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## Task Force pulls out of 6 counties

The Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force has reduced the number of counties it serves due to decreased funding. The Hopkinsville-based drug-fighting organization was forced to drop member counties in the Purchase region west of the Tennessee River, but will continue to service the nine counties of the Pennyrile area—Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Caldwell, Trigg, Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenberg and Todd counties—as well as Webster and McLean counties.

Lori Blakeley, director of the task force, said the reduction was simply a business decision based on budget constraints.

## U.S. 641 forum possibly August

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom reports a public forum on the second phase of the new U.S. 641 construction project has been tentatively set for August in Fredonia, should a site for the meeting be secured. The meeting was initially anticipated to be held in June, according to Newcom and Caldwell County Judge-Executive Brock Thomas. Options for the Fredonia to Eddyville phase will be displayed for review and discussion.

## Motorcycle rally starts next week

The rumble of motorcycles returns to Sturgis next week when the Kentucky Bike Rally gets under way. Formerly known as the Little Sturgis Rally, the event at the Union County Fairgrounds starts next Thursday and runs through July 21. The cost is \$30 for the weekend or \$20 for Saturday.

More information on the rally can be found online at KentuckyBikeRally.com

## Public meetings

- Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department will meet at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the fire station for its annual meeting. The meeting is open to the public.
- Livingston Fiscal Court will meet at 9 a.m. Friday on the second floor of the county office building to discuss a possible ordinance governing ownership of certain types of dogs.
- Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Marion City Hall.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the judge's courthouse office.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall.



This week's poll at The Press Online asked, "Should the legalization of gay marriage be a state or federal decision?" Well more than half of the online voters believe the decision should be left to lawmakers in each statehouse.

- State: 61%
- Federal: 33%
- Undecided: 4%
- Need more information: 1%



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## New Extension ag agent settling in to job helping farmers

By JASON TRAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Meredith Hall understands the importance of supporting local farmers. On July 1, Hall assumed the position as Crittenden County's Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources through the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

A Henderson native and current resident of Sturgis, Hall said she is eager to meet and work with row crop and livestock producers in Crittenden County and help troubleshoot homeowners' questions relating to horticulture and landscaping.

Hall graduated from Western Kentucky University in 2011. She received her bachelor's degree in agriculture with an emphasis in horticulture.



Hall

Prior to graduation, she worked for nearly a decade at a Henderson garden center and nursery.

"I did everything from starting vegetable plants from seed to taking care of palm trees," she said. "A lot of farmers with horticulture crops came to us."

Hall learned about the different aspects relating to greenhouse management and enjoyed getting her hands dirty while working with a variety of different trees and shrubs for landscape projects. During this time, she also worked at a local farm where she picked vegetables and helped sell them at the local farmers' market. She also learned how to operate a combine to harvest

corn and soybeans.

"I was always involved in FFA through high school. Just about any FFA event that they had, I would do it," she said. "It helped develop my love and passion for agriculture and actually getting out and working for the farm and the garden center. It's about having a sense of accomplishment at the end of each day. It was really fulfilling."

She later accepted a position as Science and Agriculture Educator at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History. There, she

performed science and chemistry lessons for students visiting the museum on field trips. She also developed a program called Agriculture Adventures, which allowed her to travel to elementary schools across the state and incorporate lessons on a variety of topics such as photosynthesis and the food chain.

Presently, Hall is settling into her position with the Extension Service, where a welcome reception is scheduled in from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., today

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## COMMUNITY VICTORY GARDEN BEGINS GIVEAWAY



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

## Sharing more than produce

The Community Victory Garden began its weekly giveaways Tuesday with a flurry of activity. Though the first produce handout was slated to start at 9 a.m., people started lining up shortly after 8 a.m. to receive free vegetables grown at the community-driven garden plots. Because of a lack of available inmate labor used last year to tend the garden plots, the churches who have undertaken the project have depended on a variety of volunteer labor from the community—from Boy Scouts to church members to former inmates who helped work the gardens in the past—according to Robbie Kirk, coordinator of the project. Above, Ron Deckert (left) of Marion places his produce order with Patricia Mays, a former Crittenden County Detention Center trustee who helped with the project in 2012. Mays said she returned to volunteer her efforts because of the change the gardening made in her life. "These gardens are pretty special to me," Mays said of the faith-based initiative. "They changed the way I look at things. I was out here last year as an inmate, and now I want to try to give back." Giveaways are scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday at the garden plots off Old Morganfield Road and the parking lot at Shopko.

## Asphalt money headed to county

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom's efforts to secure additional money to improve county roads has paid off.

Last week, Newcom received word from Don Pasley, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Rural & Municipal Aid, that the county had been approved through the governor's office for \$200,000 to be used for asphalt improvements. Though it could be some time before the money actually arrives, Newcom said it should be available in time to make road improvements before the end of the paving season this year.

The money can be used only for repairs to current asphalt roads or upgrades to asphalt from rock or chip seal roads.

## U.S. 60 West paving under way

STAFF REPORT

Work on an asphalt paving project along U.S. 60 West in Crittenden County got under way Tuesday and is expected to last into next week. This mile-long project runs along U.S. 60 West from the Crittenden-Livingston County line eastward to just west of Davenport Mines Road, according to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spokesman Keith Todd.

Initial work started Tuesday with

installation of signs and shoulder work. Motorists can expect milling work along the project to start today (Thursday) with paving operations anticipated to start on Friday, weather permitting.

Drivers should be alert for one lane traffic with alternating flow controlled by flaggers.

Rogers Group is the prime contractor on this \$106,450 project. The work is expected to take about a week to complete.

standing committee comprised of Newcom, magistrates Donnetta Travis, Dan Wood and Jeff Ellis and County Road Foreman Phillip Stone.

### CRITTENDEN COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

**July 29, 7 p.m.:** Miss Pre-Teen and Teen at Fohs Hall  
Gate: \$5, ages 6 and over • Free, ages 5 and under

**July 30, 7 p.m.:** Miss Crittenden County at Fohs Hall  
Gate: \$8, ages 16 and over • \$5, ages 6-15 • Free, ages 5 and under

**July 31, 7 p.m.:** Four-wheeler dirt drag racing  
Gate: Free, sponsored by Farmers Bank & Trust Co. and Conrad's Food Store

**Aug. 1, 7 p.m.:** Dirt drag racing  
Gate: \$5, ages 6 and over • Free, ages 5 and under

**Aug. 2, 7 p.m.:** Tractor and truck pulls  
Gate: \$10, ages 16 and over • \$5, ages 6-15 • Free, ages 5 and under

**Aug. 3, 7 p.m.:** Auto and lawnmower demolition derby  
Gate: \$10, ages 16 and over • \$5, ages 6-15 • Free, ages 5 and under

Midway opens at 6 p.m. beginning July 30.  
No gate charged to enter midway on July 30 and 31.

## Youth 4-H fair events many, open to public

By JASON TRAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Each summer, youths participate in a variety of events at the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair, scheduled this year for July 29 through Aug. 3. Among the events for youth entries will be 4-H project exhibits as well as poultry and rabbit, pet and goat shows.

According to Nancy Hunt, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent for the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service for Crittenden County, 4-H project events are open to any youth whether or not they are currently in the club. The 4-H project exhibits can even be the first 4-H activity in which a youth participates. Youth are considered age 19 or younger, except for the pet show, which is 18 and under. Youth under age 9 are entered as Clovers in the 4-H project exhibits and can receive ribbons. Youth must be 9 to 19 for their exhibits to be eligible for state fair selection.

Youths entering 4-H exhibits need to follow the rules and classes listed in the fair catalog, which is to be published in next week's edition of The Crittenden Press. The catalog can also be viewed online by visiting the Extension Service's website at crittenden.ca.uky.edu/CountyFair or by visiting the Extension Service office for a copy of the catalog.

Some 4-H project exhibits require participants to use a recipe from a project book or

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## Pit bulls headline Livingston Fiscal Court meeting

STAFF REPORT

On Friday morning, Livingston Fiscal Court will take on pit bulls and other dog breeds they have deemed aggressive and a danger to residents. But some in the community claim better enforcement of current leash laws would eliminate the need to target specific breeds.

Judge-Executive Chris Lasher said the discussion of a proposed ordinance slated for 9 a.m. Friday stems from a recent attack by a pit bull in Ledbetter on a 5-year-old boy and his mother. It was simply the latest in a series of problems presented by what he calls viscous breeds of dogs that include pit bulls, American Staffordshire ter-

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EDITORIAL

# Fiscal court right to offer workers health insurance

Being the only one of Kentucky's 120 counties to not offer its public employees health insurance is nothing of which to be proud. But last week, Crittenden Fiscal Court officially shed that collar by starting the new fiscal year offering its 80-odd employees medical coverage.

While the new employee benefit would not likely have come at this time without a looming mandate from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, the fiscal court should nonetheless be commended for taking the steps necessary to offer health insurance.

Ironically, the mandate that would have required the county to provide its employees coverage or face a hefty fine was delayed last week, moving the requirement date from 2014 to 2015. Regardless of the last-minute alteration to the law that will give employers a wider berth for meeting the mandate, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the change was inconsequential.

The time had come for the county to offer its workers today's most sought-after employment benefit, he said. "It was the right thing to do," he added with indifference toward the mandate delay.

We could not agree more.

A Washington-based directive that health coverage be offered by employers on Main Street is a snub to the free market system on which America's economy was grown. We believe individual employers should still be allowed to set their own benefits package, as many can simply not absorb the added cost of mandatory health coverage.

Such has been the case with Crittenden Fiscal Court. For years, judge-executives and magistrates have weighed adding medical benefits to its employment package, but the fiscal court had gone no further than a serious discussion on the matter. After all, the money for providing health insurance was simply not available without a larger tax base or higher tax rate.

