Zayah Bell, Brooke Winstead, Thomas Jackson, Hayden Hildebrand, Seth Morris and Robert Jackson. The K5 Chess Team is made of Jordan Watts, Gage Russell, Jalynn Hackney, Erica Darnell,

Harli Morris, D.J. Morris and Evan McDowell. The K8 Team consists of Dominic Rorer, Skyler James, Chase Stevens, Sarah Anderson and Cole Swinford. The K12 Chess Team is comprised of Clay Stevens, Gage Moore, Cameron McDaniel and Cole Foster, who is not pictured.

Blue Knights ready for tourney

STAFF REPORT

It was a clean sweep of victory for the Blue Knights. All four chess teams – K12, K8, K5 and K3 – placed first in the Blue Knights Scholastic Chess Tournament held Dec. 6 at the Crittenden County Middle School gym and the teams are awaiting another competition in Lexington this month.

Head Coach Don Winters has coached the Blue Knights for the last two years and said students from first-

12th-grade are encouraged to participate and can ask a teacher or contact him for more information about joining.

Winters said chess involves a lot of concentration and skill that includes being able to think ahead and understand all the possible moves an opponent can make. Strategy also comes into play, as there are 32 pieces on the chess board that are capable of trapping the king.

In addition to a winter scholastic tournament at Lexington later this month, the Blue Knights will participate in a regional tournament in February, where the top four teams of each division qualify for the state tournament in March.

Winters said he enjoys coaching the students as they learn about strategies in chess.

"Being able to see them win their first game means a lot to me," he said.

Girl, 7, survives deadly plane crash Friday

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

Donnie Arflack calls it a "miracle" that 7-year-old Sailor Gutzler survived Friday's plane crash in a remote part of Lyon County that killed four of her family members and left her alone in the dark to find her way out of a heavily wooded area.

Arflack should know, too. He's worked search and rescue with Crittenden County Rescue Squad since the 1970s. He has served as chief of the team for more than two decades.

"From the accounts of the state police and those who were involved in the search, it was nothing short of a miracle that she was able to get herself out of the plane with the injuries she suffered, find her way out in that darkness and weather, and take the shortest route to the closest house, all without knowing the area or getting lost," said Arflack. "Had she not done that, there's no telling how many hours it would have taken for anyone to find the plane and her."

Sailor, who walked a mile through the cold, dark woods to safety and then helped authorities locate the wreckage and remains of her family, may not be done helping investigators.

National Transportation

Safety Board (NTSB) investigator Heidi Moats said Sunday that Sailor is "one remarkable young lady," and she might be able to assist them in determining what brought the plane down. It is rare for someone to survive a small plane crash and Moats said they want to talk to Sailor about it.

"Having someone that is a witness (is) always helpful in the investigation, it gives us kind of a story line," Moats said.

It's not clear when investigators might talk to Sailor, who despite being bloodied and suffering a broken wrist, pulled herself from the wreckage and walked to the nearest home.

"I'd say she had to have had an angel leading her out and to safety," Arflack said.

She was dressed for Florida, where her family had been visiting, and was wearing shorts, a short-sleeve shirt and only one sock when she found a home about a mile from the crash site. Authorities said she walked through thick woods and briar patches in near-freezing temperatures.

"She absolutely went to the nearest house that she could have," Kentucky State Police Lt. Brent White said. "But it was still a considerable feat for her to do that."

The remains of the Piper PA-34 plane were moved Sunday so officials with the NTSB can inspect it. They haven't discussed any possibilities of what brought the plane down or how Sailor survived the crash.

The agency will issue a preliminary report in about a week, Moats said at a news conference in Eddyville.

Sailor was treated at a hospital and released to a relative Saturday.

After the Friday night crash, Sailor trekked to the home of 71-year-old Larry Wilkins, who answered her knock at the door and called police. Wilkins said the girl was crying and covered in blood.

"She told me that her mom and dad were dead, and she had been in a plane crash, and the plane was upside down," Wilkins said.

Sailor was alert and able to point emergency workers looking for the plane in the right direction, said Lyon County Judge-Executive Wade White, who arrived at the crash site.

The crash killed Sailor's parents, Marty Gutzler, 48; and his wife, Kimberly Gutzler, 46; Sailor's sister, Piper Gutzler, 9; and a cousin, Sierra Wilder, 14. All were from Nashville, Ill.

White said the father's body was "the last one they pulled out because of how deep he was buried."

Marty Gutzler was flying the plane, which reported engine trouble and lost contact with air traffic controllers around 5:55 p.m. authorities said. Controllers tried to direct the pilot to an airport 5 to 7 miles from the crash scene.

About 40 minutes later, emergency dispatchers received the call from Wilkins.

The Gutzlers had been visiting family in Key West, Fla., and stopped in Tallahassee, Fla., on the way back to Mount Vernon, Ill.

Gutzler was a licensed commercial pilot and flight instructor, according to the FAA website.

Funeral services have been set for all four of the southern Illinois family members killed in the plane crash.

Campagna Funeral Home in the Gutzlers' hometown of Nashville says private funeral services for the Gutzlers will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Nashville.

Wilder's services were Wednesday at Campagna Funeral Home.

Sailor's family members said through a spokesman that they do not want to do any interviews at this time because they need time to grieve. A fund was set up for the young girl at www.sailorgutzlerfund.com

ALLIANCE

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assets in western Kentucky to affiliates of the Alliance parent company.

Alliance purchased the western Kentucky assets for an undisclosed amount of money. The deal provides for delivery of approximately 3.7 million tons of coal from 2015 through 2017, according to a news release from Alliance. That would seem to indicate that Alliance plans to put a good number of miners back to work.

"That's kind of what I was hoping for," said O'Leary, who worked at Dodge Hill for the last 12 years.

In 2013, the two mines produced approximately 3.9 million tons of coal.

The Oklahoma company also announced that one of its affiliates and a related party have agreed to purchase mining equipment and coal reserves in western Kentucky from an affiliate of Pa-

triot Coal, according to a news release. That deal is expected to be completed in the first quarter of the year.

Alliance already operates several mining facilities in Kentucky, including western Kentucky, as well as in Illinois, Indiana, Maryland and West Virginia.

Completion of the announced transactions is subject to various approvals, and it was unclear at press time exactly how those deals might affect the two shuttered Union County mines and their workers.

According to O'Leary, salaried employees were still at the mines this week, busy shutting down operations. However, he and other hourly workers were told on Friday to clean out their locker and turn in all of their gear. Since that time, O'Leary has been looking for a job to care for his family.

"They basically told us if you can find something else, take it," he said.

O'Leary, 45, has tried

other area mines and various other places, but nothing had turned up as of Tuesday. He lives with his wife, who is disabled and cannot work, as well as two children in middle school and another adult child who is disabled. He has another grown child who lives away from home.

"Basically, I've got four other mouths to feed," he said. "And all I've heard is that Alliance has bought the coal rights, but hasn't made any decision as to whether they're going to open the mines or when."

Calls to Alliance's Oklahoma headquarters seeking more information on the company's plans for the mines had not been returned at press time.

Meantime, Patriot's Heritage preparation plant and barge loading terminal on the Ohio River will continue processing and shipping coal until inventories are depleted, according to the company.

In early December, Patriot

Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter auction results

Jan. 6, 2015

Receipts: 816 head.

Compared to last week: No trend due to holiday last week. Supply included 47% feeder steers, 37% feeder heifers, and 15% feeder bulls.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	245	245	380.00	380.00
2	270-275	272	360.00-370.00	365.05
3	300-335	318	330.00-365.00	341.70
8	375-395	384	310.00-314.00	311.44
18	400-445	417	280.00-311.00	291.53
29	450-494	474	275.00-285.00	278.53
19	500-545	531	253.00-271.00	260.52
9	560-598	580	236.00-249.00	243.91
21	603-640	616	230.00-240.00	235.21
11	664-680	671	215.00-227.00	224.34
30	700-748	718	212.00-220.00	218.43
11	773-796	784	203.00-213.00	209.51
10	782	782	220.00	220.00 VA
3	825	825	204.00	204.00
59	839	839	215.00	215.00 VA
3	906	906	202.00	202.00
13	1121	1121	180.00	180.00

Groups: 59 head 839 lbs 215.00 mblk wean

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	215-245	235	300.00-340.00	316.30
3	265-295	278	290.00-330.00	315.87
8	341	341	290.00	290.00
3	395	395	275.00-290.00	281.67
3	436	436	245.00	245.00
4	460-495	475	251.00-267.50	261.47
1	520	520	230.00	230.00
3	595	595	227.50-234.00	231.83
4	635-640	636	221.00-223.00	222.50
2	652	652	221.00	221.00
3	730	730	210.00	210.00
2	915	915	185.00-186.00	185.50
8	1193	1193	160.00	160.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	240	240	315.00	315.00
10	260-290	277	300.00-327.50	314.60
16	300-345	322	292.00-320.00	305.88
26	350-390	373	264.00-305.00	282.55
18	400-440	420	272.50-288.00	278.08
23	455-495	479	250.00-267.50	256.55
36	500-545	529	232.00-246.00	238.43
21	560-585	571	220.00-235.00	229.59
18	602-635	612	208.00-221.00	216.96
5	657-685	670	205.00	205.00
6	720-748	737	200.00-205.00	203.66

