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Back-to-School
special section

Inside this week's edition of The Crittenden Press, find our award-winning Back-to-School section chock full of information and news parents and students need to know before heading back to class on Aug. 11. If it's important, it's inside.

Our annual Back-to-School feature was judged 2014 Best Special Section in the Kentucky Press Association's annual contest. In 2013, it earned a second-place award in the same category.

1ST PLACE

Suspects in string of burglars finally jailed

STAFF REPORT

Folks in the Shady Grove and Piney areas of Crittenden County are resting a bit easier this week since the couple dubbed "Bonnie and Clyde" have been caught and are behind bars – one in Evansville, Ind., and the other in Dixon.

"We've been a little on edge," said Heather Boone, whose family lives in the eastern part of the county where several burglaries were attributed to Christopher Adam Sheridan, 31, and Brooke Stevens, 34, both of Clay.

The two are alleged to have been involved in a string of break-ins and thefts, mostly at seasonal hunting cabins in Crittenden, Caldwell, Webster and Hopkins counties. However, Crittenden County Sheriff's Department believes they also may have burglarized a church and outbuildings and garages of homes where people were living. They are even suspected of pointing a gun at two Crittenden Countians.

Sheridan was caught in the Ohio River bottoms near Evansville Monday morning after a police chase ended in a flooded crop field where the suspect resisted arrest and tried to swim to freedom after the stolen truck he was driving became stuck in the mud.

According to police records, another man was in the vehicle, Jan Michael Bridwell, 31, of Henderson, but he did not resist arrest and was not charged. Authorities say Sheridan was charged with auto theft, theft of a license plate, resisting arrest, driving on a suspended or expired driver's license, reckless driving and giving false information to police. The arrest report said Sheridan gave Evansville police several false names. They eventually identified him by a tattoo.

The vehicle Sheridan was driving



Sheridan



Stevens

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Conway running mate visits town

Rep. Sannie Overly, Kentucky's Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, is scheduled to be in Marion today (Thursday).

Overly is running on the Democratic ticket with gubernatorial nominee Jack Conway, who is in his second term as Kentucky's attorney general. Today will mark the first official visit to Crittenden County by the Conway/Overly ticket since winning the party's nomination in May.

Overly is being hosted by local Democrats who will show her around the courthouse and downtown. There is also a meet-and-greet slated for 12:30 p.m. at Marion Cafe.

Conway and Overly will face GOP gubernatorial nominee Matt Bevin and his running mate, Jenean Hampton, in the November general election.



Overly



Dianne Adams of Marion is more than just a grandmother to both Jordan, 11, and Shayla, 9. She is the legal guardian of the two children, joining a growing number of families who are referred to as grandfamilies.

Number of Kentucky grandparents serving as guardian to children on rise

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

A trip on the Voyage roller coaster at Holiday World may seem intimidating for many grandparents, but Dianne Adams rode the monster coaster undaunted. After all, family vacations are about being together and having fun.

"We had a ball," Adams said when she and her grandchildren had the opportunity to visit the park in June. A Marion resident, Adams is more than just a grandmother to both Jordan, 11, and Shayla, 9. She has also assumed the role as their legal guardian and has joined a growing number of families who are referred to as grandfamilies, or families headed by grandparents who share a home with their grandchildren.

Grandparents may step in to raise their grandchildren for a variety of reasons such as divorce, death or when a parent loses a job. They fulfill an important role in their grandchildren's lives by offering stability, encouragement and love.

According to the most recent U.S. Census data available, 48,000 Kentucky children, or 4.7 percent of the population under 18, live in homes where grandparents are responsible for them. Of these children, half have no parents present in the home. Those 2010 numbers are up sharply from just a decade prior.

Adams said there was an initial adjustment in having to start over

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PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

Development at Industrial Park North in Marion took a long stride forward this week with the paving of the access road into the roughly 150-acre site owned by Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. Above, a crew with Rogers Group lays asphalt Tuesday morning.

County's largest employers issue positive reports

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

The local economy is on firm footing according to reports issued last week from Crittenden County's three largest employers.

The heads of Siemens, Par 4 Plastics and Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) all reported growth at their facilities over the last year at the annual meeting of Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC). Together, the three facilities employ about 730 workers, a number equivalent just under 20 percent of the county's workforce.

"We're building a team to move forward," said Siemens plant manager Troy Martin.

"Our expectation is to have over 300 employees by the end of the year."

Already, the maker of signaling devices and on-board locomotive equipment for the nation's top railroads, like Norfolk Southern, is the county's top employer with about 280 workers. The local plant has also manufactured signaling equipment for public transportation such as the New York City Transit Authority and in recent months began building signaling for pedestrian and auto crossings.

As the operation has expanded over the last 15 years from a handful of employees adjust-



Martin

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Help with veteran benefits available

Veterans in Crittenden County looking for benefits information can contact Renita Duff with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at (270) 322-9087.



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Move over Beau: Katydids prognosticators of October frost

Old Trigger is 91 in dog years. He's hard of hearing and can't see very well.

As age has crept up on my English setter, he's become more clingy. He usually sleeps on the back deck, but when we're home, he always sits staring through the picture window into the kitchen.

We joke that he's afraid we're going to put him in the nursing home.

Animals have a sense about things that humans do not. Perhaps we were more in tune with the elements hundreds of years ago before modern conveniences softened us up.

When there's a thunderstorm on the horizon, the wife logs onto Beau Dodson's Web page to see what his Doppler radar is forecasting. I just look for Trigger. If he's not on the back porch, there's bad weather ahead. If he senses a storm, he goes somewhere on the farm for refuge. We're not really sure where that is exactly, but I guess it's in the back of one of the barns. Lightning troubles the old boy.

When our great-grandparents were living on self-sustaining farms, they used all sorts of observations to forecast the weather. Beau didn't know weather back then.

Instead, they would watch cattle in the fields to determine what the coming weather might be like. If bees and butterflies left the garden, they knew it would be storming soon. When birds were flying high above the trees, clear skies were almost certain. If birds were flying low, severe weather was coming.


Moths, skunks, wooly worms, bats... they were all under a microscope as old-timers tried to figure out whether to cut and stack extra firewood for the winter or when to plant their crops.

Right now, we can know when the first frost will hit by using our ears in the evenings.

Katydids are said to predict the onset of cold weather. From the first time you hear the bush-crickets' nighttime melody, count 90 days ahead and that will be your first frost. Based upon my observations, that means around Oct. 15 this year.

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Publisher of
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About Town

Cowboy Phil making his way along Trail of Tears

When Cowboy Phil Moore visits us, we invite friends over and have a barbecue. That's because he's quite a celebrity in his own right. In 2006, he left his Mt. Judea, Ark., homestead for a life riding cross country on his horse, Newt.