Discussion changed to action last year when a countywide occupational tax was instituted, in part, as preparation to offer health insurance to employees beginning in the 2013-14 fiscal year. Emerging from a global recession and facing the Obamacare mandate, the local tax base was simply not large enough to cover the additional \$150,000 or so needed to provide county employees medical coverage.

Being a public employer, the fiscal court finally decided to ask everyone to pitch in to make ends meet and erase Crittenden County as the last hold-out among the Commonwealth's county governments offering health insurance.

The move was bold and not without controversy, but it was the right decision—looming mandate or not.

Municipal employees are the heart of any city or county. They are the men and women who keep infrastructure functional, provide security and keep the wheels of local government running as smoothly as possible. The county can now better compete with other employers to keep its best employees.

We, as beneficiaries of the services provided through the workers of the county, should not begrudge any responsible action taken by a local government that ultimately serves our own interests.

# Golden Rule works like charm

Good traits are hard to find in some people. A constant complainer or a notorious grouch harbor some of the worst. Just look around you. With the price of groceries and gasoline rising, people find little reason to be happy. Many are losing their jobs and their self-confidence. No matter what they do, things seem to go wrong. How can you help?

There's a technique as old as time that works like magic. Instead of treating rude or unpleasant people like they're treating you, look for at least one thing they're doing right. Then, give them back a word of kindness in its place. Nothing feels better than a pat on the back or an encouraging word.

The principle is simple. Treat others as you want to be treated. What you are doing is following the words of Jesus in Luke 6:31 and Matthew 7:12, later called "The Golden Rule." In most cases, you'll be surprised what a difference a sincere compliment will make. Maybe it's something nice they're wearing that day or the way they do their job or how they tend to their garden. The more you point out a person's good qualities and tell them how good they are, most will try to rise up to meet your expectations. In turn, they will feel better about themselves and treat you better too.

Some people follow a mixed-up idea of what The Golden Rule is all about. Their greedy nature and drive for money says, "He

Linda Defew  
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Defew's Views

who owns the gold, rules." However, "The Golden Rule" isn't about materialism, money or fame. A person living by its true meaning will treat others the way he would want to be treated.

You can begin today by putting this rule to work in your life. Not only will you be adding to someone else's happiness, it will ultimately lead to your own happiness too. Like all of God's promises, The Golden Rule works like a charm. Treat your fellow man like you want to be treated and things will begin to change. You can make a difference—one person at a time.

Following are 12 tips for following the Golden Rule taken in part from Zen Habits.net/18-practical-tips-for-living-the-golden-rule.

1. Practice empathy: Make it a habit to try to place yourself in the shoes of another person. Try to understand what it is like to be them, what they are going through, and why they do what they do.
2. Practice compassion: Once you can understand another person and feel what they're going through, do what you can to end their suffering. Just know-

ing you care can make a big difference.

3. Be friendly: How do we make friends? By being one yourself. Be friendly by making people feel welcome and wanted. Sometimes all it takes is a smile.
4. Be helpful: This is probably one of the weaknesses of our society. Don't be blind to the needs and troubles of others. Look to help even before you're asked.
5. Listen to others: Another weakness: we all want to talk, but very few of us want to listen. And yet, we all want to be listened to. So take the time to actually listen to another person, rather than just wait your turn to talk.
6. Overcome prejudice: We all have our prejudices, whether it's based on skin color, attractiveness, height, age, gender ... it's human nature. But try to see each person as an individual human being, with different backgrounds, needs and dreams.
7. Stop criticism: We all have a tendency to criticize others, whether it's people we know or people we see on television. However, ask yourself if you would like to be criticized in that person's situation. The answer is almost always "no." So hold back your criticism, and instead learn to interact with others in a positive way.
8. Don't control others: It's also rare that people want to be controlled. But when you get the urge to control, put yourself in that person's shoes. You would

want freedom and autonomy and trust, wouldn't you?

9. Be a child: The urge to control and criticize is especially strong when we are adults dealing with children. Put yourself in the shoes of that child. Remember what it was like to be a child, and to be criticized and controlled. How would you want to be treated if you were that child?
10. Rise above retaliation: We have a tendency to strike back when we're treated badly. This is natural. Resist that urge. The Golden Rule isn't about retaliation. It's about treating others well, despite how they treat you.
11. Notice how it makes you feel: Notice how your actions affect others, especially when you start to treat them with kindness, compassion, respect, trust, love. But also notice the change in yourself. Do you feel better about yourself? Happier? These changes come slowly and in small increments, but if you pay attention, you'll see them.
12. Be the change: Do you want people to treat each other with more compassion and kindness? Then let it start with you. Even if the world doesn't change, at least you have done your part.

After all, nothing worth having comes easy.

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

# Purchasing home scary proposition

It's one helluva commitment. One, in fact, serious enough to justify such a strong adjective as above.

Buying a home. That's a responsibility and obligation I never imagined would be crossed off of my to-do list.

Outside of marriage, which has still eluded some of us writing this column, there is perhaps no earthly commitment as big as purchasing the roof perched over your head each night.

Pets. Automobiles. College majors. Careers. All major decisions and responsibilities, but all trailing in the pack led by home ownership.

Most people are elated with the purchase of their first home. At 40, having never made a commitment

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My 2¢ Worth

to anything to which I could not just say, "I quit," it's scary. It's certainly a character flaw.

Am I happy and grateful to have my own place where I can paint the ceiling with polka dot designs if I desire? Of course!

Do I feel fortunate enough to be in the fiscal condition to start selecting just the right polka dot pattern? Sure!

But does it worry me

that it took 40 years to finally step into the deep end of the pool? Um, yeah.

The swim floaties are off. The lifeguard has vacated his seat. And the raft is beached at the other end of the pool. I've never been certain that I could tread water long enough to survive without help, but into the deep end I have jumped.

Now, when it breaks, it's left to me to fix it...or at least see that it gets fixed.

No rent; it's now called a house payment.

Property taxes? They're mine to pay each year.

It's now "my" address; not just where I get my mail.

And relocation isn't as easy as shopping around at the end of a year-long lease.

My lease is now a 30-year mortgage.

What a commitment owning a home is! And leave it to me to overthink, overanalyze and con-ster-nate as if it were the last decision I will ever make...besides the polka dot colors, that is.

If I survive being a homeowner, I suppose I'll be better off for it. If it kills me, I guess it won't matter. But, I suppose that can be said of any decision.

I just hope it's not another 40 years before the next thing gets crossed off the to-do list.

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

# Political correctness has gone too far in nation used to speaking its mind

I took last week off to "recharge my battery." But I did get an idea for my column this week on the drive back on Sunday. Although we, as a nation, just finished celebrating our independence from Britain 237 years ago, there is something else we should work to gain independence from—political correctness.

I believe the political correctness that has infested our country like a plague has verbally put us in chains and enslaved us. We have become so afraid of offending someone by what we say that it is asinine.

For example, we aren't supposed to say someone is short. They are "vertically-challenged." Or if someone is going bald, they are "folically-challenged."

Have we ever stopped to think where our country would be if we had always been this politically correct?

I dare to say the unconditional surrender of Germany and Japan that facilitated the end of World War II would not have occurred if the Al-

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McGee's Musings

lied leaders had been worried about political correctness.

It has gotten to the point where people are almost afraid to speak their minds with candor.

I don't believe our veterans fought and bled so that we could get so easily offended. They fought so that we could have the freedom to say what we want.

I believe that instead of being afraid to speak our minds, we should do a better job of self-editing. Think carefully about what you wish to say to someone and choose your words wisely. There are ways to get your point across without cursing, name-calling and mean-spiritedness.

Another example of this is

in our schools. In some schools, teachers aren't allowed or choose not to use the color red to grade papers because they claim it is too hard on children's self-esteem. If you are a child in school and don't want to see a bunch of red marks on your paper, then study more.

Do we truly believe the Berlin Wall would have come down if former President Ronald Reagan had been concerned about political correctness instead of saying "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall?"

Instead of worrying so much about being politically correct, let us heed the words of James F. Cooper:

"Candor is a proof of both a just frame of mind and of a good tone of breeding. It is a quality that belongs equally to the honest man and to the gentleman."

*(Chris McGee is in an internship at The Crittenden Press. He is a senior at Eastern Kentucky University. He can be reached at 965-3191 or cmcgee7374@gmail.com)*

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Mosquito problem addressed by state

More than \$230,000 has been spent on mosquito eradication in western Kentucky, according to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. That is almost all of the \$250,000 allocated by state lawmakers for battling the insect this year.

The pesticide has been applied by both fogger trucks and aerial disbursement. Because of this year's relatively heavy rains and the standing water left behind, mosquitoes have been of particular annoyance in western Kentucky this spring and summer.

Newcom said the river bottom areas along the Ohio, Cumberland and Tradewater rivers in Crittenden County have presented the biggest problem locally.

The judge-executive said the next step will be to treat ditches and areas of standing water with larvicide to quell a growth in the mosquito population.

"If anyone is still having problems please contact our

office at 965-5251 and we will provide the state with your name and address," Newcom wrote on his professional Facebook page.

Besides being bothersome, mosquitoes can carry a variety of diseases to both humans and animals.

### Ex-teacher, coach facing sex charges

A former teacher and coach in western Kentucky is facing sex charges involving a teen.

Twenty-four-year-old Samuel Yardley Hann pleaded not guilty last week to charges of sodomy, use of a minor in a sex performance, possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor and use of electronic communication systems to procure a minor.