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Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	280	280	280.00	280.00
5	310-345	323	250.00-285.00	272.79
3	385-390	387	245.00-250.00	248.34
16	405-448	442	255.00-264.00	259.86
3	475-492	486	221.00-249.00	239.88
10	502-545	526	204.00-228.00	219.60
10	610-645	635	200.00-206.00	202.48
2	660-680	670	190.00-194.00	191.97
1	725	725	190.00	190.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	305-322	316	300.00-330.00	313.94
7	352-395	369	280.00-305.00	293.67
9	422-445	436	279.00-286.00	282.78
11	460-472	465	275.00-281.00	276.89
13	507-545	524	240.00-261.00	256.24
19	550-597	574	231.00-250.00	241.56
7	604-615	606	220.00-230.00	227.26
7	659-686	667	207.00-216.00	213.35
2	720-730	725	200.00-204.00	202.01
1	825	825	178.00	178.00
1	920	920	151.00	151.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	330	330	230.00	230.00
1	385	385	265.00	265.00
3	415-445	425	260.00	260.00
1	480	480	265.00	265.00
2	545	545	227.50	227.50
2	550-570	560	227.50-230.00	228.73
3	750-792	778	171.00-183.00	179.14

Slaughter Cows:

Breaker	%Lean	Weight	Avg-Dress
75-80	1300-1775	95.00-106.00	
Boner	80-85	1160-1635	95.00-105.00
Lean	85-90	1010-1400	90.00-100.00

Slaughter Bulls:

YG:	Weight	Avg-Dress	Lo-Dress
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CCES contributes to Community Christmas

Crittenden County Elementary School students got the opportunity to play Santa Claus last month. The school raised more than \$4,000 and donated new toys toward Community Christmas, which exceeded its goal of \$12,000 by almost \$6,000. Members of the CCES student council recently presented the check to Community Christmas committee members Nancy Hunt and Cheryl Burks last month. Pictured are (back, from left) Burks, CCES Guidance Counselor Laura Poindexter and third-grade teacher Heather Bloodworth with students (from left) Aria Kirk, Kiley Croft, Lacey Lynn, Ethan Torres, Katie Perryman, Jeremiah Foster, Gabe Keller, Cutter Singleton, Karsyn Potter and Jaxon Hatfield presenting a check to Hunt.

Middle school adds new social studies instructor to start year

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Caldwell County native Jared Choate is the newest faculty member at Crittenden County Middle School. His first day in the classroom was Monday. Choate teaches eighth-grade social studies.

A 2014 Murray State University graduate, Choate majored in political science and minored in history, receiving his teaching certification for grades eight through 12. Last year, he received student teaching experience in the Trigg County school system.

An identical twin, his brother is a police officer for the City of Princeton.

"He could probably come in here and nobody could tell the difference," Choate said, admitting that like most identical twins, they tried switching identities as young boys.

However, living in a small town prevented them from being successful in their

ruse. Many of their teachers caught on easily since they either attended church with them or coached them in sports.

Choate knew he wanted to become an educator while in middle school, the same age as the students he teaches now.

"I've always liked history. I've always liked American history and politics. It's always been an interest of mine," he said. "This has always been a calling for me."

Choate got the opportunity to meet some of his students before Christmas break and offered his appreciation to CCMS Principal Teresa Marshall and Crittenden County Superintendent Vince Clark for helping ease the transition into the new position.

With the opportunity to make history come alive,

Choate's goal is to keep students both focused and interested so they can understand the content. He strongly believes in integrating technology into the classroom when applicable.



Choate

In addition to teaching about the past, he wants to encourage his students to invest in their own futures and realize their full potential.

"If they put their mind to something, if they work hard and focus, they will find something they are interested in and pursue it. And then, there's so much more out there for them to do," he said.

"If I can get one student to realize they can make something of themselves, when they think they can't, to me that's what teaching is all about. That's what being successful is."

Grace reflects on his years as history teacher in Crittenden school system

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

At the start of a new year, a new feature that spotlights Crittenden County's retired teachers will for its first installment focus on a former history teacher who has unique insight to and understanding of America's past.

Harold Grace has been retired from teaching for 16 years. Grace taught at Crittenden County schools during his entire career, which included teaching at both the middle and high schools, where he taught U.S. and world history.

Originally from Sharpe in Marshall County, Grace attended Murray State University and began teaching in Crittenden County in 1970. He retired in May 1998, but not before educating hundreds of members of the community, including former teacher Greg Hollamon, current teachers and coaches Denis and Shannon Hodge and even present and former members of the board of education such as Chris Cook and Barrett Belt.

Grace enjoys studying history and looking at the events that made societies what they are now. He underscored the significant accomplishments of past generations.

"We didn't invent the wheel. The wheel was invented a long time ago," he said. "We have only added to what has already gone before us."

An active member of the community, Grace served as president of Crittenden County Retired Teachers Association for 10 years. He served eight years as a trustee for Crittenden County Public Library. He's also been affiliated with the farm service board and Crittenden County Historical Society.

When asked about his favorite American historical fig-

ure, Grace mentioned Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee as someone he admired. He cited both the commander's dedication to his home state of Virginia and perseverance during the Civil War, when the general was outnumbered and had fewer supplies. Grace said Lee endured the trials of war and still displayed dignity even during his surrender.

Fondly recalling his teaching career, Grace enjoyed teaching Crittenden County's youth and pointed to a yearly trip to Hardin County, Tenn., and the site of the Battle of Shiloh as one of the highlights for his eighth-grade history students. Stu-

dents would depart for the field trip early in the morning and arrive at the location around mid-morning.

Shiloh, which means "Place of Peace" in Hebrew, was known as one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War, with more than 23,000 casualties, including that of Confederate Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, who was hit by a bullet and ultimately bled to death.

Grace said he still comes across former students who recall the field trip and tell him how they enjoyed their visit.

(Editor's note: The Crittenden Press will throughout the year bring you stories on many of Crittenden County's retired teachers.)



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Grant helps pay to clean up illegal dumps

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

A state agency says more than \$875,000 in grant funding has been awarded by the Kentucky Pride Fund to clean up 102 illegal dumps in 20 counties, including two in Crittenden County.

The Kentucky Pride Fund is a source of state funding for dump cleanup. State Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Len Peters says cleaning up dump sites is a big economic burden on local governments.

In fact, the two illegal dumps for which Crittenden County received reimbursement for cleaning up carried a price tag of \$1,556.

"As you can see, this is

quite a costly effort to maintain and, obviously, takes time and financial resources from other projects that could benefit instead of cleaning up someone's mess just because they choose to break the law and dump illegally as opposed to utilizing the convenience center, free dump days and the tire amnesty programs," said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

The two dumps were located off Brown Mines Road and Crayne Cemetery Road, with 13.33 tons and 6.67 tons of material removed from the respective sites. Newcom said backhoes and dump trucks, along with manpower, were

used to clean up the dumps.

As part of the total \$876,730 in grant funding, counties must agree to provide a 25 percent match on illegal open dumps costing less than \$50,000 to clean up. Through the state fund, Crittenden County was reimbursed for all but \$311 for cleaning up the two dump sites, according to Newcom.

Remediation of the two dumps far from completes the county's task of removing illegal trash sites. In fact, the county has since cleaned up two additional dumps and is in the process of addressing another. Newcom said the county will be applying for further reimbursement for

their cleanup.

On Lloyd Road, the county has already removed 2.92 tons of material at a cost of \$221, while on Paddy's Bluff Road, 3.75 tons of junk was removed in addition to 150 tires. The total cost of cleanup, excluding the tires, was \$501. The tires were disposed of through the state recycling program.

Another location awaiting attention is on Axel Creek Road.

"The one on Axel Creek Road is actually in the creek, which is currently full of water and extremely deep, so we are going to have to wait for drier weather to attempt cleaning this one up," Newcom said.

INFLUENZA

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York.

The report is for the week of Christmas, and it shows the flu season following a similar track as the last two years, when flu activity peaked no later than mid-January.

Perhaps that will happen this winter, too, the CDC's Dr. Michael Jhung said.

Experts are worried because the nasty bug that's making most people sick isn't included in this year's vaccine. Among infectious diseases, flu is considered one of the nation's leading causes of death, killing roughly 24,000 a year, on average.

As of press time Tuesday, 21 children across the nation had succumbed to the virus this flu season.

"It's safe to say we have a flu epidemic every year," Jhung said Monday.

Epidemics occur when a virus spreads quickly and affects many people at the same time. According to one CDC definition, flu is epidemic when a certain percentage of deaths in a given week are due to flu and pneumonia. By that measure, flu epidemics occurred in nine of the last dozen winters, including this one.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

MPD access changes

Visitors to Marion Police Department will find some changes. The city hall headquarters of the police department is housed behind a locked door for security reasons. Anyone visiting the police station and needing to speak to an officer should enter the lobby and pick up the phone handset. The phone automatically connects to the 911 dispatching center. A dispatcher will be able to assist visitors in making connections with law enforcement officers. The dispatching center has moved from the station and is now next door in what was formerly The Peoples Bank drive-through. Pictured above is Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal and City Administrator Mark Bryant demonstrating the procedure.



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Crittenden County

County schools celebrated many special occasions

School days were always an important time in the lives of children, their parents and families, whether it was the daily attendance of school or the activities that were held at the school building. From the archives of The Crittenden Press come fond memories of school days and activities gone by. It's pleasant to remember these days of a simpler time and a slower pace of life.

May 23, 1947 Grand Ole Opry at Frances School

Appearing in person at Frances High School gym are WSM-AM Grand Ole Opry entertainers, including Grandpa Jones and his children; Lonzo and Oscar; Lillie Belle, pretty singer of songs; Ramona Champion, old-time girl fiddler; Clyde and Marie Dilleha; the Tennessee Sweethearts; Lloyd George and Rollin Sullivan.