We were introduced to Phil a few years ago by a good friend. Now, if our farm is on his route, he stops by to say "hello." He chooses to stay off the beaten path and visit towns that are about 20 to 30 miles apart, around a day's ride. Small town people are always eager to provide a place for him to bunk for the night plus provide food and shelter for the cowboy and his horse. While there, he spends time with old friends and acquaintances, answering questions and telling about all the interesting people he's met and the places he's seen. He can talk for hours!

This summer, he is following the northern route of the Trail of Tears. He and

Linda Defew

Crittenden Press guest columnist

Defew's Views



Newt left North Carolina on May 20 and will travel across seven states. Recently traveling through Clarksville, Hopkinsville and Princeton, he is now en route to Mantle Rock, located in northern Livingston County.

Some people ask him how he can live that kind of life, just take off and not be scared about where his next meal is coming from or where he's going to stay the night. "Scared of what?" he replies. "If you look for the good, you'll generally find it." He says if he tries to think of the bad things that have happened in his 17

trips across America, he couldn't even find a handful. If anything, he thinks people are drawn to his life as a cowboy.

He readily admits he's a horse of a different color and should have been born 150 years ago. Because he loves the life so much, he tries to convince people to try the life for themselves. He says it's really simple. Just get on a horse, pick out somewhere you've never been and head in that direction. He claims that after the first 100 miles, you'll want to keep going.

Riding horses is in his blood, a way of life that comes natural to him. Moore came from a farm family who loved to ride horses. His mother even rode with legendary Roy Rogers. However, at 62, Phil has been able to add a number of other skills and hobbies to his ability as an accomplished horseman, such as wrangler, firearms expert, stuntman, motorcyclist, singer and guitar



PHOTO BY LINDA DEFEW
Cowboy Phil Moore will be accepting donations as he makes his way across the country. Those contributions will be presented to Cherokee children at the end of his trail.

player.

The role of a typical Wild-West cowboy has given him opportunities he might not have had otherwise. He's been in several movies in-

cluding, "Comanche Moon," "Doc West," and The History Channel's "The Real Wyatt Earp." Upon completion of his latest journey, The National Geographic Channel

plans to do a television documentary. It will take a while. Remember, he's only in western Kentucky and he's going to Oklahoma! One thing we have learned about Cowboy Phil – he never gets in a hurry. His schedule is impossible to guarantee given the unpredictability of the weather, living arrangements and the condition of his horse.

If you see Cowboy Phil somewhere along the way, he'll be happy to stop for a while and shake your hand. He probably wouldn't turn down a glass of lemonade or iced tea either. When asked how he does it, being gone from home for months at a time, never knowing where he'll lay his head, he answers, "I believe the Good Lord takes care of wayward cowboys."

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer worried about future of United States

To the editor

Ms. Schimmel celebrated the Supreme Court decision upholding same-sex marriage in her column on July 2. Her subsequent editorial, in which she professes to be an atheist, eliminates any debate with her based upon Biblical authority. However, I would like to address this issue from an ethical, political and constitutional perspective. All Americans, regardless of political affiliation or religion (or lack thereof), should take a hard look behind the scenes at how this decision came to be the law of the land.

First, the driving force for same-sex marriage was very much a part of the liberal Progressive agenda. In this ideology, extreme liberals hold that there are no absolute truths and that the end justifies the means. In contrast, the Judeo-Christian worldview believes in absolutes which provide standards and benchmarks for social, legal and political behavior. I will give you two well-recognized examples of the liberal view to illustrate those concepts.

Abortion was once viewed as murder. Now, it has been sanitized and elevated to premier status as a "woman's choice" by liberals. The most vulnerable state of a human being is when a child is in the developing state awaiting birth. Does that little girl in the mother's womb have that same woman's 'choice' as her mother? Why is it that liberals are against the death penalty, even when the criminals have willingly killed, often in a most cruel and horrific way? There is a contradiction there; no absolutes.

An example of "the end justifies the means" occurred during

President Obama's re-election bid. Harry Reid stood on the Senate floor and stated that Mitt Romney did not pay his taxes, all the while knowing that the accusation was false. In a later interview, Reid was asked if he thought he should apologize to Romney. His answer was a smug retort: "Romney did not get elected, did he?"

The end justified the means in the Senator's view.

The liberal justices on the Supreme Court made a value judgement based upon their personal worldviews. In doing so, they committed unprecedented constitutional overreach. The justices' role is to interpret the Constitution, not legislate. Marriage has always been legally the purview of the state, until now.

Justice Scalia wrote a scathing dissent. He proclaimed the decision had overstepped constitutional bounds. Justice Roberts added his dissenting opinion when he stated that he realized by acting where they did not have solid authority, they had opened a Pandora's box.

Political motives, permissible under liberal ideology, was another factor in the passage of the law. When President Obama ran for office, he opposed gay marriage. But (to use his words) he "evolved" and now is for same-sex marriage. Hillary Clinton came out against same-sex marriage and even supported her husband's marriage act defining it as between a man and a woman. In 2004, she publicly stated marriage was "sacred." She is now for gay marriage. It seems that votes count, not deeply held values.

I submit, no matter where you stand on same-sex marriage, the greater concern is where we are moving to as a nation. I prefer the comfort of absolutes to changing truth.

Dr. Brent Brantley
Marion, Ky.



Supportive family helps drive achievements

Having a supportive family has made a big difference for me. I don't think I would have been able to get to where I am today without them.

I try and stay caught up on my siblings' lives as well as my mom's. One day while I was driving home and catching up with my mom on the phone, it struck me just how lucky I was.

I know that for some people, money is important, as well as the amenities and comforts that they can provide themselves are also important. The way I grew up, it was always more about being happy, working hard at what you do, being good to others and finding what makes you happy.

We were a family that

Becca Schimmel

Summer intern at The Crittenden Press

The Looking Glass



read together and encouraged each other to continue trying and working hard at the things we loved to do. That support and encouragement has made me the positive and driven person that I am today. It has shown me that love for your craft is incredibly important.

My brother is a painter, and he works at his paint-

ing every chance he gets. This, on the one hand, is dedication, and on the other, it's very indicative of the love he has for what he does. I can identify with that.

I would be nothing without my words. It's been amazing getting to listen to others this summer tell their stories. I have also enjoyed sharing my views in this column every week.

Writing is a part of who I am and how I identify and relate to the world around me. I wouldn't have been able to realize these things if it weren't for my mom encouraging me in the early, middle and present stages of my writing.

I also wouldn't have learned how to work so hard

if it weren't for her. She has always had to work jobs that she didn't enjoy and work multiple jobs in order to take care of my siblings and me. She kept going though and she kept working at it.

She used to tell me that no matter what I decided to do for a living, she would be proud. She would say some people love to dig ditches, and if you love to dig ditches, then that's what you should do.

(Editor's note: Becca Schimmel is serving as an intern with The Crittenden Press this summer. She is a senior journalism major at Murray State University. Her opinions are her own and may not necessarily be the opinion of this newspaper.)