Hann taught math at Browning Spring Middle School in Madisonville during the 2011-12 school year and part of the following year. He also coached football at the school and coached swimming at Hopkins County Central High

school.

He resigned in February to take a job in a different state.

His next court hearing was set for Friday.

—The Associated Press

### 10-digit dialing soon to start in 270 area

Phone customers in the 270 area code may use seven or 10-digit dialing starting in August as the region prepares to roll out an additional area code.

The option to use seven or 10 digits runs from Aug. 3 through Jan. 31, 2014, after which customers will be required to dial 10 digits when placing local calls. To dial long distance, callers must add a 1.

In December, the Kentucky Public Service Commission ordered an area code overlay for the 270 code region, which covers western Kentucky.

Beginning March 3, customers in the region who request new service may be assigned a 364 area code.

—The Associated Press



# Camp celebrates golden anniversary

By CHRIS MCGEE  
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Parents with school-aged children who claim to be bored with nothing to do in the summer have a solution. Western Kentucky Youth Camp offers a full week of faith-based activities for children that would keep any youth from boredom.

The summer camp, located in rural Crittenden County, is currently in its sixth of eight sessions and offers a week of faith-based activities for just about every age group.

Dawn Holliman, who along with her husband Greg helps maintain the camp facilities, said the land for the camp was donated by Frances Beard. Holliman said she and her husband have lived on the campsite for the last few years.

"We have always lived in the area, but we have been living here specifically for three years," Holliman said.

Holliman also said her children are no strangers to the camp.

"My son and daughter have both attended camp since they were 4 years old," Holliman said. "My son is now 17 and my daughter is now 22."

The camp, celebrating 50 years in 2013, began in June with an all-age week and has hosted a camp for just about every age-group of children. Before ending for the summer on July 27, the camp will have two consecutive all-age weeks.

Greg Holliman said that after the youth camp is over, there are also weekend retreats that take place beginning Labor Day weekend and running through November. Retreats resume in April.

Children who attend camp



Children at Western Kentucky Youth Camp in Crittenden County participate Monday afternoon in an arts and crafts session at the faith-based camp. Two more sessions of camp remain this summer.

PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGEE, THE PRESS

do not have any time to get bored; there is always something happening.

Dawn Holliman said in the morning the children have chapel, where the boys lead prayer and singing. Directors speak as well. The children also have Bible study twice in the morning.

Holliman also said the children spend some of the morning cleaning their cabins and the bathroom.

The afternoon is for activities such as wiffle ball, brain facts, dodgeball and swimming.

Holliman said the kids are very excited when they arrive at camp on Sundays.

Mark Porter, who has been

involved with the camp in some form since 1969, and is the director for this week, said it is not hard to get motivated to do the camp each year.

"I have young people, husbands, wives, grandparents and retirees here," Porter said. "Everyone here enjoys the camp."

The biggest pleasure for him is the children.

"To see them out there playing and making friends is the biggest reward for me," Porter said.

Andrea Wunderlick, a counselor who met her husband at camp, believes the message of the camp, which is putting God first, gets through to the kids.

"At this age you just want them to have good Christian friends," Wunderlick said of the 8- to 10-year-olds at this week's camp. "This week is about very basic Bible stories; as they grow older, the material gets meatier."

She said the children lead prayers before meals, attend two Bible study sessions in the morning and hold chapel and a devotional at night, so the children are basically hearing about God and putting Him first in their lives four times a day.

Wunderlick called the camp experience incredible.

Western Kentucky Youth Camp will celebrate its 50-year anniversary on Aug. 17.

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## Shady Grove Fire Department expands

Above, Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department Chief Don Herrin (left) and Secretary Orman Hunt stand in front of the department's pumper housed in an expanded and updated fire station. Major renovations recently made at the station include an update of the wiring in the building, expansion of the kitchen and meeting area, a new office and vastly more floor space under the roof for housing fire equipment. The work was paid for with aid money received each year from the Commonwealth of Kentucky and a \$9,500 contribution from the Mary Hubbard estate. Herrin, entering his second year as chief, said there are 18 members of the Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department. The department is holding its annual meeting, which is open to the public, at 7 p.m. today (Thursday).

## Whitfield introduces miners' benefits act

STAFF REPORT

The Caring for Coal Miners Act filed by Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-Hopkinsville) would ensure continued health care coverage for miners in danger of losing their benefits resulting from the Patriot Coal Co. bankruptcy.

Whitfield, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, on Monday

introduced the legislation that would protect hundreds of western Kentucky miners and family members, including about 100 from Crittenden County.

"It is critical that we protect the health care benefits of the thousands of Ken-



Whitfield

tucky miners who have worked hard their entire careers to earn those benefits," said Whitfield.

The Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection that Patriot filed in July 2012 may impact the health care benefits of roughly 1,500 miners and their families in Whitfield's district. Patriot claims they will not be able to emerge from bankruptcy without significant changes to retiree health care obligations.

## DOGS

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riers, bull terriers and Rotweilers.

Tommy Shull, a resident of Salem and owner of pit bulls for more than 20 years, said targeting specific breeds is unfair.

"I have never had a pit so much as even growl at a person," Shull told The Crittenden Press. "If (Livingston County officials) would just enforce the leash law that's already in effect, this would not be an issue."


Shull has even created a Facebook page in opposition to Livingston Circuit Court's proposed ordinance that would require owners of "restricted dogs" to register the animal and take out a \$50,000 insurance policy to cover an injury it may cause. It would also require owners to vaccinate and microchip the dogs and have them spayed or neutered.

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# Easley still working land at age 91

**STAFF REPORT**

Gleaford Easley celebrated his 91st birthday last month while operating his bulldozer on his farm on Ky. 91 North. Easley started operating a bulldozer at age 22 in 1944, working for his uncles Herb and Hayse Easley. In 1947, he bought his own dozer. During his career, he trained 14 other operators.

Easley's first 15 years of custom work were done in five Kentucky counties. Then, he was called to Illinois for a job and stayed for 20 years working with his equipment in five counties there. He returned to Kentucky to continue his dozer work while buying up dozers and repairing and selling them. He retired from his custom work in the late 1990s, but still works his dozer and his backhoe on his farm and cuts his own hay, rakes and bails it. He also raises cattle.

If you know of any nonagenarians, or persons in their 90s, still actively working, contact The Crittenden Press at 965-3191 or thepress@the-press.com for a possible feature story.



**Gleaford Easley of Marion celebrated his 91st birthday June 3 while operating his bulldozer on his farm on Ky. 91 North. The Crittenden Press is interested in featuring residents of our area still actively working while in their 90s. Contact our office if you know of anyone still going strong at this age.**

# Eastern Livestock ordered to pay more restitution

**STAFF REPORT**

Last week, Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway announced the distribution of an additional \$56,500 in restitution to victims who were swindled by now-defunct Eastern Livestock. To date, the Commonwealth has distributed nearly \$900,000 in restitution to Kentucky farmers who fell victim to a check-kiting scheme operated by top executives at the cattle brokerage, previously based in New Albany, Ind.

Conway's office last week mailed checks totaling \$56,537 to 35 farmers who were not listed in the original

indictment of Eastern's Chief Executive Officer and founder Thomas B. Russell. Conway said, "I understand some people didn't fill out the paperwork because they didn't believe we'd ever recover any money," Conway said. "With this payment, all of the restitution pursuant to the plea agreement has been paid out to Kentucky farmers swindled by Eastern Livestock."

A former Crittenden County cattle buyer, Tommy Gibson of Lanesville, Ind., was sentenced May 21 by U.S. District Judge

Thomas B. Russell in Louisville to 70 months in prison. McDonald was sentenced to 57 months for his role in the \$32 million check-kiting scheme between 2004 and 2010 that resulted in losses of millions of dollars to banks and individuals, including area farmers.

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## YOUTH

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have rules that indicate how to prepare the exhibit. Hunt said it is easier to know in which class the exhibit will be entered and follow the guidelines to assure the exhibit will not be disqualified. For more information on exhibit guidelines, contact the Extension Service.

For this year's fair, 4-H project exhibits will be entered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 30 at the Woman's Club of Marion building located on East Carlisle Street next to the post office. Hunt said organizers

wanted to display the exhibits in a more central location. The public can view exhibits from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. July 31 or 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 1. Youth sweepstakes winners that earn a blue or red ribbon on 12 or more exhibits will be announced at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 1. Results of the judging can be seen during viewing time July 31.

Hunt invites the public to come to the Woman's Club building during viewing times to see the 4-H exhibits. There will be photography, arts and crafts, wood crafts, geology, clothing exhibits and more.

Check-out time for project exhibits will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Woman's Club building.

The youth poultry and rabbit show will be held July 31 at the fairgrounds in the livestock barn. Hunt said all animals will need to have their own cage. Check-in will be from 8 to 9 a.m. The show will begin at 9 a.m. and will include four classes for chickens, four classes for other poultry and four classes for rabbits.

The youth pet show is

scheduled for July 31 in the livestock barn at the fairgrounds. The show is for Crittenden County residents age 18 and under. Classes include dogs, cats and other pets. Participants can register for the event starting at 10 a.m. July 31. Ribbons will be awarded to all classes.

The youth goat show begins with weigh-in from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Aug. 1 at the fairgrounds. The show will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will consist of market classes, breeding classes and showmanship. The entry fee for the goat show includes \$3 per head or \$10 total if participants have five or more head of goats.

Winners in livestock and pet shows will be announced at the end of each class.

Each 4-H project exhibit and livestock show is a great way for youth to participate, learn new skills and socialize

with peers, Hunt said. Completing a 4-H project exhibit or raising and showing an animal teaches responsibility, organizational skills and time and money management, she said.