June 6, 1947 Spring Rally Day winners

The four high scoring 4-H winners of Spring Rally Day Contests will accompany County Agent O.M. Shelby and Miss Roberta Croft, leader of the Tolu 4-H Club, to Lexington on June 9 to enter various farm and home contests and to enjoy the fine programs scheduled for work, fun and fellowship for all Kentucky 4-H members attending.

Miss Jackie Lee Miles of the Tolu club will represent Crittenden County in the Kentucky Style Revue Contest. Miss Mildred Underdown of the Hebron Club will be the canning judge contestant and Virgil Cook Jr. of Hebron and Jimmie Brown of Shady Grove will represent the county in the water management contest. Crittenden County Farm Bureau sponsored the trip for the 4-H contestants and leader.

Aug. 8, 1947

Mrs. Edna Hodge, instructor at Owen, gave her pupils, patrons and friends an ice cream supper on Saturday night. A large crowd attended. Miss Jean Tabor was awarded the cake for the prettiest girl. Seventeen dollars was raised and will be used for the benefit of the district and library books for the school. A prize of a watermelon was given to the man having the dirtiest feet. A man from Marion was awarded the watermelon.

Aug. 8, 1947

The ice cream supper at the Crayne School last Friday night was well attended, according to Hayden Harpending. The event was sponsored by the school and the sum of \$82.35 was raised. A beau-



tiful basket of mixed flowers was donated by Mrs. W.R. Cruce, which was sold for the best looking girl and was won by Miss Juanita Chandler. Mrs. Houston Bigham won the cake donated by Mrs. Clay Norman for being the prettiest married lady. The watermelon given to the ugliest man was awarded to Wendy Wright. Instructors at the Crayne School are Mr. Harpending and Mrs. Nannie Mae Lear.

Nov. 7, 1947 Dycusburg School

The box supper held at the school building Friday night, Oct. 24, was quite a success. The fish pond was a novelty for the little folks. A pair of socks was given to Milley Peek for being the "worst hen-pecked man" present. James Polk was the winner of the cake raffle, and a cake was given for the most beautiful girl.

The proceeds were \$87.91, which will be used for some very much needed improvements for the school.

Feb 11, 1949 Copperas Springs School winner in improvement move

The Copperas Springs School won first place and a prize of \$30 for making the most improvements on buildings and school grounds for the present school year. A total of \$52.27 per pupil enrolled was used for making the improvements. Mrs. Arrie Joyce is the teacher.

Lily Dale School, with Mrs. Nellie Stallions as teacher, won second place and a prize of \$25. This school expended \$27.15 per pupil for school improvement.

Tolu won third place and a \$20 prize. Tolu contributed a total of \$17.48 per pupil for improvements. Mrs. Cleo Croft is principal. Fourth place and a prize of \$10 went to Forest Grove School. Mr. George Wofford is the teacher. Improvements were \$10.68 per pupil.

Among other schools reporting, the ratings were as follows: Frances with sixth place; White Hall with seventh place; Piney Fork, eighth place; Glendale, ninth place; and Boaz, 10th place.

Feb. 25, 1949 Crayne School holds closing exercises Commencement exer-

cises for the eighth grade were held at Crayne school Friday morning, Feb. 18, at 10 o'clock.

The invocation was conducted by Rev. Felix Sanders, pastor of Marion Methodist Church. His message on "Things necessary to obtain happiness," was inspirational to all present.

Principal speaker of the hour was County Attorney D.H. Postlethweighte. The subject of his address was "Value of Effort."

Diplomas were presented by the teacher, Hayden Harpending, to the following students: Carol Ruth Perryman, valedictorian; Clarence Norman Winters, salutatorian; Clement Mae Butler, James Lee Norman and Mildred Vanhooser.

In the primary and upper grades, there were 10 pupils who received honor certificates for perfect attendance. The teachers, Mr. Harpending and Miss Gladys Graves, report a successful school term. Many improvements were added to both school building and the grounds.

March 4, 1949 Lilly Dale

Our school closed last Friday with a small program. Those present besides the parents were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Loyd. The children receiving diplomas from the eighth grade were Marvin Ordway, Reuben Parmley and Jimmy Stallions.

Those receiving certificates and awards for perfect attendance were Eugene Sutton, Leon Sutton, Donna Fay Rushing and Donald Ray Rushing.

Those receiving prizes for the most head marks for the entire years were as follows: Grade II, Katherine Parmley; Grade III, Donna Fay Rushing; Grade IV, Gladys Parmley; Grade VI, Jackie Stallions; Grade VII, Eugene Sutton, and Grade VIII, Marvin Ordway.

March 11, 1949 Forest Grove

It was commencement night at Forest Grove School Friday night, Feb. 18. The teachers of Forest Grove, Colon, Oak Hall, Dam 50 and Hebron arranged to have a program together at Forest Grove School with music by local boys and girls with entertainment from the various schools. There was singing, recitations, dialogs and other entertainment.

The following pupils having successfully passed the eighth grade examination:

- From Colon: Robert D. Moore and Gerald Merle Belt.
- From Oak Hall: Owen



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
The photo above depicts a group of young Hebron School students and their teacher on their way to school on a chilly winter day in 1947. The group includes Mrs. Ebbie Bracey, teacher; Clifton Darnell; Todie Scott; George Scott; John Scott; and Sherry Bracey (front left). The photo was shared by Sherry Bracey Bauersachs. Shown at left, Tolu High School's basketball team in 1949 included (from left) Hanford Belt, Sammy Winders, Bill Underdown, Ebb Bettis Jr., Harold Nation, Jackie Croft and Coach Brown. The photo was made in the Tolu gym.

Claghorn.

- From Dam 50: Dennis Glenn Belt and Frankie Truitt.

- From Hebron: Margaret Shaffer, Tommy Carter, Janet Ann Cook, Jean Fox and Robert Neal Sliger.

- From Forest Grove: Shirley Ann Gill, Ruth Bond, Donald Hodge, Paul Butler, Elizabeth Stewart and David Flanary.

Mr. Hollis Franklin spoke to the graduates and those attending the ceremony, which was very much enjoyed. Superintendent Braxton McDonald presented the diplomas.

It was a bright-eyed

bunch of youngsters who gathered there to be honored for work well done. They deserve to have some appreciation shown them. The crowd spoke its thanks to the teachers for giving the graduates their chance and their special day.

March 1949 Piney Fork

School closed at Piney Fork on Feb. 25, with Mrs. Dorothy Booker, teacher. Parents and friends took a basket dinner and games were played in the morning and lunch was served at noon. It was voted unanimously for Mrs. Booker to return another year as

teacher.

Eighth-grades students that passed their exams were: Martha Jean Alexander, Beauton Corley, Wendell Ordway and Carlos Bond.

I often reminisce about the "good old days," and one of my favorite topics is my school days at Crayne School.

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

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY

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 2015. 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.

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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.**

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State Law requires that every property be physically examined every four years. This year we will be reviewing the city of Marion.

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It’s time for America to turn back to God

Live-ins who say they are Christian are poor deceived people who are paving their path to Hell. They will also be accompanied by those who condone it, those who refuse to tell them it is sin and especially ministers who let them believe they are Christian.

The suffering cry from the suffering Savior rings through 2,000 years, “Tell them for me. Repent or perish.”

Repent is to turn around and go the other way.

America has lost her soul. Now, the second generation is just shacking up and bringing children into the world who will do the same, damning their souls, too.

What kind of a mother watches her children just move in and out with whomever and not be broken-hearted? What kind of mother loves her children enough to tell them how sinful and harmful this is and warn them of the suffering it will bring them and all who watch their lives, especially the innocent real victims, the children?

Where are our morals? How did we get so wicked so fast? Will America ever



be sane again?

How my heart agonizes as I daily see the stench of low or no morals, no shame and elicit sex flaunted in our faces everywhere you turn.

Don't people know that low and no morals breed murderers, rapists, sadists, traitors, serial killers and killers of innocent people of all ages?

The youth today are led to the devil's slaughter houses by the majority of professors in our colleges and universities. They are also led there by many in our public schools and the deviate, deceiving, lying, immoral lives of too many of our politicians.

The young come along wanting to be accepted. What they see all around them, and in too many lives they watch, especially in the entertainment world and sports, makes them

think they have to be whores, bisexuals, sexual perverts, liars and thieves to get ahead.

The American media will pay the price of pushing immorality in stories, shows, pictures, magazines, and in many cases, their own lifestyles. Hollywood and television stars will lead the pack into the dark and eternal regions of suffering the pains of fire forever. They will deserve it according to God, or He would not have fixed Gahanna – the lake of fire – in the first place.

The most painful thing is when those who live like this think they are Christian.

So many times when you try to talk with these people, the first thing many of them say is, “Oh, I go to church all the time.”

If going to church alone were all it took, Jesus died in vain. He died for us to be born again, changed inside and out.

When a baby is born, it instantly is different than it was before it emerged out of the womb. In there it could not breathe or see.

When in sin, we, too, are blind. Satan has robbed us of living in the light, and Jesus told the unsaved

Jews their father was the Devil and the lusts of their father they will do.

Think of that! When in sin, how many would get very hostile if they were told their father was the Devil, yet Jesus said he is?

So when we are born again, we begin to really live and really see. We are as changed at the spiritual birth as at the physical birth, then God is our Father.

Until that happens, we are not born again. We can do certain things, stop doing certain things, say we believe Jesus is the Son of God, go to an altar and join a church, but until we confess our sins to God, give Him our life as we give Him our sins and begin to turn from our sins and follow Jesus, we are not born again.