Confederacy could have used better PR agency

Southerners might not be suffering through such indignant times in the early 21st century had the Confederate States of America enlisted the help of a good PR firm in the mid-19th century.

Now, 150 years after the secessionists of the South were defeated in the Civil War, Southerners remain villains in the minds of many across the United States. Just last week, the Confederate flag made headlines again in Kentucky as the Department of Parks adopted new guidelines for merchandise bearing the symbol. Every time the flag makes news, Southerners are cast in a negative light.


Under the state's new policy, no longer will souvenirs be sold at Kentucky parks that feature the Confederate battle flag. This even goes for the park commemorating the birthplace of Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy, in Fairview.

"The display and sale of the Confederate battle flag has historically played a small part in the operation of Kentucky State Parks," Parks Commissioner Elaine Walker

Daryl K. Tabor

Editor of The Crittenden Press

My 2¢ Worth



told The Associated Press. "However, given the recent controversy surrounding this symbol, (we) felt it was important to ensure our policy was sensitive to all our guests..."

However, park gift shops will still be able to sell educational materials and other items that put the flag in historical context.

Similar bans on Confederate symbolism have been enacted recently in other states. It does not stop with the flag. Statues and monuments to anything related to the Confederacy are under fire, including a statue of Davis in Kentucky's Capitol Rotunda. No word on the Confederate memorial on the courthouse grounds in Princeton.

Textbooks have largely de-

fined the Civil War with slavery – those for it (the good guys) and those against it (the bad guys). In reality, it was much more complicated.

After stumbling out of the gate, the Union latched onto the idea of emancipation as a way to undermine the Confederacy and provide a new source of manpower (former slaves) to help preserve the Union. Leading up to the war and in its early days, abolitionists remained on the fringe of political society.

Though he despised slavery from a moral standpoint, Lincoln was not an abolitionist. As a lawyer and President, Lincoln was sworn to uphold the Constitution, which sanctioned slavery.

This brings me back to my earlier point about public relations.

Our Founding Fathers – many of whom owned slaves, even the most prominent figures like Jefferson and Washington – are the ones who wrote slavery into the future of the country through the Constitution. Slave owners in the mid-1800s, now vilified by history, were merely continu-

ing a policy set forth by the most revered men in America history.

Boiled down to its most basic principles, the rebellion that sparked the Civil War was no different from the revolution that led to our war for independence from British rule. Southerners, like the Yankees nearly 100 years before them, set out to govern themselves apart from a reign they felt no longer represented their interests.

Slavery was a despicable institution. But had the Confederacy enlisted the help of Madison Avenue's Mad Men to better sell its quest for independence, maybe mad men like Dylan Roof wouldn't turn to its symbols to express their simple-mindedness and bigotry before committing heinous acts like the Charleston, S.C., massacre.

Perhaps Davis can explain all when he appears at Fohs Hall next month.

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Couple accused of neglect

STAFF REPORT

A local couple face felony charges for allegedly neglecting their 10-month-old child to the point that he was hospitalized for several days and reportedly near death when police and social workers intervened on July 3.

Marion Police charged Sarah Elizabeth Rushin, 26, and Bradley Scott McClain, 30, with one count each of first-degree criminal abuse of a child 12 or under, a Class C felony.

Following a preliminary hearing in Crittenden District Court last week, Judge Daniel



Rushin



McClain

Heady found probable cause to send the case to the grand jury, which meets in August.

At the request of Assistant County Attorney Wesley Hunt, the judge also raised the couple's bond from \$2,500 to \$10,000 cash. The two have been lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center since their arrest July 12.

At last Wednesday's preliminary hearing, Marion Policeman George Foster and social worker Starla Brewer both testified as to the condition of the child when it was taken by ambulance to Crit-

tenden Hospital after a family friend notified police of the young boy's condition.

When the officer first saw the child at the couple's home on Campbell Lane, he testified that he could immediately see that the "baby was small, very, very pale."

According to testimony by Officer Foster, the nearly one-year-old was six pounds, six ounces when weighed at the hospital on July 3. Foster said that according to his investigation, the child weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces at birth.

Brewer, the social worker who saw the child at the hospital shortly after it was taken from the couple, said she was shocked by the baby's condition.

"Except for the sound of breathing the child didn't appear to be alive," Brewer tes-

tified at the hearing. "His skin was hanging off of his arms and his legs, his eyes were closed. He wasn't moving, he wasn't responsive to anything. He was struggling to breathe, kind of a rattly wheeze."

Brewer said that her investigation included a report from two doctors. She said the physicians had called it a near fatal situation and that the boy is half the weight he should be after 10 months.

According to testimony, the mother has two older children who appear perfectly healthy.

The 10-month-old child has been placed in the custody of the mother's brother for the time being.

If convicted of first-degree criminal abuse, a person can face 5-10 years in prison.

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Woman driving infant charged with DUI

STAFF REPORT

A Livingston County woman who was allegedly under the influence of alcohol when she crashed her pickup and injured her infant child remains jailed at Crittenden County Detention Center after District Judge Daniel Heady denied a bond reduction request last week.

Corrissa Redd, 36, of Salem was charged with driving under the influence and

second-degree wanton endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor, on July 6 when her 1996 Dodge Ram pickup ran off U.S. 60 and crashed 7 miles west of Marion.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Chuck Hoover investigated the wreck at 6:14 p.m. and his police report says Redd smelled of alcohol and appeared sluggish. The report says a blood and urine sample was requested

and the defendant consented. The results were not available when Redd was in court last Wednesday.

Redd's 6-month-old child was reportedly strapped in a car seat, but a criminal complaint issued two days after the wreck claims the seat was not properly buckled into the vehicle. The defendant, the complaint said, told investigators that the seat had indeed been buckled

into the vehicle, and that she had removed the seat to check on the infant after the crash.

Redd and her child were taken to Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services immediately after the wreck and the child was later flown to St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in Evansville, Ind., with a fractured skull.

Redd remains jailed on \$2,500 bond.

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Cook recalls career in local school system

By BECCA SCHIMMEL
STAFF WRITER

Dedicated to a life of learning, hard work and loving others, Linda Cook shines and shows off her sense of humor when she speaks about her experience as a teacher in Crittenden County's school system.

She graduated from Murray State University with a bachelor's degree in home economics in 1962. She received her master's degree in 1966 and her Rank I certification in 1975. When she came back to begin teaching at her old high school, she had to teach general science because there was no home economics position open.

Cook was eventually able to teach home economics and did so for five years until she had her first child, Chris. Then she decided she was going to take a year off, or at least she thought she would. The principal called her in to his office to discuss the issue. Together, they decided that she would teach health for half a day. She lucked out and got to count that half year as a whole year toward her retirement.