"You want your exhibit to be the best it can be and you will earn prize money for your efforts. The top exhibits are selected for the Kentucky State Fair where, again, they will be in competition for ribbons and prize money," Hunt said.

"As a former 4-H member who competed, I can remember my parents let me use my prize money for new school clothes. My entire family went to the state fair to show dairy cattle and everyone couldn't wait until we visited the Cloverville area to see how our project exhibits did.

"Today, I still get that same anticipation when I go to view how our county 4-Hers did. We have had several department and class champions, which is very difficult to achieve."

For more information on entries for the 4-H or livestock competitions, contact the Extension Service office at 965-5236.

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(Thursday). She is also preparing to take members of 4-H to summer camp next week. Hall strongly believes young people need to grow in knowledge and appreciation of the importance of agriculture. She would eventually like to develop programs for youths and adults in agriculture and natural resources.

Hall believes a focus on agri-tourism is important for Crittenden County's economy. She also would like to help support local growers by expanding a farmers' market.

"I know how important the farmers' market was to Henderson and how important it is to buy local. I think that is one thing we should really work on," she said.

Hall encourages producers and residents of the county to contact her at the Extension Service office with questions or concerns relating to agriculture or horticultural issues.

In describing her own love of agriculture, Hall refers to a quote by Thomas Jefferson: "No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden."

"That's something that I agree with 100 percent," Hall said. "It fulfills me."

## Detention center census report

The following is an inmate census of the 133-bed Crittenden County Detention Center as of Monday:

CLASSIFICATION	MALE	FEMALE
Federal	5	0
State	61	4
Crittenden	19	2
Other	2	0
<b>Gender total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total population: 93</b>		

Last week, 27 detention center work release inmates put in 1,208 hours of community service, saving taxpayers approximately \$8,758.

LIVESTOCK REPORT									
LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS									
<b>July 9, 2013</b>									
KDA-USDA Market News, Louisville, Ky.									
Receipts: 509 head.									
Compared to last week: No trend due to holiday last week. Supply included 48% feeder heifers and 24% of feeders over 600 lbs.									
<b>Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2</b>									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
4	200-300	258	173.00-209.00	184.12					
3	300-400	345	171.00-175.00	172.39					
17	400-500	426	150.00-161.00	156.64					
26	500-600	536	140.00-150.00	145.01					
21	600-700	660	130.00-140.00	133.15					
7	700-800	723	126.00-131.00	129.17					
<b>Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3</b>									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
1	200-300	230	160.00	160.00					
2	300-400	350	130.00-154.00	141.14					
6	400-500	465	138.00-149.00	144.20					
9	500-600	565	128.00-137.00	132.85					
1	600-700	610	125.00	125.00					
1	700-800	795	121.00	121.00					
<b>Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3</b>									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
1	200-300	235	80.00	80.00					
3	300-400	376	74.00	74.00					
5	600-700	638	80.00-81.00	80.80					
<b>Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2</b>									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
5	200-300	275	150.00-161.00	154.86					
8	300-400	362	146.00-151.00	147.08					
28	400-500	450	135.00-147.00	140.91					
69	500-600	561	131.00-141.00	134.90					
15	600-700	640	122.00-131.00	126.63					
3	700-800	705	114.00-121.00	118.35					
2	800-900	865	108.00	108.00					
3	900-1000	926	96.00	96.00					
3	1000-1100	1070	88.00	88.00					
<b>Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3</b>									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
1	200-300	290	139.00	139.00					
<b>Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2</b>									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
2	300-400	352	167.00-172.00	169.66					
14	400-500	452	144.00-153.00	148.07					
25	500-600	544	132.00-143.00	135.79					
2	500-600	520	147.00	147.00	Pen				
8	600-700	622	126.00-131.00	127.60					
1	700-800	740	105.00	105.00					
2	800-900	825	93.00-100.00	96.56					
1	800-900	880	119.00	119.00	Ind				
<b>Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3</b>									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
7	300-400	361	121.00-145.00	127.54					
7	400-500	462	133.00-142.00	139.68					
8	500-600	566	120.00-131.00	128.76					
1	600-700	645	120.00	120.00					
<b>Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1</b>									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
1	300-400	360	115.00	115.00					
1	500-600	510	110.00	110.00					
<b>Slaughter Cows:</b>									
	%Lean	Weight	AD	HD	LD				
Breaker	75-80	1210-1610	70-72		68-69				
Boner	80-85	1110-1700	72-77		68-70				
Lean	85-90	1010-1280	67-72	76-80	63-66				
Lite	85-90								
<b>Slaughter Bulls:</b>									
YG:	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress	Lo-Dress					
#1-2	1245-2255	96-103	105-106	87-94					
<b>Stock Cows:</b> Not enough to test.									
<b>Stock Cow/Calf Pairs:</b> Cows 6 to 10 years old with calves at side 1100.00-1440.00 per pair.									
<b>Baby Calves:</b> 275.00 per head.									
Chip Stewart, market specialist www.ams.usda.gov/mmrreports/sv_ls150.txt									



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# Recalling the operations of Alexander Stone Company

This is an interesting article written in October 1954, and it appeared in The Marion Reporter. It tells how the Alexander Stone Co. Quarry, located on U.S. 60 East, got started along with some of its history.

Marion Reporter  
Oct. 14, 1954

Few people speeding by in their cars realize the extent of the operation or the dramatic sidelights of the Alexander Stone Co. quarry, which is located on the crest of a hill about eight miles north of Marion.

Visible from the highway are cone-shaped mountains of crushed limestone, building gray-colored from the incessant dust and trucks busily hauling rock or returning for loads.

Not seen are the expansive areas behind the quarry building, where hills are steadily being leveled by huge bulldozers, by dynamite and power shovels. The giant jaws of the rock crushers in the main quarry building gulp tons of raw rock in one bite... requiring a constant flow of rock-laden trucks from the quarrying area.

For 18 years, operations have continued at the present site, constantly changing the landscape and leveling hills in a quest for high-grade limestone from which the finished product is made.

Back in 1936, J.B. Alexander, then in the road-building business, sought a site for quarrying from which he could obtain a high-grade limestone for roadbeds. His choice of the present site was a good one, for after 18 years of steady operation, there still remains a virtually inexhaustible supply of good limestone.

When Camp Breckenridge construction began in 1941, Alexander leased his quarrying operation to the Gorman Construction Co., who operated there for several years while constructing roads and buildings for the new army post.

During those years, a second quarry started operations west of the present site. This company, operated by Berry and Radcliff, excavated a quarry pit running at right angles to the present east-west pit operation of the Alexander Stone Co. The old quarry pit is being used by the Alexander company as a "dumping pit" into which useless surface earth is presently being bulldozed.

After termination of the Camp Breckenridge construction, J.B. Alexander then formed a corporation in 1946. Alexander became president, W.D. Peyton, Vice President, and R.R. Holland, secretary-treasurer and general manager. The company has continued to operate under the same corporate management since that time.

Today, the Alexander Stone Co. employs 35 people. Annual output of the quarry exceeds 250,000 tons per year, which includes 12 different types of high-quality crushed limestone and agriculture line.

Eugene Hughes, office manager of the Alexander Stone Co., who graciously gave much of his time in assisting to prepare this article, explained that in 1948, a special problem was faced in the continu-



ally expanding operations of the quarry.

A hill in back of the presently located buildings was to be quarried, as other surrounding areas had become exhausted. The difficulty, however, was that the crest of the hill contained an old graveyard, which could not be disturbed.

By carefully dynamiting and excavating, the graveyard was saved. Today its flat summit stands like an Arizona mesa, its sides gouged out and accessible only by foot. With its former adjoining hill removed and disintegrated in the crushing mill, the graveyard crest commands an expansive view of all the diverse activities and of the quarrying operation.

Expanding farther westward, bulldozers shoved loose earth, shale and poor quality rock out of the way in widespread stripping operations. A wide roadway was created with a 'bedrock surface, suitable for the longer and longer trips necessary for the trucks carrying loads from the quarrying sites to the crushing mill.

At one of the newer sites, a one-fourth mile long, 200-foot wide chasm has been blasted out of solid rock, furnishing thousands of tons of usable limestone. At present, two types of operations are in progress here, surface quarrying and underground mining.

In surface mining, bulldozers first strip off all the useless surface earth, shoving it off into gullies or providing fill-ins for future roadways. Shale, compacted into a tough clay-like mass, is usually encountered next in stripping operations. It is blasted loose with dynamite, then, it too is bulldozed away.

Two months ago, underground mining operations began in the excavated pit, which is bounded by solid rock walls nearly 100 feet high. The lower portions of these walls contain a high-grade limestone strata, which proved profitable for mining by such underground operations.

The large tunnels, about 100 feet long and 30 feet high, have already been blasted out of the solid rock. As operations at these sites continue, it is expected that the two tunnel shafts will join.

By a complex system of cone-type crushers and screens, various grades of crushed limestone are obtained in accordance with the coarseness desired. As the rock is crushed and pulverized through the different crushers, and filtered through the different screens, 12 varieties of crushed limestone are obtained. Each grade of crushed limestone has its own specific use. Coarser grades of crushed limestone contain material up to 3 and 4 inches in diameter with a mixture of finer material and are used on gravel roads. Agricultural lime is the finest material produced. The finished



The King Cemetery (at top, left) still sits on the lone wooded hill inside the quarry's large excavated landscape. One of the underground tunnels (at top, right) at the former quarry used in the 1970s as underground feed lots for cattle and hogs. A vintage photo of the former Alexander Stone Company (above) in its early days. The hill in the background is where the King Cemetery is located before it was bulldozed around and left standing alone on its foundation.

crushed limestone products are stored in high hills surrounding the quarry.