Then, in order to have the power to hate sin so much, we are turned against it and have the power to witness for Jesus. We are to ask God to fill us with His Holy Spirit, which is another emotional and spiritual earth-shaking experience. We, and all who know us, will see and know something real and powerful has taken place in our lives.

The Holy Spirit will be your comforter in time of need. He will teach you God's Word. He will give you Holy boldness to speak for Him, will glorify Jesus in your life and will show you things to come. Read John chapters 14 through 16, and you will see all the wonderful difference the Holy Spirit makes in your life.

Paul said, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

So not only are we to be forgiven, but we must be sanctified and filled with Him for the Master's use.

If only all who claim to be Christian in America really were, we would have more church pews filled and less sports bleachers. We would have fewer crimes and penal institutions, fewer ISIS and Ebola threats on our lives and fewer ungodly politicians trying to destroy the nation our young and best have shed their blood for.

Oh, how we need a great spiritual awakening as men and women – the old and the young – turn from sin and to Jesus in a real life changing experience.

God has blessed this nation over and above all other nations ever on

Earth. If she does not hurry and turn to God in true confession and repentance, Satan and his minions will win this war and America will be a nation without the favor and protection of God. Then, more Americans will begin to believe there really is a real hell, because America will become hell on Earth.

As the late Sen. Robert Byrd said, “To remove God from this country will destroy it.”

The removal and destruction both are in full swing.

We're being destroyed because enough good people will not stand up and cry out and refuse to capitulate and obey the filth peddlers that demand we not discriminate in preaching the Bible, which has and always will discriminate against sin. Sinners bring discrimination upon themselves.

America, we will repent, or we will perish.

Oh, God! You've given us a new year, please give us a new heart.

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

Manners essential in customer service

By **REBECCA ZAHRT**
GUEST COLUMNIST

What in the world is going on these days – no manners, no compassion, no respect for ourselves or anyone else around us?

Well, I tell you, I have absolutely had it! So I decided I am going to do something about. I am going to stop grumbling, complaining and whining, and I am going to start speaking.

So here it goes...

Let's start with some customer service, shall we?

I personally believe we have sacrificed customer service for the almighty bottom line. The Good Book clearly states that the root of all evil is, yep, you guessed it, the love of money.

Oh! Did you forget that it is not money itself, but the love of it. Corporate America has put its pocket-lining ahead of customer service, satisfaction and loyalty.

What have we as small

town Americans done, but follow suite? We have lined up right behind the greedy Wall Street mongers and toed the line so that we, too, can line our pockets rather than care about our neighbors.

Enough is enough!

I long for the days of customer appreciation. Companies that have educated their employees on the basics of customer service are apparent in today's age. I can immediately tell you when I walk in a door whether or not they have been trained.

Good customer service begins with a smile and a friendly greeting: "Good morning/afternoon. How are you this fine day? My name is (fill in the blank). How can I be of assistance?"

If you are busy with a customer already please ac-

knowledge my existence. All I need is some eye contact, and a friendly face that says we will be right with you.

When answering a phone, one should first identify the company that the person just called and then identify themselves:

"Good morning, this is (fill in the blank). My name is (fill in the blank). How can I help you?"

All too often, I walk into a business to be greeted by sour faces and attitudes to match. I never know who is waiting on me personally, nor do I know whom I am speaking with when I call.

A smile either in person or on the other end of the phone line means a world of difference. If I am having a bad day, the cheer I see or hear can brighten me up.

Customer service is the

front line of any business. It doesn't matter if you are selling bicycle pumps or walking dogs, smile!

Let's start today by making a difference in someone's life. If you work in customer service, smile, identify yourself and be excited to be where you are. Be excited that people are using your business, which keeps your paycheck coming. Be excited to be alive today.

If you are a customer, when you see your customer representative smile and greet you, tell them how much you appreciate them taking the time to make your day a little brighter. Revolution starts one person at a time. Let's start our own revolution right here in our hometown. Let's make a difference and see how we can change the world.

(Editor's note: Rebecca Zahrt is a resident of Marion.)

Community church notes

■ Edward and Deanna Nicholas will minister at Miracle Word Church in Salem at 7 p.m., Saturday and 11:15 a.m., Sunday. The public is invited to attend.

■ Crooked Creek Baptist Church will welcome Jonas Yoder at 6 p.m., Sunday. Yoder, who is associated with a prison ministry in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, is also affiliated with Mission to Amish People, or MAP. An evangelical Christian, Yoder will give a presentation on the history, culture and beliefs of the Amish people.

■ Mexico Baptist Church's clothes closet is open 9-11:30 a.m., each Monday.

(Editor's note: Keep the community aware of your church's activities and celebrations. Email your church notes to The Crittenden Press at pressnews@the-press.com. Type Church Notes in the subject line. Items need to be received by 5 p.m., on Monday for the current week's publication each Thursday.)

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• 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 Cruise: 5:45 p.m.
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Barry Hix, pastor • 365-5836 or 625-1248
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.



Frances Presbyterian Church

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Wednesday night prayer meeting and youth service: 7 pm
Sunday school: 10 am • Worship service: 11 am
Every fourth Sunday evening service: 5:30 pm



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Sunday Night Bible Study 6 p.m.
Pastor Daniel Hopkins
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Sunday worship: Morning, 11 am | Evening, 6 pm
Bro. Mark Gerten, pastor
Wednesday Bible study, 6 pm
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585 Sugar Grove Church Road • Marion, Ky. • 965-4435
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Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.



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Sunday services 9 a.m. and 10:45a.m. | Wednesday services 7p.m.
➤ Chris and Sue McDonald, pastors



Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road
Marion, Kentucky
Pastor Bro. Tommy Hodge
Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.
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OBITUARIES

Nelson

Michael Barry "Mickey" Nelson, 75, of Marion died Jan. 2, 2014, at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was a member of Marion Christian Church, the NRA and National Watch and Clock Collectors Association.

Nelson is survived by his wife, Jo Nelson of Marion; a daughter, Michelle Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three sons, Russell Nelson of Marion, Michael Scott Nelson of Nashville, Tenn., and Barry Todd of Nashville; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Hugh and Louise Nelson; and a brother.

Funeral services were Monday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Crayne Cemetery.

Donations may be made to: Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter, 24 Just A Mere Road, Marion, KY 42064.



Nelson

— PAID OBITUARY —

Lynch

Jackie Brent Lynch, 35, died Dec. 29, 2014, in Albany, Ky., due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He is survived by his father, Jackie and wife Sharon Lynch of Marion; three children, Mikayla Bush of Baton Rouge, La., Chance Lynch of Marion and Chaney Lynch of Marion; a sister, Amber Baker of Dawson Springs; a grandmother, Irene Lynch of Marion; and two nieces, Sarah Baker of Dawson Springs and Savannah Baker of Dawson Springs.

Lynch was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Tommy and Penny Humphrey Schockley; a grandfather, Rance Lynch; grandparents Richard and Kathleen Humphrey; and step-grandparents, Leon and Jean Dalton Tabor.

No services were planned at press time. Burial will take place later as a private family service.

Lindsey Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at LindseyFuneral.com.

Coleman

Robert Howard Coleman, 88, of Marion died Jan. 5, 2015, at Crittenden Health Systems.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee Coleman of Marion; a daughter, Kathy Fugate of Mortons Gap; two sons, Wayne Coleman of Marion and Andy Lowe of Flat Rock, Ky.; a sister, Ruby Coleman; a brother, John Coleman; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Coleman was preceded in death by his parents, John and Florence Coleman; two brothers; and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Frances Presbyterian Church in Frances. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Thursday) at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be in Frances Cemetery.

Driskill

Willia Dean Driskill, 81, of Fredonia died Dec. 31, 2014, at Crittenden Health Systems following a long illness.

She was a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church, a homemaker and a tax preparer for more than 20 years with H&R Block.

Driskill is survived by her husband of 63 years, Preston L. Driskill of Fredonia; a son, Robert Allen and wife Becky Driskill of Fredonia; two daughters, Charlotte Driskill of Fredonia and Sandra and husband Danny Newcom of Marion; three grandchildren, Robert Lynn and wife Julie Driskill, Cassie Driskill and Kyle Newcom; two great-grandchildren, Gracie Driskill and Abby Kirk; a brother, Danny Ringstaff of Mayfield; two sisters, Joan Rogers of Grand Rivers and Arlene Walker of Grand Rivers; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin Clyde Ringstaff and Betty Josephine Campbell Ringstaff; and a brother, Kenneth Ringstaff.

Funeral services were Sunday at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Revs. Dean Ray and Rich Gardner officiating. Burial was in Paradise Cemetery in Livingston County.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Gideon's International, c/o David E. Mitchell, 9275 Cadiz Road, Princeton, KY 42445

Online condolences may be sent from Lakeland Chapel.com.

— PAID OBITUARY —

Buckalew

Jean Sanford Buckalew, 76, of Orlando, Fla., died Dec. 30, 2014, at Florida Hospital Orlando of complications following lung surgery.

She was born Dec. 13, 1938, in Obion, Tenn., and lived most of her childhood in Hickman, Ky. She was a graduate of Murray State University and taught elementary school in Kentucky, Germany and West Virginia.

In 1960, she married Edward Buckalew, a native of Marion, and they lived in Kentucky, Germany, West Virginia, Texas and Louisiana before locating to the Orlando area in 1989.

Buckalew is survived by her husband; a son, John and wife Cate Buckalew of Folsom, Calif.; a daughter, Anne and husband David Bradford of Charlotte, N.C.; and five grandchildren, Grayson Buckalew of Folsom and David Bradford, Sarah Bradford, Emma Bradford and Will Bradford, all of Charlotte.