"They told us if there was anyone who had a half-year that they could pay into retirement without a penalty. It would count as a whole year," Cook said. "It was just a great blessing that I could pay that in, so that's what I did."

In 1973, there was a new principal, and after he saw that Cook had taught a half-day the year before, he assumed that she was attending school at Murray State the other half of the day. When he asked the guidance counselor what Cook could teach, he was told that she could teach anything, so she was scheduled to teach journalism.

Cook had never had a journalism class in her life, so when she found out about this new challenge, she sought out Nancy and Paul Mick, then-owners of The



Cook

Crittenden Press, and asked for their help. That first year, the school entered its yearbook and newspaper in a contest and won first place.

The principal came in during Cook's planning period one day and asked her to begin considering going back to school. He said it didn't have to be right away, but he wanted her to be the biology teacher, and she would need to go back to school in order to do that. With her second son, Charles, just a baby, she went home and cried as she considered this new challenge life had brought upon her.

"Here I am with two sons and a husband that farms, and we're 12 miles out of Marion, quite a distance away from Murray and Paducah," Cook said. "So I cried, and the next morning when I got up, my husband and I discussed it and decided that I would go back to school immediately."

Cook marched in the next day and told the principal to find out what classes she could take at night. She taught during the day and took a Tuesday night class at Paducah Community College, went to Murray on Thursday night for a science class and attended the University of Tennessee-Martin all day on Saturday. That's how she received her Rank I certification and began to teach biology.

Cook began thinking of ways in which she could further help out the family financially. She started tutoring after school, taught summer school and was a resource teacher for students who needed to do their student teaching. She got more out of the experience than she expected.

"I feel like my summer school students developed confidence that they could learn. They could make good grades because I was able to work more on a one-to-one basis with them," she said. "It was rewarding to me to see

them advance and have confidence that they could learn."

She credits the support of her husband, Virgil, for a large portion of her success. She said he was a great promoter and teacher along beside her.

"At one time, he taught me about the automobile at night because my students wanted to know, and they were impressed that a woman would know those things," Cook said.

Cook enjoys her role as a grandparent to Caroline and Ashleigh, her son Charles' two girls.

When Cook first became a grandmother, she and Virgil went to Charles' house every day to see their granddaughter. When Caroline was slated to begin going to daycare, there was a hiccup. She hadn't been signed up yet. Cook knew just how to solve that problem, though.

"I said, 'No, don't you cry.' That's what we're supposed to do. We're supposed to keep her this next year; that's why this has happened," Cook recalls of telling her daughter-in-law Natasha.

The daycare center called Natasha, a teacher, the next day at school and told her they had an opening. Cook said she told them, "No, I don't want it. My in-laws are going to take care of her."

"So we had the first two years with her, and it was just great," Cook said.

Cook sees her students around everywhere.

She had more than 1,000 students. They have been her nurse's aides, and they have carried her groceries out for her. She said they are all over the community, but one class of students really sticks out – the class she had all four years for home economics.

That class was a group of 10 girls, and they became like family to her. They would come to her home and spend the night.

The rumor would always float around that Cook was expecting to have a baby, and it was never true until their

senior year. She and her husband planned to tell their parents on Sunday and tell her students the following Monday. She had forgotten that her father was a bus driver, and he burst out with the good news before she had a chance to tell her students. So when she gathered her 10 home economics students around to tell them, they shouted, 'Oh, it's true. It's true! You're expecting!'

"They were so thrilled, but that was just another example of the rapport I had with the students," she said.

As a home economics teacher, Cook was employed year-round because she had to go and visit the students' homes. They would be given a summer project, and it was her job to check on them. It didn't matter if they were incoming students or if they were moving up the ladder, everyone got a home visit from Cook.

"It might be that they would take on the idea of purchasing groceries and planning their menus and purchasing their groceries for their family," Cook said. "It gave me a real good understanding of my students because I was able to see their home conditions that they lived in. Even though I had always lived in Crittenden County, except when I had done my student teaching, it was an eye opener."

When it comes to advice to prospective educators, Cook says to be sure that being a teacher is what you really want to do.

"Look at teaching as the greatest influence that you can ever have on those who you associate with, whether it's the administrators, the fellow teachers and most of all, the students. Put the students as No. 1," she said.

Cook said that the school system has always been important to her family.

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

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Practice makes perfect for local students



Members of Crittenden County High School's band and flag corps will wrap up two weeks of camp at the school on Friday. Director Jacob Carroll, in his second year leading the group, has 22 students participating in band this year. Above, Dylan Peek and Caleb Estes sharpen their skills as part of the brass section. Meantime, at right, Timberlee Harris, Kerstie Gregory and Lauryn Faulkner practice a routine as members of flag corps.



PHOTOS BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Bone marrow drive, golf scramble set for Saturday

STAFF REPORT
A bone marrow donor drive will be held in conjunction with a local golf scramble to benefit the Fuller family of Salem. The donor drive will be set from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. A golf scramble to benefit the family will be held prior to that at Deer Lakes Golf Course.

Mason, the son of Brad and Jenny Fuller of Salem, was diagnosed in January with Nuclear Factor Kappa B Essential Modulator (NEMO) deficiency syndrome.

Earlier this spring, a perfect match was found for Mason. However due to an unforeseen medical condition, the individual could not donate. Mason was just preparing to enter Cincinnati Children's Hospital July 14 to begin prep work and chemotherapy treatment before receiving the bone marrow transplant. The transplant was expected to occur at the end of this month.

Mason's dad, Brad Fuller, a Tolu native, said Mason received a check-up at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital last week. Fuller said his son is doing well but doctors will continue to seek a 100 percent match and place the trans-

plant on hold. Mason goes back to the hospital in November for another check-up.

Doctors have cleared Mason to attend a part of the golf event and organizers are hopeful for a good turnout from Crittenden and Livingston counties for both the donor drive and golf scramble.

Officials are also hopeful a local match can be found and say it's simple to be placed on a bone marrow registry. All it takes is a simple swab of the cheek and some paperwork. Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 55 years old to be placed on the registry.

The golf scramble begins

with a 9 a.m. shotgun start and includes \$250 for a four-person team and \$100 for hole sponsorship for local businesses or organizations. Donations and hole prizes will be accepted with payouts for winners.

For more information on the donor drive and golf scramble contact Emily Phillips at (270) 339-1642.