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Alexander Stone operated the business until its last president, Gaines Wilson, died and his heirs sold the quarry to Kentucky Stone Co. in 1973. Over the last 35 years, the quarry has passed through several owners including Koppers, Basier, Hanson and current owner Rogers Group.

I'm sure when the large underground tunnels were made all those years ago, it was never thought that many years later they would be used as underground feedlots for cattle and hogs.

In June 1972, a Livestock Field Day was held at the site for visitors to be given a tour of the tunnels where cattle and hogs were being fed.

Using approximately 40 acres of tunnels that the Alexander Stone Co. had quarried, the first vision of this project was created by Edward O'Nan, Wesley Nick and Gaines P. Wilson as a way of treating calves who had pink-eye.

It was later expanded to a full-scale operation. At that time there were about 200 cattle and 450 hogs being housed in the quarried tunnels. Water was piped into the caverns from reservoirs above ground. The underground system maintained a constant temperature of almost 60 degrees and produce no weather or fly problems. Edward O'Nan of Sturgis, who was par-

tially responsible for using the underground area for feedlots, conducted the tour.

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The tunnels were also surveyed in 1972 and approved by the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers as a fallout shelter for Crittenden County. The tunnel complex would serve 15,000 according to the Civil Defense Support Branch.

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# Do not be deceived, God will not be mocked

No truer words were ever handed down from God than these from Galatians 6:7: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap."

The truth of this has been experienced by every human who has lived to adulthood; yet it is the most disregarded truth since the world began and has such painful results.

It also shows the truth of another one of God's scriptures, Isaiah 1:3: "The ox knows his owner and the donkey his master's crib, but My people do not consider."

The second paragraph above just proves the voracity of the last statement, that the dumb ox and the dumb donkey use their God-given intelligence better than most people.

Corn fields, wheat fields and gardens up and down our roads prove we reap



what we sow, and all who sowed any seeds in the earth know this but do not carry it over in their lives.

That law was put into play in the very beginning when God said, "Let the earth bring forth...the herb-yielding seed and the fruit tree-yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth; and it was so."

Cantaloupe seeds look like cucumber seeds, but if you sow them thinking you will get cucumbers, you know you will not.

We get exactly what we

sow, and a whole lot more than the one seed we sow.

Now aren't we glad we reap more than that one seed? That law also was made by God.

So it is with our deeds done in the flesh and God's Spirit. We reap not only what we sow but a whole lot more of the same.

We cannot change that law, just as we cannot change any of God's laws.

I've learned the hard way, just as all others have, that we do reap what we sow. How sad we aren't taught that as definitely as we are taught our ABCs which stick with us and benefit all our lives.

When we reap bad seeds, we reap them in the most inconvenient ways and times.

Soon after I was born again and came here to labor for the Lord, a family was busy in a church with other families, and they had

sown some bad seeds, not taking time to take to heart what the Bible has told us. And when the reaping set in, I remember standing in the lobby of what was then Tucker's Funeral Home and hearing the husband grieving over the death of his wife and saying, "Oh how we reap the sins we sow, and in such horrible, heart-breaking ways."

I've been reminded of that far more times than I would like to admit,—in my own life and through the lives of others.

Our people are suffering now in this once godly country. They are suffering because of the sins that have and are being sown by sin-blinded people who will also have to suffer hell on this earth just for acting dumber than the ox and donkey.

As one famous entertainer recently said, "Other countries call us (expletive),

and we went to the polls in November leaving no doubt."

Think of it. I repeat there are seven continents and six have just approved of same-sex marriage and the only one that has not is Asia, a continent whose countries are all Muslim and pagan, except Israel. We were once called a Christian country whose Bible still calls those sins an abomination and puts a death penalty on them. It will be carried out if/when the Muslims take over the rest of the world that they are dedicated to doing even at the expense of their own lives, and certainly at the judgment bar of God.

Another one of those laws written by God in Romans 1:32, speaking of both homosexuals and lesbians, is: "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not

only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them," reads Leviticus 20:13. "Thou shall not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination," Leviticus 18:22 adds.

Be not deceived, God is not mocked.

On one occasion, God asked the question:, "Who will go tell them for Me?"

Every Christian better be telling them, or we, too, will be dealt with at the judgment. See Ezekiel 33:8.

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

# Receive the peace of God through a relationship with Christ

By **JOEY DURHAM**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I want to bring this thought to your heart today, "How To Obtain Peace." The Word of God makes it clear that there will be no universal peace upon this earth until the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ, comes back to this earth to rule and reign from the throne of His father David, in Jerusalem.

However, let's notice what the Word of God says about this subject in Psalms 37:37-40, where we read, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off. But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him."

In our text here, the Scripture does speak of a peace that is obtainable

even today, but only to the person who has trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior.

God tells us to "mark the perfect man." The word "mark" means "to observe, and be aware of."

When God says that we are to look at the "perfect man" that does not mean that we can find a person who is sinless and has no faults or failures. Rather, this is an individual who has come to the Lord for salvation, who sees it as important to be undefiled from the sinful pleasures and vain philosophies of this lost world, and who faithfully follows the precepts of God's Word and not their own philosophy or someone else's opinion in religious matters.

Psalms 119:1 tells us "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord." This "perfect man" is a Spiritually mature person who knows what real peace is all about.

The lost and even the religious think they can obtain peace through a bottle

of liquor, a needle or joint of dope, or through illicit, perverted sexual experiences. But that type of life does not bring peace. That is a life of sin and the lost, without God, know deep down that there is no peace found in their empty sinful experiences.

The only way to have "peace with God" in this life is to repent of your sin, come to Jesus Christ and receive the peace that God offers you through His salvation, as Romans 5:1-2 tells us. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access

by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

After accepting Christ, the Christian can have the "peace of God" when he brings everything to the Lord in prayer, as Philippians 4:6-7 tells us. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

If you're not saved, then come to Jesus Christ today

and receive peace with God and the peace of God as a daily added blessing in your life.

No real, lasting peace is even possible apart from Jesus Christ living in your heart and life.

(Durham is pastor at Sturgis Baptist Church in Union County. His column appears bi-monthly in The Crittenden Press.)

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Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Collins, 101

Anna Smith Collins, 101, of Marion, died at her home on July 7, 2013, surrounded by family.



She was born on Dec. 8, 1911, to William Edgar and Ella Tilford Smith. She was a 1929 graduate of Marion High School and later received college degrees from Western Kentucky and Murray State universities.

Collins was a beloved teacher in both Crittenden County and Murphy, Mo. She taught a total of 44 years. After her retirement, she returned to her home in Marion. After returning to Marion, she was a 4-H club leader for more than 10 years and continued to tutor students well into her 90s.

She was a member of Marion Baptist Church, the Kentucky and Missouri retired teacher associations, Order of the Eastern Star and homemakers club. She was a Kentucky Colonel.

She is survived by her sons, Tony and wife Pat Collins of Marion, Jerry and wife Phyllis Collins of Marion, Bill and wife Rebecca Collins of St. Louis, Mo.; a daughter, Anne T. Collins of Marion; eight grandchildren, Mark, Henry, David Henry, Stuart Collins, Shannon Hodge, Shawna Sharp, Brent Collins, Jennifer Hansen and Matt Collins; 13 great-grandchildren, Van Hansen, Addyson Collins, Maggie Collins, Mauri Collins, Ryan Henry, Allison Henry, Alyssa Henry, Kyle Henry, Tessa Henry, Jessica Hodge, Jordyn Hodge, Tucker Sharp and Turner Sharp; former sons-in-law, Jerry Henry and B.J. Crider; several nieces; and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Torian Collins; six siblings, Bill Smith, Leamon Smith, Roy Smith, John Smith, Pearl Smith and Ada Brown; a nephew, Collie Ray Brown; and a great-grandson, Jake Hodge.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Repton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center, 131 E. Depot St., Marion, KY 42064.

(Note: Extended obituaries require a nominal fee. Please ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.)

Davis

Debbie Davis, 63, of Sturgis, died July 6, 2013, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

She was a retired secretary from Union County High School.

Davis is survived by her husband, Ray Davis of Sturgis; a daughter, Jinger and husband Steve Carter of Sturgis; a son, Tate and wife Jessica Davis of Morganfield; her mother, Alice and husband James V. Shouse of Morganfield; a brother, Danny Baird of Henderson; and a granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her father, J.R. Baird; her grandparents, Jessie and Mary Baird and Dorris and Agnes Lovell.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, with Rev. James Shouse officiating. Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

Sharpe

Eva Sharpe, 93, of Marion, died July 4, 2013, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab in Marion.

She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Sharpe is survived by a sister, Eula Bradford of Marion; two nephews, Edward Kirk of Louisville and Johnny and wife Jacqueline Kirk of Louisville; and a niece, Wanda of Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Minnie Miles; six brothers, Herbert, Harry, Robert, William Henry, Doyle and Alford Miles; and three sisters, Ivery, Tylene and Charlene Miles.

Services were Tuesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Lewis Cemetery.

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Witherspoon

Bobbie Louise (Heady) Witherspoon, 85, of Blackford, died July 3, 2013, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab.

She is survived by a son, Brenton "Danny" Witherspoon of Mattoon; a sister, Nancy Heady Lacy of Marion; a brother, Marshall Heady of Blackford; five grandchildren, Rob Gatlin of Madisonville, Heady Carlisle Larson of Clay, Jimmy Witherspoon of Marion, Allison Carlisle McCormick of Clay and Dusty Witherspoon of Paducah; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grand-

children.