Funeral services were Friday at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Longwood, Fla. DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory – Maitland Chapel in Maitland, Fla., was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made in Buckalew's name to: Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 251 E. Lake Brantley Drive, Longwood, FL 32779.



Buckalew

Hall

James R. "Bob" Hall, 90, of Marion died Jan. 5, 2015, at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

He is survived by three brothers, John Hall of Louisville, Carroll Hall of Lebanon Junction, Ky., and Tony Miller of Atlanta.

Hall was preceded in death by his parents, James and Helen Hall; two sisters, Margaret Mudd and Nancy Perkins; and a brother, Charles Hall.

Funeral services will be at noon today (Thursday) at St. William Catholic Church in Marion. Visitation was from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be in St. William Cemetery.

Brantley

Kathryn Louise Brantley, 84, of Marion died Dec. 30, 2014, at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

She was of the Pentecostal faith.

Brantley is survived by two daughters, Glenda Blake of Marion and Loretta Herron of Marion; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Brantley; a daughter, Mary Ann Brantley; a son, Glenn Junior Brantley; her parents, George Wesley and Ada Barnes; two brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services were Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Rosebud Cemetery.

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for the North.

One of the troubling details about Crittenden's legal profession – at least to this newspaper steward – was that one of his clients, Robert C. Wickliffe, was charged with murdering the editor of the Kentucky Gazette. Thanks to Crittenden's skills as a jurist, and a passionate closing argument by Henry Clay, Wickliffe was acquitted by a Kentucky jury. This despite obvious facts indicating that Wickliffe had done the deed because the editor, Thomas R. Benning, wouldn't reveal the name of the person who had written a critical letter published in the newspaper.

Ironically, Wickliffe was killed in a duel a few weeks later by Benning's replacement as editor of the Lexington newspaper, James Trotter.

Consequently, Trotter had a long history as a qualified duelsman. Not sure whether he could write, but at eight paces, he was a cool customer.

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— PAID OBITUARY —

Butler

Milton Y. Butler Sr., 94, of Marshall, Mich., died Dec. 31, 2014, at his home.

He is survived by a daughter, Jeanette Butler of Brownstown, Mich.; and a grandson, Klodian Butler of Brownstown.

Butler was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ida Butler; his wife, Bertha Butler; a son, Milton Y. Butler Jr.; and two sisters.

Graveside services were Saturday at Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was charge of local arrangements.

— PAID OBITUARY —

Shaffer

Connie Shaffer, 81, of Marion died Jan. 2, 2015, at Methodist Hospital Union County in Morganfield.

She was a member of the Church of God and was retired from First Kentucky Bank in Sturgis.

Shaffer is survived by her husband of 64 years, Hershaf Shaffer; a daughter, Judi and husband Luther Kanipe of Sturgis; a grandson, Jeremy and wife Melissa Gatten of Marion; a granddaughter, Janna Gatten of Henderson; a brother, Arnold and wife Laverne Neible of Wadesville, Ind.; a great-granddaughter, Jessica and husband Evan Head of Marion; a great-great-granddaughter, Emma Jane Head; a nephew, Steve Neible; and a niece, Kathy Butler.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Delbert and Rose Earl Neible.

Funeral services were Sunday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Rev. Mike Demoss officiating. Burial was in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.



Shaffer

Obituary policy
Most obituaries in the newspaper are published at no charge, but extended obits are available for a small fee.

The public is invited to stop by and welcome the new
Crittenden County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development
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Thank You
Our family wishes to convey our sincerest thanks and appreciation for each and every act of kindness shown during Rich Rozwalka's illness and death. Thank you for the words of comfort, prayers, flowers, food, cards and gifts.
Thank you to Dr. Yazigi, Livingston Hospital staff, Fresenius Dialysis Center staff and Lourdes Hospice for the excellent and professional care you provided with dignity and respect.
Thank you to Fr. Greg Trawick, Fr. Ryan Harpole and Sr. Alicia Coomes for the comforting words during his illness and at his service. Thank you to the ladies of St. William Catholic Church for the wonderful meal you provided.
Thank you to the staff of Myers Funeral Home for the support and kindness shown in many ways.
We are truly blessed to have received the kindness and support during this difficult time. May God bless each of you.
*Peggy Rozwalka
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Dispel feelings of cabin fever by staying active

Are you longing for summertime again? As the weather turns colder you may be wondering how to fight the feeling of cabin fever. Here are a few ways you and your family can stay active and away from the TV screen, even if you need to be indoors.

-Bring some of the outdoors in. There are items that you usually use outdoors that also work great for indoor activities. Hula hoops, small ride on toys and smaller plastic slides



can be a great way to keep your child entertained when he or she is stuck indoors. A basement or larger family room is a great place to put the toys

for free play-time.

-Tape can be a great tool. If you do not want to bring in some outdoor tools, using tape such as masking or painters tape can be a great way to encourage activity. You could use the tape to create a hop-scotch court or a large tic-tac-toe board. Also use the tape to create a "balance beam" or a free throw line for a tossing game.

-Create an obstacle course. There are many ways to create an obstacle

course. Some ideas you may want to incorporate into your course include, crawling under tables, walking backwards, hopping down a hall, circling furniture and even jumping jacks. Let each member of the family create a course and then the others have to complete it. You may even want to see who can do it the fastest.

-Cook together. Cooking a meal doesn't have to be done singularly. Why not bring everyone in to help?

Kids are very good at stirring and mixing. You can also reinforce math lessons utilizing fractions often seen in recipes. Kids can also help you clean up. Ask them to wash the pots and pans for you. They may think it is water play, but it can be a big help if you have several items to wash.

-Work on a home improvement project together. Do you have projects you have put off because you are dreading them? A closet to clean out or a bedroom

to paint? If you have older children or teens this may be a great time to get them to help you start on your home improvement list. Naturally, they will want to help more if it is their own room.

(Nancy Hunt is the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent at the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service for Crittenden County. For more information on programming, contact the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.)



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Tinsley honored

Misty Tinsley is the winner of the The Peoples Bank 2014 Employee Spirit Award. The award is given to the employee who has shown a superior work ethic for the year, along with a positive attitude, outstanding customer service and willingness to help the bank staff. Tinsley is an Assistant Loan Operations Manager & Information Security Officer in the bank's Marion Main Sales Center. Shown presenting Tinsely the award is Terry L. Bunnell, chairman, president and CEO of Peoples Bank.



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

CCHS faculty show their collegiate pride

In an effort to promote a college and career readiness culture, Crittenden County High School administrators and faculty dressed in the colors of their respective alma maters last Friday. The purpose was to demonstrate the importance of college for students as well as the many choices of universities available for students to attend. Shown are (front row, from left) Jennifer Potter, Dusty Viniard, Jody Porter, Kim Vince, Amy Hardin, Deonna McCord; (second row) CCHS guidance counselor Stefanie Shoulders, Melissa Quertermous, Tess Brown, Millie Hughes, Kati Johnson, Amy Adams, Jeanna Keith and Emily Bebout; (third row) Instructional Coach Tiffany Blazina, Carol West, Steven Baker, Leah Waters, Michelle Orr, Cheyanne Warriner, Glenna Rich, Jessica Cummins and Shannon Hodge; (back row) Sean Thompson, Denis Hodge, CCHS Principal Curtis Brown, Jacob Carroll, Howard Suggs, Larry Duvall and CCHS Assistant Principal Tammy Duvall.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, Jan. 10
■ The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library. There will be a group sharing on how to preserve family heirlooms to display in the home.

Monday, Jan. 12
■ Livingston County Middle School Efficiency Committee meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., in the Cardinal Room.

■ Crittenden County Elementary School SBDM Council will meet at 4 p.m.

■ A welcome reception will be held for new Crittenden County Extension Service 4-H Agent Leslea Barnes beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15
■ The Crittenden County Mid-

dle School January SBDM meeting has been rescheduled for 3:45 p.m.

■ The next beekeeping class will be held at 7 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center.

Friday, Jan. 16
■ Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m., at the Extension Service.

Monday, Jan. 19
■ In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, classes will not be in session in Crittenden County.

Tuesday, Jan. 20
■ A Psoriasis and Fibromyalgia support group meeting will be held at 10 a.m., at the Extension Service.

Thursday, Jan. 22
■ Crittenden County Elementary School will host Family Fitness Night from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



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Livingston County Schools recognized

Smithland Area Chamber of Commerce recently recognized Livingston County Schools for its designation as a Proficient school district by the Kentucky Department of Education. Shown above, Chamber Vice President Crissy Carter presents a certificate of recognition to Livingston County Board of Education member Tony Lasher. Also pictured are (from left) Jennifer Cosby, Denton Wood, Carter, Paula Belt, board of education member Mike Joiner, Dianne O'Brien, Lasher, board of education member Ronica Woodward, Pat Thomann and Superintendent of Schools Daryl Chittenden.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. 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.

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Menu is hamburger on wheat bun, baked potato, baked pork and beans and an oatmeal cookie.

- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. A Mary Kay consultant will be on site. Menu is

oven-fried chicken, baked sweet potato, black-eyed peas, fruit cobbler and wheat bread slice.

- Monday: Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is chuckwagon on wheat bun, vegetable soup and baked apples.

- Tuesday: Nutrition Listen with Sue Parrent begins at 10 a.m. Menu is chicken pot pie, twice-baked potato, green beans, Mandarin oranges and wheat bread slice.

- Wednesday: Game Day with Barb begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is franks and kraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread and fruit cobbler.