Absolute Estate AUCTION

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FURNITURE / COLLECTIBLES / HOUSEHOLD MISC. ITEMS



SAT. AUGUST 8, 9 AM—CHINA/GLASSWARE: HALL CHINA COLLECTION: HUNDREDS OF TEA POTS, KITCHEN & DINNER WARE: All colors & styles including Aladdin, Lipton, etc. **BAVARIA DÉCOR PLATES & BOWLS:** Hundreds of Hand painted marked china plates, bowls & Handle serving plates: Rosenthal, Donatella, Altwasser Silesia, Peoniex, Germany, Vienna, Austria, Wilcox, Tillowitz, Charlotte JR, etc. **GLASS BASKET COLLECTION:** Fenton, Opalescent, Milk glass, Satin; Cranberry, Colbalt Blue, Ribbon edged, Fluted & clear pattern designs; **MISC. PIECES:** Nippon pieces; pr. of Paden City 12" glass horses; Pink etched glass water pitcher set; Horse Radish dip dish; Vases; Egg/relish dish; Candles; Cake stand; Fruit bowls; Compotes; Sugar & creamers; Duck covered Candy; Glass bells; Pink & green depression, etc. Sadler & Elgrave tea pots; Pyrex, Mixing bowls, Bakeware **POTTERY:** Collection of Nidoak pieces, vases, small pitchers, etc. McCoy Bowls; Mini Creamers; Fire King; Pyrex; Corelle; **CHINA/CRYSTAL/FLATWARE:** Noritake #7306 "Chandon gold trim pattern" (12 place settings); Set of 12 Cristal d'Arques Rock, Tumbler, & Wine glasses; 121 Piece Wallace Stainless steel American Tradition flatware, salt & peppers ensemble set with storage case; Baroness dishes; **COLLECTIBLES:** R. Gibson & C Carson Oil Paintings; Wall Prints; Salt/Pepper Ceramic Pigs; Ceramic Duck Collection; Mallard Duck Carving; Indian Dolls: Small figurines/ornaments; Victorian Post card album w/ postcards; Cook books; Hank made Quilts, Crocheted pieces; Table /bed linens; Miller Clock; **FURNITURE/HOUSEHOLD:** American Drew Dining table w/6 chairs; Small Amish Cabinet; Klausner loveseat; Cherry Curio Cabinet; Cherry Dresser & Chest; Corner TV Cabinet; Cherry Curio Cabinet 5 shelf; Cherry China Cabinet 6 shelf; Cherry Rocker; 3 piece Cherry Book case w/corner cabinet; 2 Tier Table; Sofa console glass shelf unit; Corner lighted glass shelf Curio Cabinet; TV table w/swivel top; French Provincial drop leaf coffee & end tables; Small Roll top Desk; Night stands w/lamp; Dinette table w/4 chairs; Lazy Boy Recliners; Full size Oak bed; Oak rocker; Jon Elliot 3 sleeper sofa; Wing Back Chair, Duncan Phyfe drum table; Walnut China Cabinet; Table & Floor Lamps; Bar Stools; Patio Furniture: GE washer & dryer; Kitchen Aid Food Processor; Sony 46" TV; Gerber Carving Set; Aluminum roaster; Hanson Digital Scale; Meat Slicer; Sentry 1310 Safe; Vacuums; Fuji Camera; Air mattress w/pump; Miller Clock; Electrical appliances; Stainless Mixing Bowls; International pro craft cookware; Rooster Dishes; Carving Set w/ steak knives; Bird Bath; Cedar Porch Swing; Concrete Bench; Champion paper shredder; plus many, many items too numerous to mention.

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MULTI-LEVEL HOME...3 BR, 2 BA brick home w/large lot, 2 car detached garage, 2 storage bldgs., pool, landscaped property. Natural gas heat & air appliances included. Jt

MARION / CRITTENDEN

MIDWAY BRICK...3 BR, 1 full BA, 2 half BA, large LR, DR, eat-in kitchen, FR in the basement w/kitchen area, laundry room, & 2 car garage on 1.7 ac. **GREENWOOD HGTS...**Brick ranch ready to move in. 3 BR, 1 BA w/central HVAC, 1 car garage on corner lot. Db **ONE OWNER...**ranch home w/full basement, 3 BR, 1 BA w/large yard. Immediate possession after closing. Basement has washer/dryer hookup, large storm shelter. ca **MINI FARM...**4 BR, 1 BA brick home w/ dining room, Living room, Large basement, horse barn, 2 fenced pastures, 2 ponds, & lots of other buildings on 7.5 acres. Kp **SOLD**

GREAT STARTER HOME...2 BR 2 BA, Den, LR, DR. Plenty of room for a garden. This home is located in the southern portion of Crittenden county, Quiet Country living. Mg **EXECUTIVE HOME ON 4.5 ACRES...** Colonial, 2 story, 4 BR, 3 full BA & 2 half BA. Foyer w/open staircase, parlor & large formal DR w/gas log fireplace. kitchen w/all major appliances, built-in cabinets & pantries; & breakfast room. Family/great room w/library nook, built-in storage cabinets & a w/burning fireplace. 40'x50' pole barn. Rf

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LAKE GEORGE ESTATE...3-4 BR, 2 BA home w/fireplace, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, dining & den w/great views of the lake. Detached garage w/ large addition & central HVAC, fireplace, wired for sound, BA w/shower, closet space, on over 4 acres. Jc

SALEM / LIVINGSTON

STONE RANCH...3 BR, 2 BA w/ approx. 1.8 acres. Ng **SOLD** **SALEM BRICK RANCH...**3 BR, 1 BA, eat-in kitchen, utility room, baseboard heat, carport. **SALE PENDING** **FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS...**2 BR, 1 BA home w/ extra large garage & storage building.

MARSHALL COUNTY

KENTUCKY LAKE ...2 BR, 2 BA home on 2.1 acres. Features eat in kitchen, hardwood floors, gas heat & air, 2100 SF shop building wired 220, 1 car detached garage, upper & lower deck overlooking the lake. Covered dock slip with power / water. jd

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Crittenden County milk pods played role during WWII years



During World War II, the people of Marion and Crittenden County who remained at home helped to do their part in the war by giving their time and energy to lend their aid to several areas of the war effort.

In this article are several of the projects that were taken on by our local citizens to help win the war. We can be proud of our county's efforts and the people who worked so hard.

The following is interesting information from the archives of The Crittenden Press:

May 1, 1942
4,278 Garments in year 467 Knitted

Crittenden's chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) completed shipment of garments last week of all materials received during the past year. Mrs. T.H. Cochran, director of the production center, said that 4,278 garments (467 knitted) had been shipped for foreign war. In addition, the chapter has also completed and shipped 250 articles for hospitals and training camps.

July 3, 1942

The local ARC chapter received quota of 36,000 surgical dressings to be completed from Aug. 1 to Dec. 1, according to Mrs. T.H. Cochran. The quota was the largest placed in the district due to the fact that all former quotas of the group have been completed within specified periods.

The chapter is one of 13 recognized and has been selected for surgical dressing only due to technical details in production.

Mrs. T.H. Cochran, chief of American Red Cross production projects, has named Mrs. E.W. Horst as representative of the local group to attend Regional Surgical Dressing course to be conducted in Paducah.