Witherspoon was preceded in death by her parents, Bob and Olene Crider Heady; two brothers, Douglas Heady and Paul Heady; three children, Eldon Witherspoon, Carrie "Jimmie" Witherspoon Carlisle and Dwight Witherspoon; and a granddaughter, Darla Witherspoon Goodloe.

A graveside service was conducted Saturday at Oak Grove Cemetery near Blackford. The service was officiated by Daniel Heady.

Vanover Funeral Home in Clay was in charge of arrangements.



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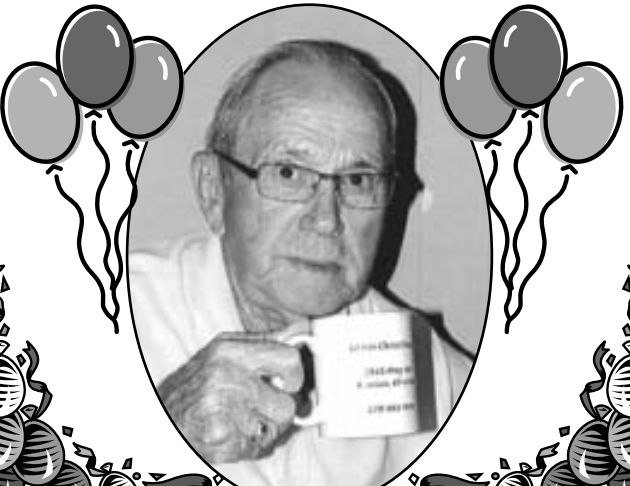
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# Take time to prevent exposure to poisonous plants

Now that summertime is here, most of us will be spending more time enjoying the great outdoors. But many a great summer day can be ruined by exposure to poisonous plants such as poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac. All three plants contain oil called urushiol that causes an allergic skin reaction to humans. Prevention is the key to avoiding the rash and uncomfortable itching caused by exposure to these plants.

Plant identification is half the battle to preventing exposure. Poison ivy has



three leaves on each stem. The leaves are shiny with smooth or slightly notched edges. Poison oak looks similar but has larger leaves with rounded notches and a textured leaf. Like poison ivy, each stem can have three leaves, but the stems can have clusters

of five or seven leaves as well. Both can be found growing as vines or shrubs. Poison sumac leaves grow in groups of seven to 13, but each stem will always have one leaf at the end. It grows as a shrub or a tree.

You should carefully remove any poisonous plants found on your property, getting as much of the root as possible. The oil continues to be active even after the plants are dead so be sure to cover all exposed skin and wash your hands and clothes afterward. Dispose of the plants in a trash sack. Do not burn the

plants as the oil will be released into the air and can irritate your skin, eyes, nose and respiratory tract.

If you accidentally come in contact with one of these plants, a red, itchy rash may appear anywhere from four to 48 hours after exposure.

You may also have bumps or blisters on your skin or swelling around the irritated skin. The rash could last from one to three weeks, depending on how much your skin was exposed to the oil.

If you are knowingly exposed to poisonous plants,

wash your hands with lukewarm water and soap. If a rash develops, keep it cool, dry and clean. Anti-itch lotions or creams, over-the-counter medications and home remedies, such as bathing in oatmeal or baking soda, can help relieve the itching. Wash your clothes and clean any shoes and garden tools that came in contact with the plant.

Seek medical attention if the rash is widespread on your body, doesn't go away with home treatment, is around your eyes or if a severe allergic reaction occurs including swelling of the

tongue or throat, chest tightness, nausea, fever, extreme soreness around the rash, swollen lymph nodes or difficulty breathing.

Pictures of poison ivy, poison sumac and poison oak are available online at <http://www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/poison-ivy-oak-and-sumac-leaves>.

Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



## Gass 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Gass celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 10. Mr. Gass and the former Nina Hughes were married in Corinth, Miss., on July 10, 1953.

Mr. Gass is the son of the late Houston and Daisy Gass. Mrs. Gass is the daughter of the late Ivo and Mae Hughes.

The couple are parents of three daughters, Marilyn Dameron, Patsy Walker and husband Doug and Felecia

Myers and husband Tony. They have four grandchildren: Jinnyi Clements and husband Truitt; Vicki Dameron; Douglas Walker II and wife Kelly; Jordan Montgomery and husband Kevin. Their three great-grandchildren include Ashtin and Tyler Dameron and Bryson Walker. A great granddaughter is due in August.

If you would like to send the couple a card, please mail it to 232 W. Bellville St. in Marion.



## Beavers 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Beavers will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on July 17. The couple was married in 1953. Mr. Beavers and the former Geraldine Hughes were married in Corinth, Miss. Their honeymoon was cut short because Mr. Beavers was on a three-day pass from the U.S. Army.

Mr. Beavers is the son of the late Carl R. and Melvin

Beavers of the Mexico community of Crittenden County. Mrs. Beavers is the daughter of the late Robert G. and Ruth Hughes from the Siloam community of Crittenden County.

They have one daughter, Lisa (Beavers) Quader of Saint Paul, Minn.

If you see this couple, be sure to wish them a happy 60th wedding anniversary on July 17.

## SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

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

Every day, the center at 210 North Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and use of the exercise equipment. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information.

This week's activities and menu include:

- Today: A group walk will take place at 10 a.m. The center is open until 8 p.m., with homemade ice cream served at 5 p.m. and bingo and pool beginning at 6 p.m. Menu is pork roast, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, lima beans, cornbread and pears.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is chicken pot pie, lasagna, marinated tomato salad, whole wheat bread and

fruit cobbler.

- Monday: A group walk will take place at 10 a.m. Ham and cheese sandwich on whole wheat bread, creamy cole slaw, potato salad, peaches and snickerdoodle cookie.
- Tuesday: A Kentucky legal aide will be on hand to answer questions at 10:30 a.m. Menu is oven-fried chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll and pineapple mouse.
- Wednesday: Bookmobile arrives at 9 a.m. Bingo and Life-line blood pressure checks begin at 10:30 a.m.. Menu is pork chop supreme, glazed sweet potato, black-eyed peas, cornbread and Mandarin oranges.
- Next Thursday: Crittenden County Health and Rehab blood pressure checks begin at 10 a.m.. Menu is beef pot roast, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, buttered carrots, whole wheat roll and dreamsicle gelatine.



## Williams 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Deonn Williams will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 13. Mr. Williams and the former Donna McDaniel were married on July 13, 1963, at Marion Baptist Church.

Mr. Williams is the son of the late Harley F. and Juanita Williams. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of the late Noble and Helen McDaniel.

They are the parents of three children: Darrin and

wife Roseann Williams of Smithland; DeAnna and husband Darrel McDonald of Carrsville and Debbie and husband David Collins of Kevil.

The couple have seven grandchildren: Darrick, Brandon and SueAnna Williams of Smithland; Sy and Eli McDonald of Carrsville; Dawson and Baron Collins of Kevil and one great-granddaughter, Keyle Williams of Salem.

## Museum exhibit will feature women working for change

**STAFF REPORT**

Crittenden County Historical Museum for the rest of the month and into August will be featuring women in Kentucky who worked for cultural, intellectual, medical and political change from the mid-19th to the mid-20th centuries.

The Museums to Go exhibit, "Women Working for Change," is on loan from the Kentucky Historical Society and features photographs chosen to best illustrate the

activities of Kentucky women pushing for advances in equality between men and women. The exhibit includes often-neglected minority groups and presents both urban and rural women.

The eight-panel display is available for viewing during regular museum hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Wednesday through Saturday. There is no charge to visit the museum on at 124. E. Bellville St. in Marion.

## Community CALENDAR

**Thursday, July 11**

- The public is invited to a welcome reception from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Office for Meredith Hall, the new County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**Friday, July 12**

- Living Hope Ministries, Inc. is hosting Family Matters / Marriage Matters Conference from 7-9 p.m., July 12 and 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., July 13 at the Fire Training Center on U.S. 62 in Princeton. The discussion will be led by Focus on the Family Counselor George Stahnke and wife Linda.
- The Mustang Mafia of Western Kentucky will hold a Downtown Cruiz-in from 6-9 p.m., at 520 N. Adams St. in Sturgis.

**Saturday, July 13**

- The Crittenden County Ge-

nealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., in the meeting room at the Library. The program will include the history of Mattoon.

- The Class of 2003 will celebrate its 10th reunion at 6 p.m., at Fohs Hall. Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 for couple. Dancing and dinner is included. For more information visit their Facebook page.

**Wednesday, July 17**

- The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1373, will meet at 11:15 a.m., at The Marion Cafe. This month's topic is the October Fall Roundup and Obamacare. All current and retired federal employees are invited to the monthly meeting.

**Thursday, July 18**

- Crittenden County Inter-

Agency Council will meet at 9 a.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Office. Program will be presented by Allison Beshear, Public Health Director for the Pennyryle District Health Department, on Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP). MAPP is a community-driven strategic planning process for improving community health. For further information call 965-5236.

**Saturday, July 27**

- The Crittenden County High School Class of 1983 will have its 30-year reunion at Green Turtle Bay Conference Center. Events will begin at 6 p.m. Cost is \$75/couple and \$50/single which includes dinner. Registration is due now to ensure rental of the facility. Contact Rhonda Travis Dunn at 853-

9696 or Angie Belt Prowell 625-0967 for more information or to register.

**Saturday, Sept. 7**

- Marion National Guard Unit reunion will be held at 11 a.m., Sept. 7 at the Lion's Club building. All members past and present are welcome. For more information contact Rick Nelson 704-1392 or Roger Lubben at 625-0971.

**On-going**

- The Thrift Shoppe at the Salem Christian Life Center is now open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays.
- The Crittenden Hospital Auxiliary is collecting book donations at the hospital lobby from 9 a.m., to 4 p.m., weekdays. You can call 965-1059 to have them picked up. The books will be sold for fundraising.