- Next Thursday: Menu is meatloaf, stewed potatoes, seasoned cabbage, cornbread and peach crisp.



Press visits Antarctica

Peter and Jeanne Bowen traveled on The Silver Explorer to Antarctica. The couple are shown on Cuverville Island with the Gentoo penguins on the Antarctica Peninsula with a copy of The Crittenden Press. Jeanne is the daughter of Doris Beard of Marion.



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PREP CALENDAR

Upcoming Games
Crittenden County Basketball

Friday
Varsity doubleheader at Lyon County
"Boys play the first game at 6 p.m."

Saturday
Lady Rockets at Webster County

Monday
Lady Rockets at Hopkins Central

Tuesday
Lady Rockets host Dawson Springs
Rockets at Webster County

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Deer Archery	Sept. 6 - Jan. 19
Turkey Archery	Sept. 6 - Jan. 19
Raccoon, Opossum	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 10 - Feb. 28
Rabbit	Nov. 10 - Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 10 - Feb. 10
Bobcat	Nov. 22 - Feb. 28
Duck	Nov. 27 - Jan. 25
West Goose Zone	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Pennyrile Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
White-Front Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Snow Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Dove	Dec. 20 - Jan. 11

Area meeting on fish
The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will conduct a public meeting Thursday, Jan. 15 to discuss fisheries issues affecting western Kentucky. While the primary focus will be on crappie and bass fishing in Barkley and Kentucky lakes, officials will also provide updates on Asian carp, habitat projects, catfish and paddlefish. The meeting is at 7 p.m., at the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park Convention Center in Gilbertsville.

Archery starts in Salem
Dan and Cindy Davies of Tolu have started a 300 Indoor Archery League at the Salem Baptist Church Christian Life Center (old Salem school). Participants may register from 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Practice sessions will be held at those same times through January. The first competitive shoots begin in February. There will be five spots at 20-yard targets. A person shoots five arrows for each of 12 rounds. This is a free activity aimed at encouraging people to get back into church and for families to shoot together. This is a league shoot, not instruction. Archers will need to bring their own equipment. Plans are for a hunter's league next summer so archers can prepare for bow season.

Want to learn to fish?
Learning to fish can be an intimidating and frustrating experience when you have little or no experience, and no one to coach you along. A new mentoring program developed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will strive to help accelerate the learning curve. The Angler's Legacy program is slated to launch this spring and will be geared toward people ages 16 and older with limited or no previous fishing experience. Skill-building courses will range from basic to complex. Information about the program will be available online at fw.ky.gov. "Our hope is that those who participate will gain the technical skills and confidence to adopt a lifelong fishing tradition," said John Gutzeit, Aquatics Education Administrator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "In the long term, the goal of the program is to develop into a self-sustaining mentor program for new anglers."

BASEBALL

Indoor batting cage
An indoor baseball and softball batting and pitching facility is now open on East Carlisle Street in Marion inside the former Coach's Cleaners. Monthly or daily passes are available by calling (270) 704-0435 or (270) 704-0525.

BASKETBALL

Reddick earns MVP
Marion's Jack Reddick was named basketball tournament MVP while playing for the West Kentucky Wildcats in the Christmas Classic in Bowling Green Dec 28. The team played Bowling Green Hits twice and Clinton County. Reddick plays for both the third- and fourth-grade team and the fifth and sixth. Each team beat the Owensboro Heat in their respective championship games.The Wildcats beat their opponents by an average of 30 points per game.

Cool hands pay off in final seconds vs. Falcons



Landon Young struggled to get his usual 20-plus points, but his layup in the last seconds won the game. See more action photographs online at the Rocket Blog.

STAFF REPORT
Despite a poor offensive showing Tuesday and foul trouble for its top scorer, Crittenden County managed to fend off a better-than-advertised Fort Campbell team 38-36 at Rocket Arena.

The Falcons have won just once in nine games this season, but their 1-3-1 zone defense created problems for the Rockets on a cool shooting night. Crittenden made just 17 percent of its fielders in the second half, but it honestly didn't seem as though they'd shot that well.

"We're normally a good shooting team," Hodge said. "It's like I always say, 'You live by the jump shot, you die by the jump shot.'"

Senior Landon Young didn't get his normal 22 points. He was held to just nine and spent much of the fourth period on the bench because of foul trouble. But his steal at centercourt and layup with eight seconds left broke a last-minute tie and allowed Crittenden (9-1) to escape despite a less than desirable performance.

"It was ugly... as far as basketball goes," Hodge said. "We didn't play well offensively. We shot poorly and didn't finish around the rim and that makes it look ugly."

"The good thing is that we played good enough defense to keep the score where we had chance to win."

Region 2's Top Boys Teams
Webster County.....12-1
Henderson County.....12-2
Christian County.....11-2
Hopkinsville.....11-3
Crittenden County.....9-1

DISTRICT SHOWDOWN
Rockets at Lyon Friday, 6 p.m.

The teams were never separated by more than five points the entire way. Crittenden was ahead 20-15, but Fort Campbell trailed by just two at the half. The Rockets went stone cold in the third, but so did the Falcons. The period was scoreless until the final three minutes and Crittenden finished with just one field goal that quarter.

"I know their record isn't very good, but they are a very talented team," Hodge said. "(Senior Michael Tatum) is a fantastic ball player. He can shoot it and he can drive it. I don't know a team in the region that wouldn't like to have him."

Tatum had 11 points. For CCHS, Colby Watson led the way with 11 points and Dakota Watson had 10.

The game was tied three times in the fourth period and was still deadlocked with 34 seconds to go after Dakota Watson made the first foul shot on a bonus opportunity.

Crittenden had fouls to give so it turned up the pres-

sure against Fort Campbell's halfcourt offense in the last seconds. The pressure forced an ill-advised pass across the middle of the court and Young picked it off then went the rest of the way for an uncontested layup that gave CCHS the two-point win.

"This is the best team I have ever seen coming out of the huddle into a late-game situation and executing," Hodge said about his Rocket boys. "They aren't scared of those situations and they don't get nervous. I'm not saying we're going to win every one of them, but they just continue to play under those circumstances."

The boys play at Lyon County (6-7) Friday in the first game of a varsity doubleheader. The Lyons are just 1-3 in the district with two losses to Trigg and one to Crittenden.

Crittenden 38, Ft. Campbell 36
Fort Campbell 13 5 7 11
Crittenden County 11 9 5 13
FORT CAMPBELL – Carter 2, Moon 7, Murphey, Barry 14, Forbes, Kochpeth 11, Tatum 11, Gourdine 2, Jethroe. FG 13-49. 3-pointers 4-18 (Moon 2, Tatum 2). FT 6-13. Rebounds 49 (Barry 12). Fouls 17.
CRITTENDEN – Young 9, Hollis 1, Dickerson 6, D.Watson 10, Driver, Hadfield, Hicks 1, C.Watson 11. FG 11-53. 3-pointers 2-18 (Young, C.Watson). FT 14-21. Rebounds 38 (D.Watson 7, Dickerson 7). Fouls 14.

UHA wins battle of Region 2's Top 5s

STAFF REPORT
There have been times over the last two or three years when Lady Rocket Shannon Hodge may have accepted a 29-point loss. It may have been a bitter pill, but the long-time basketball coach knew deep down when her inexperienced, young team was outmanned.

She can't reconcile those sentiments any longer. In fact, the coach is a bit irritated that her girls didn't rise to the occasion Monday at University Heights Academy in Hopkinsville in a showdown between a couple of teams with the best records in the region.

There were no excuses, she said, for the Lady Rockets' 66-37 loss, other than fundamental mistakes.

Sure, it got a little physical and UHA's offensive quickness and in-your-face, on-your-hip defense was problematic, but Hodge isn't vanishing over this loss as if it were nothing. She knows that Crittenden County had a chance to earn an added measure of respect around the Second Region by proving itself on the defending regional finalist's floor. UHA has won two of the last three All A Classics and lost to Henderson in the KHSAA Second Region championship bout last year. The Lady Blazers are 12-3 with nearly the same cast as a season ago, minus a seven-foot center.

"It's a measuring stick for sure," Hodge said about Monday's game at UHA. "It was one of those games where you want to see your competitiveness and to see where you are. I thought there were times we looked like a team that's suppose to be atop the region and there were obviously times we did not."

Crittenden is now 8-3 and faces another upper echelon team Friday at Eddyville. The Lady Rockets beat

Region 2's Top Girls Teams
University Heights12-3
Henderson County10-1
Lyon County8-2
Crittenden County8-3
Madisonville.....8-3

DISTRICT SHOWDOWN
Lady Rockets at Lyon Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Lyon at Marion before Christmas. It's just one of the Lyon's two losses. Coincidentally, the Lady Lyons' only other loss was to UHA by 12. Perhaps that's another reason Hodge may have taken this loss a little harder than normal.

"We just made too many fundamental mistakes and it's going to take a great deal of mental and physical effort to correct them," the coach said.

The Lady Blazers took command of the game early while Crittenden started slowly on offense and UHA's quick hands and feet handled the rest on the defensive end. UHA seniors Le'Onzerrea Grubbs and Denayia Holmes scored 25 apiece as their Lady Blazers won going away. The Lady Rockets had trouble defending the two UHA stars, who constantly attacked the basket on offense, beating the Rocket girls with their dribble. Grubbs also did it outside, sinking three treys.

Crittenden fell behind by 22 in third quarter, but made a run to pull within a dozen before three straight turnovers allowed the Blazers to slip away again.

Hodge knows her team – which still relies heavily on a bunch of sophomores – has improved. But she hungers to see it really blossom. She had hoped the flowering would start at UHA.