Following her return, Mrs. Horst will instruct 10 volunteer workers in making surgical dressings sponsored by the local chapter. Volunteer workers are needed for the project; it is one of the most important in the nation and the Crittenden chapter has been selected as one of 13 in the state. In order to complete the quota on time, all women who have time are requested to notify Mrs. Cochran. Headquarters of the group will be in the old high school building in rooms now occupied by rationing board.

November 1942

The quota for December was 30,000 dressings and more workers are needed to complete the assignment.



This group of students helped pick milk pods used for life preservers during World War II. The filled bags would be placed in the sun to dry before taking them to the agriculture office in Marion. The boy on the right models one of the life jackets that was made from milk pod silk.

With opening of the African front (in the war), more surgical dressings are needed than before, and as the Pacific front becomes broader, more dressings will also be required in that theatre of war.

All women who can possibly do so are requested to register for surgical dressing production and report for duty at the earliest possible moment.

The requirements of armed forces are now increasing at a rate requiring a larger number of workers than the unit now has. Every woman in Marion and the county should cooperate in this work and report immediately to the production center.

Production of these dressings is the foremost duty of every woman in the community and is the most direct manner in which women may aid in winning the war. As quotas are increased, more workers become necessary.

County helps with milkweed pod picking

Since commercial picking of milkweed would not have met the immediate needs of the American armed forces, school children were enlisted to gather the pods of wild milkweed to satisfy military demand.

In an era before the pervasive use of synthetic fibers, the value of milkweed floss lay in its buoyancy. The armed forces used it in the manufacture of life preservers needed for its airmen and sailors. Life preservers were critical to Allied success, since so much of the war was fought on or over the seas.

Milkweed was not the first choice for life preserver stuffing. Previously, life jackets and flight suits had been filled and insulated with seed floss from kapok, a tropical tree grown in the Dutch East Indies. Following occupation of these islands by Japan, the Allied source of kapok fiber was cut off and an alternative fiber was needed. Milkweed floss was

found to be the perfect substitute.

Here is how Crittenden County helped in the effort for gathering the milkweed pods:

Oct. 6, 1944

A series of meetings in the county schools are being held to secure services of pupils for picking milkweed pods. This product is especially needed for the life jackets of men in the armed services. County Agent Shelby held two meetings in Marion schools Tuesday morning and said that practically all pupils signified intention of picking.

Meetings are scheduled at Frances and Dycusburg, Bells Mines, Mattoon and Shady Grove. Agent Shelby said that all schools would be asked to form groups for picking if transportation could be arranged. The county quota is 5,000, bags or the equivalent of 2,500 life jackets.

Bags are to be secured on application to AAA (Agricultural Adjustment Administration) office and pickers will be paid 20 cents for dried pods and 15 cents for fresh. The fresh pod dries in about a week. Picking should begin about Oct. 15 or whenever the seed becomes brown in the pods.

Nov. 10, 1944

An estimated 2,000 bags of milkweed pods have been picked in the county with several schools unreported. The quota assigned is 3,000. Agent Shelby said two more weeks remain in which to pick the pods and that he was of the opinion that the quota would be met if pupils continued to pick at the rate previously established.

Instructors of the schools whose pupils are picking the pods are asked to hang the full sack on a fence or in another place where it can be exposed to sun in order to allow the product to dry.

Schools reporting and number of bags picked are Marion, 146; Oak Grove,

50; Crayne, 36; Hebron, 200; Tolu, 800; Colon, 75; Union, 95; Barnett, 50; Dycusburg, 100; Deer Creek, 25; Sullenger, 50; and Dam 50, 50. Several other schools have secured bags and pupils are picking, but no report has been made.

The floss of the dried pod is used for the purpose of life jackets for men in armed services. Two bags are required for one jacket.

Dec. 8, 1944
Report Milk Weed Pod collections to AAA offices

Instructors of schools engaged in picking milkweed pods for life jacket usage are asked to report the collections to AAA offices in the Jenkins Building as soon as the pods are dry.

At time of reporting, clerks of AAA will make inspection to determine if pods are sufficiently dry for acceptance, and if so, will accompany instructors to R.E. Rogers Factory where the pods are being stored. Payment will be made at rate of 20 cents a bag for all pods accepted as dry. Further, all schools and individuals are asked to return any and all empty or unused bags.

The county failed to meet the quota of 3,000 bags and only 2,000 bags were reported. The picking season is now over.

Parting thoughts

We have much to be proud of, not only of the young men and women who went to war, but for the parents and families who were at home who worked to do their part to support the cause for freedom.

(Editor's note: Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian laureate and serves on the board of the local historical and genealogical societies. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum. Her blog can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com. Her column appears regularly in this newspaper.)

Ridley named to Ag, rural development committees

Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) has been appointed to the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) of The Council of State Governments (CSG).

His appointment will allow him access to an array of services and programs provided by SLC and supported by committee staff. Sen. Ridley, who represents the 4th District counties Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Union, Webster and Henderson in Frankfort, said agriculture is important to the economy of his senatorial district, which is the No. 1 corn- and soybean-producing district in the state.

"I am honored to be selected to serve on this committee dealing with issues that have such a vital impact on my district and the

Commonwealth of Kentucky," Sen. Ridley said. "This will provide me a greater opportunity to share ideas with my counterparts in other states, as well as discuss with them the concerns and issues facing the Commonwealth. As a legislator, I have always been a strong advocate for the agriculture industry. Serving on this committee will allow me to expand on the issues the industry is facing today and the changes in agriculture as we have known it."

Sen. Ridley, who earned a degree in business and agriculture from Western Kentucky University, has served on the Kentucky Senate Agriculture Committee for more than a decade. He said that the Agriculture and Rural De-

velopment Committee focuses on issues critical to the future of farming and farm communities.

"Agriculture constitutes a vital sector of the economies of most Southern states," he added.

Recent committee initiatives have included rural housing, agriculture education, updates on international trade and agriculture, consolidation in the farm sector, state actions on animal welfare, commodity pricing, immigration, conservation and farmland preservation. Other issues in which the committee has long-standing interest include red fire ant, the status of the rural South, and food safety and security. The committee has focused on the chang-

ing face of agriculture across America and conditions in the rural South. The status and future of rural communities is emerging as a major focus for the committee. It works annually with public and private agencies, local and federal officials, and the land grant university system to assure the continued vitality of the region's farm and rural communities.

"I look forward to representing Kentucky and being the voice for our state on this committee," said the senator. "I am excited to have the chance to hear new ideas and to access information that can help my district and the entire state. Having a seat at the table will allow me to express the concerns I hear from local farmers to people who are influential at the national level."



Ridley

Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter weigh-in sale

July 28, 2015

Receipts: 307

Last Week: 518

Year Ago: 0

Compared to last week: Feeders steers and bulls traded unevenly steady. Feeder heifers traded 3.00-5.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady.