## Church notes

- Barnett Chapel Church is studying in the Book of Revelation during Wednesday prayer meetings at 6 p.m. Bro. Steve Tinsley and the congregation invite everyone to attend.
- Marion General Baptist Church will have Homecoming services on Sunday. There will be a noon meal. The River City Quartet from Henderson will sing following the meal. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lola will hold Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m., July 15-19 for ages one to 16. For more information call Missy Newcom at 270-210-4902 or Sharon Slayden at 988-2064.
- St. William Catholic Church is having Vacation Bible School from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., July 23-25. The theme is The Kingdom of God. All children three years to fourth grade are welcome to attend.
- Barnett Chapel Church will have Youth Sunday at 11 a.m., July 21. One United will perform. Bro. Steve Tinsley and the congregation welcome everyone.
- Tolu United Methodist Church will have its 115th Homecoming on July 21. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m., and services at 11 a.m., with a pot luck meal to follow. One United will be singing at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Barnett Chapel Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary from 3 to 6 p.m., Aug. 3. There will be a PowerPoint presentation, testimony, fellowship and food. Come and join the celebration.

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**SECTION 8 HOUSING**



# Self-confidence key when facing life’s issues

**By CHAD LOUGEE**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

While some hourglasses actually use sand as the granular mixture, most of them do not use sand at all. They use material such as a combination of "powdered marble, tin/lead oxides and pulverized, burnt eggshell."

On average, an hourglass has around 6,250 grains of sand. A person's life is like that of an hour glass: 6,250 divided by 365 days a year equals 18 long years. Unlike the toy hourglass, which can be turned over or reset, our life—our hourglass—has only one way

down.

We have one chance at making the best of life as we know it. Time moves fast and only in one direction. We are born, graduate, get married, have kids, get old and soon die.

Sadly, we do not have the option to turn over our hourglass and make changes in our life so that we do not have to deal with the PTSD life or life of anxiety.

And in this world we live in, our lives do not stay flowing together in a straight line as the sand

does in the hourglass. Those who are meant to take care of us crack our glass shell and just let our life feelings as a human blow away in the wind as the sand does when it blows.

What happens to old broken toys? They get thrown away. What about your broken toy?

For most of us, we stay home for at least 18 long years. For those who stay at home, and those who serve in the armed services, we still have that cracked glass shell but have lost the ends

and the sand in it.

When we leave home or come home, we have a choice. We can live life as if it was just blowing in the wind or we can take full control of it like the sand in a new sand timer.

Well, where do we start? First we need to repair our glass; that is, build our self-confidence, our self-worth, and our self-esteem. Then we need to get two new ends. One end is your new beginning of life and the other is your new destination. And your new sand is the company you keep.

The two things I found from having learned how to control an abusive past that lead me to have PTSD are these: You can keep looking behind you and let it control your future or you can take what you know happened to you in the past and use it to make a better future for yourself.

Granted, it is not easy. I am still learning these facts of life myself, but I hope that someday this column will be able to help someone.

Remember PTSD sufferers, you are never alone.

There are people out there who do understand what you are dealing with. There are doctors who want to help.

Please do not wait any longer. Seek help now. It is never too late.

*(Chad Lougee, a resident of Marion since 2003, suffers from posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) due to childhood abuse. Through sharing his experiences and those of friends with PTSD, he hopes to help others who suffer from the disorders to see that there is light at the end of the tunnel.)*



PHOTOS BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

## Patriotism on display

The 12th annual community patriotic service held July 3 at Marion Baptist Church's Family Life Center drew more than 100 onlookers to celebrate America's 237th birthday and the sacrifices of military and emergency personnel. At top, Joni Durfey (center), an Army veteran, holds the flag representing her branch of service while James Williams, a former Marine, holds the U.S. Marine Corps standard as a community choir sings the anthems for each branch of the military. At left, ceremony organizer Barry Gilbert, a retired National Guard colonel, shares a moment with keynote speaker Col. Michael Gavin, a doctor and surgeon with Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem now on active duty with the Kentucky Army National Guard.

## Maddux recertified as diplomate of ABFM

**STAFF REPORT**

Greg Maddux, M.D., a family physician in Marion, was recently recertified as a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice (ABFM), the independent certifying body for the specialty of family medicine.

Maddux maintained diplomate status by passing the ABFM's exam of the six major medical areas that comprise the specialty of family medicine: pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, internal medicine, psychiatry and neurology, surgery and community medicine.

In 1969, family medicine was recognized as a medical specialty by the American Medical Association and the American Board of Medical Specialties. Family medicine's specialty board was the first to issue time-limited certificates and to require mandatory recertification

every seven years.

Diplomates are required to complete all four components of the Maintenance of Certification for Family Physicians (MC-FP) program requirements throughout their seven-year certification term.

Maddux, a native of Salem, graduated magna cum laude from Murray State University in 1972. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1976 and then completed a three-year residency in family medicine at Spartanburg General Hospital in Spartanburg, S.C.



Maddux

Maddux moved to Marion in 1979 and was one of the founding physicians of Family Practice Clinic, P.S.C., where he has been in practice for the last 34 years. He and his wife Karen reside in Crittenden County.

To maintain membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians, Maddux is required to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical education every three years. The AAFP was the first national medical specialty organization to set continuing education requirements for its members. This requirement helps ensure family physician members remain educated on the most up-to-date medical technologies, research and techniques.

### Bobcats wrapping up final two weeks of 2013 season

- Today: vs. Dubois County, 7:05 p.m.
- Friday: vs. Madisonville, 7:05 p.m.
- Saturday: at Madisonville, 7 p.m.
- Sunday: at Fulton, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday: vs. Fulton, 7:05 p.m.
- Wednesday: at Hoptown, 7 p.m.
- Thursday: vs. Hoptown, 7:05 p.m.
- July 19: at Owensboro, 7 p.m.
- July 20: vs. Dubois County, 7:05 p.m.
- July 21: vs. Madisonville, 5:05 p.m.
- July 23: at Fulton, 7:05 p.m.
- July 24: vs. Hopkinsville, 7:05 p.m.
- July 25: Playoffs begin

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Must be 13 years old by Oct. 31 and 15 years old before Oct. 31.

\*Miss Pre-Teen and Miss Teen will compete in Pageant Gown and Self Introduction Only.

Tuesday, July 30 7:00 p.m. Fohs Hall

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**On the Ball**

Marion's Travis Gilbert and the Indiana Spikes 17-under college showcase baseball team won the 2013 Midwest Open Invitational Shootout in Plainfield, Ind., on June 21-23. The club went 4-1 in the tournament and Gilbert had a win and a save as a pitcher. He is currently hitting .303 for the season with two showcase events left — one at Western Kentucky University and the other at Bel-larmine College. The team is comprised of players mostly from southern Indiana and is being coached by two former players from University of Southern Indiana and SI's current pitching coach, Silas Dill. Gilbert is a senior-to-be at Crittenden County High School.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 24
Early Goose	Sept. 1-15
Wood Duck & Teal	Sept. 18-22
Some dates subject to legislative approval.	

**LBL quota deer hunts**

Applications for the 2013 Quota Deer Hunts at Land Between the Lakes (LBL) may be submitted July 1-31, online at [www.lbl.org](http://www.lbl.org) or by phone at 924-2065. The application fee is \$5 online, or \$7 by phone. After applying, applicants can check back in late-August to see if they were drawn. Deer harvested on LBL are bonus deer and do not count toward statewide bag limits. All quota hunt permits will be either-sex permits. There is an LBL-wide one antlered buck limit regardless of whether it is taken in Kentucky or Tennessee, or during archery season or a quota hunt. For more LBL info, visit [www.lbl.org](http://www.lbl.org) or call 800-LBL-7077 or 924-2000.

**SWIMMING**

**Stingrays host meet**

Marion's swim team will host Greenville this evening (Thursday) at Marion Country Club in its final home meet of the season. The Stingrays will swim at Madisonville YMCA next Thursday, July 18.

**FOOTBALL**

**Signs at Rocket Stadium**

Anyone interested in having a promotional sign at Rocket Stadium for the fall football season should contact head coach Al Starnes at 704-0036 or 965-3525. The 3x5 foot signs are \$200 for the first year, or \$50 for a renewal.

**2013 CCHS Rockets schedule**

Aug. 23 at Fulton City  
Aug. 30 HOPKINS CENTRAL  
Sept. 6 Open  
Sept. 13 at Union County  
Sept. 20 at Webster County  
Sept. 27 MUHLENBERG CO.  
Oct. 4 MARSHALL CO.  
Oct. 11 at Murray  
Oct. 18 at Ballard Memorial  
Oct. 25 CALDWELL COUNTY  
Nov. 1 Open  
Nov. 8 Class 2A Playoffs

**GOLF**

**Sheriff's golf outing**

Kentucky Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch will host its annual 4-Person Benefit Golf Scramble Saturday, July 20 at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. Shotgun start is at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$300 per team. Contact Sheriff Wayne Agent at 965-3400 to enter.

**Pippi Hardin tourney**

The annual Victor "Pippi" Hardin Quarterback Club benefit golf tournament will be held July 24 at Marion Country Club. Contact Ronnie Myers at 704-0108 to enter a 4-person team. Proceeds benefit the Rocket football team.

JUST PERFECT !



Marion's Reds 12-under baseball team won the regular season and post-season championship in the Caldwell-Crittenden-Dawson Springs league. The club was 14-0 after beating the Princeton A's 10-0 in last week's championship game as Cruce Collyer hit a grand slam. Pictured are (front from left) Coy Burns, Payton Riley, Devin Porter, Cruce Collyer, (back) Trent Champion, Sean O'Leary, coach Todd Riley, Alex Tucker, Blake Curnel, Ethan Dossett and coach Craig Dossett. Not pictured: Mason Hunt and Justin Phillips.