Crittenden's Khyla Moss, Cassidy Moss and Mallory McDowell try to capture a loose ball as UHA's Le'Onzerrea Grubbs and Denayia Holmes also give chase. More photos can be found at Rocket Basketball Blog.

"We've earned the right to play in these types of games," Hodge said, pointing out that it was very physical and much of the contact was overlooked by the officials despite 35 fouls.

"It's going to be physical. The officials will let a lot of that stuff go because we've earned that respect. Otherwise, they'd be calling every little ticky tack thing they saw," explained the coach.

Lyon will be a major challenge Friday, but beating them again would almost certainly assure Crittenden the regular-season Fifth District championship. It will not

come easy.

"It's a huge game and they're going to be ready for us," Hodge said.

UHA 66, Crittenden 37
Crittenden County 7 13 10 7
University Heights 16 19 11 20
CRITTENDEN - McDowell 9, Oliver 11, C.Moss 12, K.Moss, Nesbitt 2, Lynch, Evans 6, Riley 2, Pierce, Davis, Champion, Collins, Beverly, Barnes. FG 14. 3-pointers 0. FT 9-14. Fouls 20. Fouled out: McDowell.
UHA – Holmes 25, Hebert 2, Leavell 5, Shouse 2, Hornbuckle 7, Grubbs 25, Bryant, Davis, Alm, McKenzie, Allen, Tilley 2, Humphries. FG 25. 3-pointers 3 (Grubbs). FT 15-26. Fouls 15.



Kentucky Heat, a local travel basketball team based in Marion, won the third-grade championship at a Glasgow tournament last weekend. Here are results and scoring:

Kentucky Heat 43, Metcalfe County 27 Rodgers 14; Champion 10; Hanor 10; Crick 8; Belt 1
Kentucky Heat 36, Metcalfe County 28 Champion 11; Rodgers 11; Hanor 10; Sharp 2; Crick 2
Kentucky Heat 40, Russell City Kings 16 Rodgers 10; Crick 11; Hanor 9; Champion 6; Belt 2
Championship Game Kentucky Heat 34, Metcalfe County 27 Rodgers 14; Hanor 6; Sharp 6; Crick 4; Champion 4



Junior Varsity Rocket Cagers

Crittenden County's junior varsity Rocket basketball team members are (front from left) Will Tolley, Ryan James, Kyle Castiller, Logan Belt, Bobby Stephens, (back) Tyson Steele, Jared Lundy, Dylan Hollis and Tyler Coleman.

Young nets 66 in 3 games to pace holiday action

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County closed out its holiday tournament action with a 16-point win over Carroll County (6-5) last Wednesday, Dec. 31 in the National Guard Holiday Classic at LaRue County.

Landon Young scored 23 points, including 11 in the fourth period as Crittenden won going away and captured third place in the eight-team tournament.

Young was named to the all-tournament team and won game MVP honors twice, including the final contest against Carroll County.

Crittenden's defense was especially strong in the second period as the Rockets allowed just one point and pulled ahead 22-15 after trailing most of the first period. The CCHS pressure

didn't let up in the second half either as the Rockets allowed just 17 points – only seven in the third quarter.

Crittenden won 2 of 3 games at the tournament, losing only to the host team.

Young scored 66 points the three games.

Crittenden 48, Carroll Co. 32
Carroll County 14 1 7 10
Crittenden County 11 11 9 19
CARROLL – Stewart, Cruz, McMahan, Hogan 7, Ellis, Wilhorte, Crank 12, Evans 5, Schirman 11. FG 8. 3-pointers 3. FT 7-15. Fouls 10.
CRITTENDEN – Young 23, Dickerson 2, Hicks 6, C.Watson 8, D.Watson 2, Driver 2, Hollis 5, Hadfield. FG 18. 3-pointers 4 (Young 2, Hicks 2). FT 5-7. Fouls 15.



Youth basketball is in full gear around Crittenden County and beyond. In Saturday morning recreational league action (above) are Jimmy Newland, Luke Crider and Caden Riley, and at right are Seth Guess, Trace Derrington (with ball) and Preston Morgeson. Several travel basketball squads are also in action. The fifth- and sixth-grade team has split doubleheaders at Marshall County the past two weeks and is undefeated in league play. Pictured at far right are Rockets Jasper Morrison and Braxton Winders fighting through a Marshall County screen.



Shooting more does will help Crittenden’s herd

BY ERIC HENDERSON
GUEST COMMENTARY

With the 2014-15 deer season winding down, curiosity pushed me to check the harvest results for the State of Kentucky. Living in Henderson County, tracking the statewide harvest figures is an annual ritual so I can brag to my co-workers, friends and hunting buddies as to how good the deer hunting is in my home county. Over the last 10 years, Crittenden County has not been lower than fourth in the state in total number of deer harvested and more often than not, was second only to Owen County. (Owen is always first).

The next question is, “Did you get a big buck?”

More often than not, the answer to that is a resounding no. For me, the reasons for that are pretty simple. Mainly, I don’t get the chance to hunt as much as it takes to track down that trophy and I’m just not that lucky. I do however, like to take my share of does since most in my family like to eat venison. My daughter likes her deer

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steak medium-rare. Most years I make resolutions to put out more food plots, feeders, stands, cameras and lastly, to spend more time in the woods the following season. All of this would be great and probably increase the chance of harvesting a record buck, but I don’t think these are guarantees. Why? Harvest results for the current season, as of Jan. 2, show something troubling. In Crittenden County, there have been more male deer harvested than females. Most hunting specialists and biologists say one of the main things to keep a healthy herd is to harvest females.

Most people would ask why that has anything to do with harvesting a “big” buck. The answer is more simple than you think. Across the country, most people agree the three things needed to grow large antlers are genetics, nutrition and age. We can’t do anything about genetics of a free-ranging deer

herd, but the other two are very much in our control.

Male deer grow antlers every year requiring large amounts of nutrients and energy. If there are a large number of deer in a given area, they will compete for food with each other and different animals. This competition for food, along with the lower number of farms that produce crops like corn and soybeans, means there are fewer resources for a larger population of deer than in other counties. When I come home through Henderson and Union counties, the difference in cropland is obvious. Food resources just aren’t there when you cross the Tradewater heading south.

Agricultural practices are something else we as hunters really can’t do anything about since the ground doesn’t support growing crops like the ground in Henderson and Union counties. I know this because dad wishes he had some of the dirt from my Henderson yard in his Crittenden garden.

The next factor in growing a tro-

phy buck is probably the only one those of us hunting in Crittenden County can control, age. Male deer need on average, five years to grow their best antlers. The best deer I have on the wall is right at 150 inches, and we guessed it at 2½ or 3½ years old. (You can send the bottom jaw of your buck to the state to find out how old it is.) In order to have record-book bucks roaming Crittenden County, we hunters have to let the smaller bucks walk and take the doe that steps out instead. Out of 1,595 male deer taken so far this season in Crittenden County, I’m pretty sure not many of them are record-book deer. Don’t get me wrong, I’m all for kids, new hunters and our wives/girlfriends shooting a buck their first time out. The happiness they experience will keep them coming back for years.

However, the duty of more experienced hunters is to the herd and the community. That means taking does instead of immature bucks. If the hunters of Crittenden County would take more does and leave

the small bucks for another year, eventually the herd would be healthier and the bucks would be bigger. Harvesting does would also thin the herd and lessen the chance of hitting a deer on the road, which in turn may lower the amount of insurance claims and damage to personal vehicles. Even non-hunters have something to gain from the harvesting of more does.

Some will say that this won’t change anything if we harvest the same overall number of deer, but harvesting more does will reduce the number of deer in the next generation. After several years of this practice, the herd should see noticeable differences such as more large, trophy-caliber bucks, a reduced population and a healthier herd. Not to mention, they may stay out of dad’s garden and he won’t have to get sweet corn from me!

Eric Henderson is a native of Crittenden County. He now resides in Henderson.

Crittenden High School Sportsman’s Club engaging for student outdoors lovers

BY KATIE DAVIES
PRESS STUDENT WRITER

Among Crittenden County High School’s extra-curricular clubs is one for boys and girls with a love for the outdoors.

The Sportsman’s Club meets monthly like most of the other groups approved by the school district.

Melissa Quertermous, an English teacher, is the high school faculty member who sponsors this club. Students learn a great deal about outdoors.

Quertermous said she had an interest in heading the club because she wanted to make sure students who wanted to be involved in the outdoors had that chance.

During the regular meetings students engage in discussions about anything

to do with hunting, fishing or the outdoors. There is particular focus on opportunities for careers in the outdoors. Some of the jobs related to outdoors activities include wildlife officers, park rangers, hunting or camping guides, botanists, biologists, recreational directors, tourism directors, boat captains, professional photographers or videographers.

Whether students dream of having an outdoors job or simply enjoying nature as a hobby, this club provides something for almost everyone.

It’s a generally accepted fact that outdoors activities lead to healthier and happier lives.

Students also learn shooting and hunting techniques for a variety of weapons.

The Sportsman’s Club helps brings

together like-minded students to share something they all love and enjoy. Whether it’s hearing a presentation or simply discussing personal experiences afield, students in the class say they find it engaging and educational.

Students also make new friends.

“If my schools would have had this club when I was younger I would have gotten involved with the outdoors sooner,” Quertermous said.

Makayla Quertermous, a student at CCHS, says she enjoys the club and all of the activities.

“It’s a fun club that an outdoors enthusiast would enjoy,” said student Chris Winders.

To find out more about opportunities with the Sportsman’s Club, contact Quertermous at her high school classroom and visit the school’s office.