Sale consisted of 1 stock cattle, 42 slaughter cattle, and 264 feeders. Feeders consisted of 30% feeder steers, 41% feeder heifers, and 27% feeder bulls.

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Source: Kentucky Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture Market News, Frankfort, Ky
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90 percent of God’s Army in county is AWOL

By REV. MARK GIRTEN
GUEST COMMENTARY

It's no wonder that our nation is in the shape that it's in. Many of those who call themselves "Christian" are not showing up, let alone standing up.

I've been told that only 10 percent of those who call themselves "Christian" on any given Sunday are present for worship services in Crittenden County. Convenience seems to have trumped commitment to the Lord.

Too many look at it as an option rather than an opportunity and privilege. But God looks at it this way: "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another."

One of the first orders Gen. George Washington issued to the Continental Army was for all soldiers not on duty on Sunday to attend religious services. (Religious in that day was generally understood to mean Christian).

Perhaps part of the problem is that term "Christian." Jesus never spoke of it. He said, "Go therefore and make disciples (followers)."

That term "disciple" involves commitment, effort,

and most importantly, relationship.

Kyle Idleman, a pastor in Louisville, has pointed out that there are many fans of Jesus, but few followers. Jesus is not looking for fans. He's looking for followers.

After 9/11, the churches were full ... for a week or two. Then it was back to business as usual.

How sad! We fool ourselves into thinking that we can use God when we need Him, then ignore Him the rest of the time.

Galatians 6:7 says, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever man sows, that he will also reap."

If God isn't important enough to you to worship once a week at least, He isn't important to you at all.

You may choose to be absent from church Sunday, but if you do so, please don't insult God and His followers by calling yourself a "Christian."

I've heard people say that they can be a Christian without attending church. I say, "Baloney!" Everything I read in scripture says otherwise.

A "Christian" is someone who is Christ-like. Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it. How can a "Christian" be like Him and not do the same? So-called "Christians,"

quit making lame excuses and get yourself to a church on Sunday to worship God and serve Him. There are many churches in Crittenden County to choose from.

And for all those who have used the excuse, "There are too many hypocrites in church," I say, "The church is just the place for one more hypocrite to let God straighten him or her out."

By the way, you may have noticed that the whole world is full of hypocrites. I haven't noticed that it has kept you from "rubbing elbows" with them in other places. There seems to be something hypocritical about that.

I've also heard about people who have been hurt by other "Christians" or had bad church experiences and my heart goes out to you. I, too, have been failed by man and had my fair share of hurts, but we can make a difference and glorify God, not blame Him. God is the one person who can heal our hurts, so he's the last one we should cut out of our life.

But, there is something else to consider here. When "Christians" decide not to show up and be part of the church, they limit what God can do through that church and in them. That's one less member to encourage

their fellow church members, love on those hurting and serve the community.

Every member of God's Army matters. You each have God-given abilities that are needed. Anyone, no matter who they are, can encourage and serve others.

There's an old saying, "If you're not a part of the solution, then you're part of the problem." The church is a body of like-minded Christ-followers, instituted by Christ Himself, that you can join with to meet the needs of all people – spiritual, physical, emotional and mental. Notice that spiritual comes first.

The time is long overdue for those thinking of themselves as "Christians," those who consider themselves as His children, to grow up and show up for worship and service. Then, perhaps, more "Christians" will be able to stand up for what He says is right in His word.

As it now stands, 90 percent of "Christians" in Crittenden County, in the Lord's Army, are AWOL (absent without leave) from our churches. God deserves a lot better than that.

Let's see that change. One day, we will all stand

before God and give an account. Don't be ashamed on that day.

"Christian," you belong in church.

(Editor's note: Rev. Mark Girten is pastor of Crooked

Creek Baptist Church in Marion. He holds a Master of Divinity degree. His opinions are his own and may not necessarily be the opinion of this newspaper.)



Girten

Community church notes

■ Cave Springs General Baptist Church will hold revival services at 7 p.m., through Friday. Bro. Johnny McCurry will be the evangelist. Pastor Heath Martin and the congregation invite the public to attend.

■ Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School on Saturday. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., with school to begin at 10 a.m. At 4 p.m., a program for parents will be held followed by a cookout. This year's theme is super heroes. The church is located north of Salem on Ky. 723. For those needing transportation, call Janet Hughes at (270) 988-3835.

■ Miracle Word Church in Salem will hold a community block party from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday. Enjoy free food and drinks plus games for all ages. The outdoor movie "Do You Believe," will be shown at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome for a night of fellowship. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

■ West Kentucky Association of General Baptists will hold its annual associational singing at 2 p.m., Sunday at its associational tabernacle located at 134 Ky. 1668 in Marion. The Gates Family

from Bloomington, Ill. will perform Southern Gospel Bluegrass music.

■ The annual meeting of Hurricane Camp Board will be held at 7 p.m., Aug. 7 in the dining hall. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

■ Marion United Methodist Church is welcoming all Crittenden County School District employees to the first annual Rocket Launch at 10:45 a.m., Aug. 9. The program will feature guest speakers, blessings for the Crittenden County staff, potluck and a question and answer period. Support the Rockets by wearing Rocket gear.

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

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

Marion Baptist hosts ‘Faith in Action’

Community Christmas credit can be earned

STAFF REPORT

Marion Baptist Church will host a Faith in Action program this weekend that will count toward instruction required for Community Christmas participation in December.

The program will start at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at the church located at 131 E. Depot St. Participants will have the opportunity to attend a one-hour class (that will include budgeting), this class will count as one credit toward the three-credit requirement for Community Christmas. Those attending will also be

able to select food items and school supplies earlier than those who do not attend this class.

The presenters will be Dr. Mike Jones, pastor of Marion Baptist Church; Leslea Barnes, 4-H and Youth Development Agent for the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service; and Lisa Holeman of the HANDS Program with the Pennyrile District Health Department in Hopkinsville.

Pre-register by contacting the Extension service office at (270) 965-5236.

Those parents who have completed the three-class requirement for Community Christmas will receive child sponsorship from

Angel Tags placed on Christmas trees at participating businesses. Those who have not completed the three-class requirement will have the opportunity to select a certain number of toys from the toy room based on the availability of toys received from donations.

Based on the guidelines, which were implemented last year, organizers encourage parents to meet the three

class requirement to ensure their child will be sponsored and have Angel Tags placed on Christmas trees. The three-class requirement does not include those who only wish to receive holiday food assistance at Marion Baptist Church.



Jones

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• AWANA: 5:45 p.m.
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• Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
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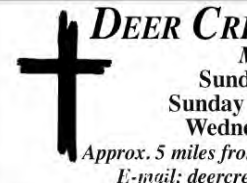
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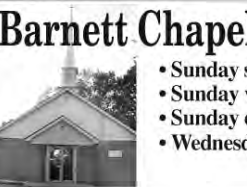
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OBITUARIES

— PAID OBITUARY —

LeMaster

Jessica Ann LeMaster, 26, of Spartanburg, S.C., went home to be with the Lord and gained her new body on July 24, 2015, at Spartanburg Regional Hospice Home in Spartanburg.