**Crittenden County's Bombsquad softball team won the league championship and post-season tournament. The league consisted of teams from Crittenden, Caldwell and Dawson Springs. The girls were 10-2 on the season. Players and coaches are (front from left) McKenzie Quertermous, Cortne Curnel, Kacie Easley, (middle) Lily Hester, Raylee Belt, Kate Keller, Josie Tapp, Nahla Calloway, Lilly Perryman, Belle Minton, Abby Kirk, (back) coaches Mike Keller, Robin Curnel and Chad Perryman.**



**Athletes from Tumble Extreme's tumbling team performed well in the USTA Nationals June 18-22 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Results were as follows: Brittany Minton (back) Rod Floor 15th, Double Mini 18th and Trampoline 21st; Sissy Collins (left center) Rod Floor 8th, Double Mini 31st and Trampoline 18th; Riley Summers (right center) Rod Floor 13th, Double Mini 11th and Trampoline 4th; and Belle Minton (front) Rod Floor 32nd, Double Mini 15th and Trampoline 8th.**

MBC's Centershot Archery Tournament



A Centershot Archery Tournament was held June 22 at Marion Baptist Church. Pictured are contestants (from left) Lydia Burdon, Brennan Jones, Amber Wright, Hunter Holeman, Matt Lynn and Skyler James. Holeman won first place followed by Wright in second and Lynn in third in the sixth through 12th-grade division.



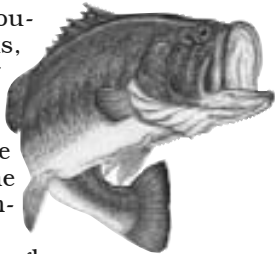
Participants in the first- through fifth-grade division (front from left) were Jeremiah Brantley, Allie Brantley, Mallory Lynn, Cutter Singleton, (back) Collin Eply, Elijah Shewcraft, Cade Crider, Coleman Stone, Jeremiah Foster, Trace Darrington, Jaylin Blackburn, Seth Blackburn and Even Belt. Foster won first place followed by Derrington in second and Stone third.

Bassing moves to summer patterns

**BY LEE MCCLELLAN**  
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The wet and unseasonably cool weather pattern lately seems more consistent with Derby week than with the second week of July.

Chris Hickey, black bass research biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, said the cool weather delayed the largemouth bass spawn a couple of weeks, but now everything is on schedule as we head into the heat of summer.



He said anglers report largemouth bass gathering on the channel ledges on Kentucky and Barkley lakes.

Summer fishing for largemouth bass frustrates many anglers, although anglers themselves are usually the source of the problem. The anglers often don't change the presentation or places they fish from the spring season, although their summer catch often consists of a few small male "buck" bass.

Forget fishing the visible cover along the bank and instead concentrate on off-shore structures such as channel ledges, submerged islands, humps and long points to catch bass during the day in July and August. Studying a map of the underwater features reveals these fish-holding structures. Anglers should plan on probing several during a day of fishing.

"I look for three things for deep ledge fishing," said Ryan Oster, federal aid coordinator for the fisheries division of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "The first is the presence of bait, second is stumps and third is current. Mussel beds on the ledge are also a big help."

Oster, formerly western fisheries district biologist who helped manage Kentucky and Barkley lakes, prefers deep running crankbaits, 7- to 10-inch straight-tailed worms rigged on Shakey heads and heavy football jig and trailer combinations to fish ledges from 12 to 25 feet deep in these lakes.

"I like the Sexy Shad color for clear water and the chartreuse Sexy Shad for stained water in my deep crankbaits," Oster said. "Typically, bass want it raking across the bottom. On some days, the fish want a slow and steady retrieve and on others, they want it fast. Mix it up until they hit."

Boat positioning is important to keep these lures crawling on the bottom and across those underwater ledges and humps. Some anglers use marker buoys to visualize the ledge or hump.

Slowly crawl a Shakey head rig along the bottom, stop it every few feet and shake the rod tip to wiggle the worm and entice bass. Anglers fishing jigs may also work the bottom, but many "stroke" a heavy football jig by ripping it off the bottom with their rod tip and letting the lure fall on a slack line. Trophy largemouths often hit the jig on the fall.

Use at least ½-ounce of weight to get down on the deep structure. Many opt for ¾-ounce or 1-ounce jigs. Shakey worms in green pumpkin, black or purple work well in deep water. Black jigs in combination with blue, purple, brown or chartreuse produce deep bass.

During the hottest times of the year, largemouth bass suspend over the ledge or hump and ignore lures worked on bottom. A swimbait works well for suspended bass.

Pearl-colored swimbaits with shades of gray, blue and light purple work well. Fish the swimbait just above bottom rigged on a ¼-ounce or ½-ounce head as heavier heads deadens the lure's action. Oster prefers 5-inch swimbaits.

Points that extend well out into the lake are high percentage spots for summer largemouth bass. Jigs slowly crawled across the point in water 15 to 25 feet deep draws strikes. Points with stumps or chunk rock on them hold the most fish.

The best ledge fishing is on Kentucky Lake, Lake Barkley and Barren River Lake. Most lakes across Kentucky have long extended points and many have underwater humps.

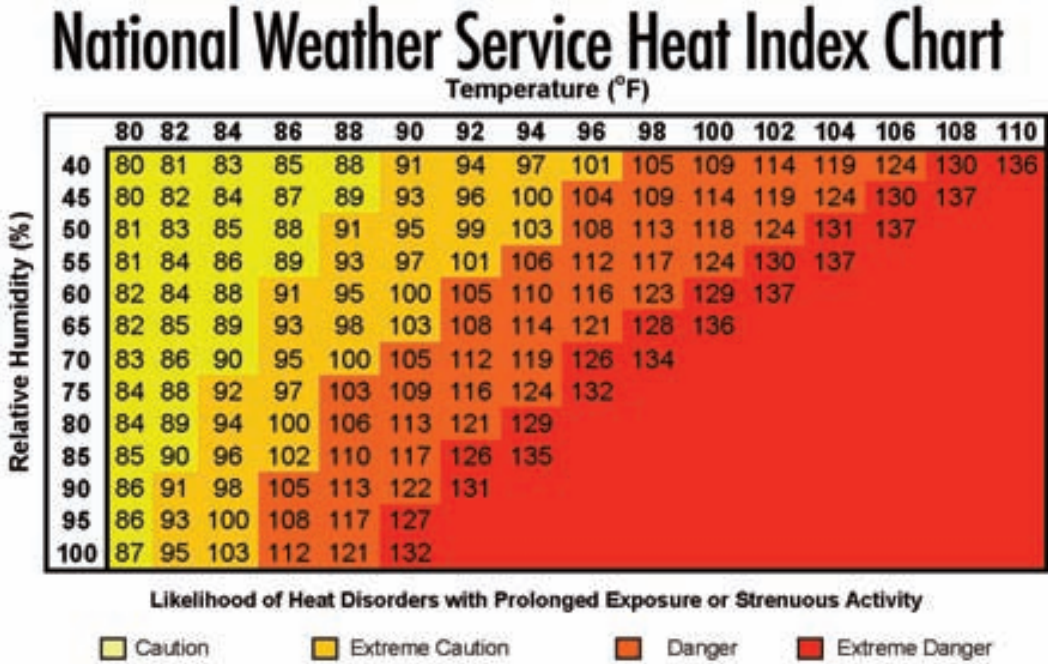
Get off the bank and catch huge bass on the hottest days.

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# Summer heat, humidity bring risk of serious health issues

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A worker doing roof repairs dies in Kentucky.

It's just one of the dozens of heat-related deaths reported every summer. Federal officials are sharing such tragic stories to raise awareness of the risks of working outside during the types of hot, humid days that are increasingly common.

According to Dr. David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), heat-related deaths and injuries can be prevented.

"Water, rest, shade," are what it takes, he said. "If outdoor workers take these precautions, it can mean the difference between life and death."

With heat indices earlier this week reaching triple digits, residents should be wary of the dangers of high temperatures combined with high humidity as summer progresses. Heat kills by pushing the human body beyond its limits. In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature.

Most heat disorders occur

because the victim has been overexposed to heat or has over-exercised for his or her age and physical condition. Older adults, young children, and those who are sick or overweight are more likely to succumb to extreme heat.

OSHA says employers have a duty to protect workers and develop a hot-weather plan when temperatures top 90 degrees.

The director of the National Weather Service, Dr. Louis Uccellini, said more extreme heat is expected this summer, and workers and employers should prepare.

"Heat is a silent killer," he said. "Unlike such hazards as damaging winds or flooding, many people often don't realize they are in trouble until they need medical assistance."

OSHA reports most outdoor workers who die because of heat stress are in their first week of a new job and have not had time to adjust to the conditions.

During times of extreme heat, there are a few precautions people can take to help avoid heat disorders, including heat stroke. Some include:

- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.
- Stay on the lowest floor,

out of the sunshine if air conditioning is not available.

- Consider spending the warmest part of the day in public buildings such as libraries, schools, movie theaters, shopping malls and other community facilities.

- Circulating air can cool the body by increasing the perspiration rate of evaporation.

- Eat well-balanced, light and regular meals. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.

- Drink plenty of water.

- Limit intake of alcoholic beverages.

- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible.

- Protect face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat.

- Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.

- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.

- Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day. Use a buddy system when working in extreme heat, and take frequent breaks.

(Kentucky News Connection contributed to this story.)

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