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Caldwell’s Sindelar is KY Mr. Football

FROM STAFF & AP REPORTS

Caldwell County quarterback Elijah Sindelar took pride in making the Tigers a perennial state playoff presence during his career.

His record-setting statistics were pretty satisfying as well. Sindelar, who has committed to play football in the Big 10 at Purdue, threw 49 touchdown passes last season to become Kentucky’s career leader with 144, shattering the mark of 133 shared by Ricky Bowling and Tim Couch. His 12,637 career yards rank second all-time and he established another state mark of 41 consecutive games with at least one TD pass.

A season-ending knee injury in a quarterfinal loss to Murray halted Sindelar’s pursuit of a Class 2A state championship, but his 3,609 yards passing solidified his selection as Kentucky’s Mr. Football by members of the Associated Press.

“Winning a state title was always the goal, but it’s just such an honor to break these records,” said Sindelar, who has graduated early and will enroll at Purdue this month. “I never thought it would have been possible. I mean, I rarely played more than three quarters except for maybe a few games.”



Elijah Sindelar

Sindelar established his prowess from his first start as a freshman, throwing for 552 yards and six TDs en route to leading Caldwell County to the first round of the playoffs. He led the Tigers to the state final as a sophomore before they lost 30-26 to Newport Central Catholic.

Consecutive playoff losses to Murray followed, including a 47-28 defeat in November during which Sindelar threw for 143 yards and a touchdown and ran for another TD before tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

For four seasons Sindelar was a nemesis to the Rockets in the Class 2A First District. Crittenden never beat the savvy quarterback during his tenure.

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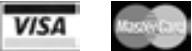
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NEWS BRIEFS

Ky. traffic fatalities increase from 2013

The number of 2014 traffic fatalities in Kentucky surpassed those in 2013. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) reports 663 traffic-related deaths last year. That's compared to 638 deaths in 2013. KyTC spokesman Keith Todd said several things likely factored into the increase, including the lack of seat belt usage by more than half of those killed and the lower price of gasoline.

"It may sound odd, but the lower price of gasoline is likely a player in the higher numbers," Todd said. "Cheaper gas means more people driving more miles, creating the opportunity for more crashes. When gas prices were higher, folks were likely limiting their driving miles and that helped to drive down fatalities."

He said the number of impaired drivers has been reduced with increased police enforcement, but crashes attributed to distracted drivers have increased due to the use of cell phones. "If you are looking down on your phone just for a few seconds, the odds of having a crash are going to go up," Todd said.

He said one simple step by drivers and passengers could help save lives.

"The benefit of simply wearing your safety belt has been clearly demonstrated," Todd said. "When you take two seconds to buckle your safety belt, it protects you everywhere you go, not only making it far less likely you'll be killed in a crash, but making it less likely you'll have a life-altering injury."

About 60 percent of those killed in crashes in 2014 weren't wearing a safety belt. — *The Associated Press*

Region's job growth slower than state's

The Paducah-Purchase region, which includes Crittenden, Livingston and nine other counties, had slower overall job growth over the past five years than the state

and the rest of the country, according to a new report from the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

The report, prepared by Paul Coomes, the chamber's senior economic adviser, shows the region had a 3.4 percent increase in job growth from June 2009 to June 2014. That compares to 5.6 percent growth for Kentucky, and 6.3 percent growth for the United States.

The Paducah-Purchase region also had the largest decline in manufacturing jobs in Kentucky during the five-year

period, losing 598 jobs, a decline of 5.4 percent.

— *The Paducah Sun*

Beekeeper school set for Henderson

Kentucky beekeepers can learn the basics or sharpen their skills at 10 beekeeping schools across the state from January through March.

State Agriculture Commissioner James Comer says beekeeping is important to agriculture. He says honey bees are responsible for polli-

nating 30 percent of the food supply and 70 percent of wild-flowers. Comer says honey sales brought in an estimated \$811,000 to Kentucky producers in 2012.

The state Agriculture Department says a winter bee workshop is scheduled for March 7 at Henderson County Extension Education & Expo Center.

The Audubon Bee School begins at 8:45 a.m. The opening speaker will be former State Apiarist Phil Craft. You can pre-register for \$15, which includes lunch, by

emailing audubonbeekeepersclub@gmail.com or calling (270) 339-7245.

The cost is \$20 at the door. Children ages 12 and under will be admitted for \$5.

Ky. population tops 4.4 million in 2014

By adding an average of 38 new residents each day between July 1, 2013, and July 1, 2014, Kentucky's population topped 4.4 million for the first time, according to new U.S. Census Bureau state

population estimates.

Kentucky's precise Census tally for 2014 is 4,413,457, making it the 26th most populated state, WKYT in Lexington reports.

California remained the nation's most populous state in 2014, with 38.8 million residents. It was followed by Texas at 27 million. Florida was the third most populous state, surpassing New York.

The United States as a whole saw its population increase by 2.4 million to 318.9 million. That equates to a 0.75 percent increase.



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Prescription Drug Abuse:

What every parent can do

In the late 1990s, many states passed new laws that drastically relaxed the policies for prescription opioid pain relievers – going from near prohibition to widespread prescribing without any type of dosing guidance. These new laws were based on weak science and good intentions from cancer pain management research. The impact of these relaxed policies has been profound.



In 2010, enough painkillers were prescribed to medicate every American adult around the clock for a month. Though most were prescribed for a legitimate medical need, many ended up in the hands of abusers.

The new teen drug problem & your family medicine cabinet

Prescription drug abuse is America's fastest growing drug problem, especially among teens. National studies show that even though teens

are turning away from illegal drugs like cocaine, they're turning to drugs in the family medicine cabinet instead.

Today, more teens abuse prescription drugs than any other illicit drug, except marijuana. In fact, among kids aged 12 and up, nearly one-third of kids who used drugs for the first time began by using a prescription drug for nonmedical reasons.

What's going on?

- Every day, 2,500 youth from ages 12 to 17 abuse prescription pain killers for the first time.
- Prescription drugs are now the drug of choice among 12- and 13-year-olds.
- Among teens who have abused painkillers, nearly one-fifth used them at least weekly in the past year.
- Teens who abuse prescription drugs can get them easily from the medicine cabinets of their parents, relatives, or their friends' parents. Most parents don't even know about it.

Why prescription drugs?

- Teens think prescription drugs are safer and more acceptable than illegal drugs.
- Teens know that prescription drugs are widely available, easy to obtain and legal.
- They feel there is less shame in using prescription drugs, and think that parents won't care as much if they get caught.

Why prescription drugs?

- Even in small doses, depressants and painkillers inhibit motor skills, judgment and the ability to concentrate or learn.
- Too much of a specific drug can cause an overdose, resulting in cardiac arrest and death.
- Mixing prescription drugs with alcohol and/or over-the-counter medications can result in an overdose.
- Stimulant abuse can lead to hostility and paranoia, or heart failure and fatal seizures.

Teen Challenge

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Teen Challenge provides youth, adults and families with an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling drug and alcohol problems in order to become productive members of society. Teen Challenge was founded by Rev. David Wilkerson in 1958.

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Health Department

270.965.5215
www.chfs.ky.gov
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What can parents do?

Parents should understand and communicate the dangers of prescription drug abuse with their kids. Studies show that young people who know their parents disapprove of drug use are far less likely to do it.

Parents and other adults can also take action immediately to keep medications out of the hands of teens by following three simple steps:

- **Monitor:** Know what you have and where it is. Always.
- **Secure:** Treat medications the same as other valuables in your home like jewelry or cash.
- **Dispose:** Conceal and discard expired or unused prescription medications appropriately.



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Electronic Smoking Devices:

What to know

Electronic smoking devices (or ESDs), which are often called e-cigarettes, heat and vaporize a solution that typically contains nicotine. The devices are metal or plastic tubes that contain a cartridge filled with a liquid that is vaporized by a battery-powered heating element. The aerosol is inhaled by the user when they draw on the device, as they would a regular tobacco cigarette, and the user exhales the aerosol into the environment.

"If you are around somebody who is using e-cigarettes, you are breathing an aerosol of exhaled nicotine, ultra-fine particles, volatile organic compounds, and other toxins."

— Dr. Stanton Glantz,
Director for the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco



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More about nicotine

- Addictive** – Nicotine addiction is one of the hardest addictions to break. Nicotine is more addictive than heroin and cocaine.
- Toxic** – Liquid nicotine is highly concentrated so ingestion or skin contact is highly dangerous – especially for children.
- Hazardous Vapor** – The secondhand e-cigarette aerosol (incorrectly called "vapor" by the industry) contains nicotine, ultrafine particles and low levels of toxins that could cause cancer. Exposure to fine and ultrafine particles may exacerbate respiratory ailments like asthma, and constrict arteries which could trigger a heart attack.

E-cigarettes are not a solution

For many, e-cigarettes are the answer to the debate about the dangers of cigarette smoke. Many e-cigarette users tout the power of the e-cigarette in helping them to quit smoking. However, they may have quit using traditional cigarettes but they are still addicted to nicotine. They only changed their delivery system. All the great work that has been done on smoke-free policies could be for not if people are allowed to use e-cigarettes. People are using e-cigarettes in restaurants, stores, hospitals, etc. that are supposedly smoke-free because people do not understand the dangers.

Reasons to include e-cigarettes in smoke-free laws

- E-cigarettes pollute the air, affecting lungs like tobacco smoke.
- E-cigarettes give off aerosol, not water vapor.
- E-cigarettes undermine smoke-free laws by making enforcement confusing.
- No current regulations on manufacturers means no consumer protection.

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