Born in Spartanburg, she was the daughter of Beverly Stalion LeMaster and Chuck LeMaster, the stepdaughter of Stacie LeMaster and the fiancé of Matt Buratovich. She was a 2007 graduate of Gaffney High School in Gaffney, S.C., and formerly was employed with Daddy Joe's BBQ. She was a member of Grassy Pond Baptist Church in Gaffney.

In addition to her parents, Lemaster is survived by two brothers, Thomas (Melanie) Gibson of Gaffney and Grant (Ashley) LeMaster of Gaffney; three sisters, Nancy Dickson of Gaffney, Gabbie Gray of Gaffney and Bella Gray of Gaffney; her maternal grandparents, Buddy and Shirley Stalion of Marion and Elaine Stalion of Marion; and her paternal grandparents, Boyce and Velma LeMaster.

Funeral services were Sunday at Grassy Pond Baptist Church with Dr. Terry Lanford and Rev. Martin Hogg officiating. Interment will be in Grassy Pond Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: National Kidney Foundation of South Carolina, 508 Hampton St., Ste. 200, Columbia, SC 29201; or Cherokee County Humane Society, P.O. Box 2223, Gaffney, SC 29342.

Hunt

Bessie Lee Hunt, 77, of Marion died Sunday at Crittenden County Health and Rehab in Marion.

She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Hunt is survived by her husband, Harold Hunt of Marion; a daughter, Marilyn K. Belt of Marion; a son, Allen Ray Hunt of Marion; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Bessie Byford; six brothers; and a sister.

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

Workman

Birdie Marion Workman, 76, of Marion died July 26, 2015, at her residence.

She was a housewife.

Workman is survived by two daughters, Judy Murphy of Benton and Diane Workman of Marion; a son, Kevin Workman of Madisonville; three sisters, Janet Westendorff of Marion, Virginia Brantley of Marion and Janey Heidrich of Marion; a brother, Danny Chandler of Marion; three grandchildren, Katrease Hale of Lansing, Mich., Kasey Hale of Marion and Cody Fox of Benton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney Dean Workman; her parents, Marion and Maybell Jones Chandler; and a sister, Lillian Brantley.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.



Workman

Shoemaker

Dorothy Rhea Shoemaker, 89, of Lola died July 23, 2015, at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem.

She is survived by a stepdaughter, Sharon Hollarn of Illinois; four nieces, Eva Jean (Tom) Thetford of Paducah, Mona Faye (Don) Bebout of Lola, Donna (Chuck) Brannam of Salem and Lorna (Darrin) Spencer of Broken Arrow, Okla.; a nephew, Doug (Joy) Slayden of Lola; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Shoemaker was preceded in death by her first husband, Bill Workman; her second husband, Floyd "Dick" Shoemaker; two sisters, Vera Slayden and Lama Wilson; a nephew, Robert Slayden; and her parents, Millard Madry and Ida Mae Watson Madry.

Funeral services were Sunday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. David Davis officiating. Burial was in Lola Cemetery in Livingston County.



Shoemaker

Sizemore

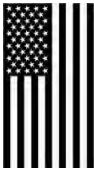
David P. "Chip" Sizemore, 80, of Marion, formerly of Uniontown, died July 25, 2015, at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

He was a retired U.S. Navy diver and served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a member of the VFW Post 5488 in Uniontown and American Legion Warshom Post 40 in Henderson, and he was a Kentucky Colonel.

Sizemore is survived by his wife of 35 years, Mary Lou Sizemore of Marion; four sons, David B. (Renee) Sizemore of Marion, Roy M. Sizemore of Sullivan, Rob (Tona) Hosman of Marion and Chuck (Linda) Barron of Marion; two sisters, Sue White of Virginia and Patricia Hammond of Uniontown; seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Sizemore; his mother, Dora Smith; a brother, Tommy Sizemore; and grandson, Roy M. Sizemore Jr.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis, with Rev. Geoffrey Deibler officiating. Burial was in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis with full military rites.



5K scheduled to help local woman battle neurological disease's effects

STAFF REPORT

Shandra Laughary is in the fight of her life. The rural Crittenden County woman is battling a rare neurological disease that has affected her vision and caused partial paralysis. The ailment is neuromyelitis, also known as NMO or Devic's disease.

A Knockout NMO 5K run/walk is scheduled for Aug. 15 in Clay to help the woman and her husband, Allen, pay for treatment at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Registration is \$25 through Saturday. After that, the entry is \$30. The race will begin at 8 a.m. in front of United Community Bank in Clay. There will also be a silent auction, cornhole tournament and food. More information can be found on Facebook by searching for "Knockout NMO 5K" or by calling Laughary at (270) 318-4688.

Residents unite against closing of Illinois prison work camp

STAFF REPORT

By the end of the year, Crittenden County's neighbor across the Ohio River could lose one of its largest employers, but residents there are not going down without a fight.

The State of Illinois has scheduled Hardin County Work Camp in Cave In Rock to close in 2015. Notice was given on June 3 that the camp, home to 156 inmates and 61 workers, would shutter as a cost-saving measure to the cash-strapped state government. The state has said the center needs almost \$10 million in renovations.

On July 20, hundreds of people gathered in the gymnasium of Hardin County K-12 School for a hearing on the proposal. "Impassioned pleas" as to the value of the work camp to the community were made, according to the Hardin County Independent.

State Rep. Brandon Phelps, a Democrat representing the 118th District that includes Hardin County, questioned the validity of an economic impact study the state has used to justify closing the camp.

"How can that person (who conducted the study) see the future?" The Independent quoted Phelps as saying at last week's forum. "I think he doesn't know a word of what he's talking about."

Phelps' and others' testimony was heard by state lawmakers on the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, reported The Southern Illinoisian. The commission is weighing the closure as part of \$400 million in cuts proposed by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner after the General Assembly, controlled by Democrats, rejected his budget plan and introduced their own.

Hardin County Work Camp was established in 1980. The Independent reports inmates at the facility would be relocated to the Shawnee or Vienna correctional centers. Officials have said the work camp's employees would be offered other jobs with the state.

A final decision on the work camp's future will be made in the coming weeks.

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Thank you, again, to these prominent business friends.

Harry Gass

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had been reported stolen from Harrisburg, Ill., and the license plate on the truck had been stolen from a vehicle at Providence Church of Christ.

An Evansville patrolman had originally tried to stop the green 1993 GMC Sierra that Sheridan was driving because it had loud exhaust. Sheridan then took the patrolman on a high-speed chase, weaving through traffic until they ended up – along with many other responding officers – in a field off U.S. 41/Waterworks Road.

Stevens was arrested about 12 hours later in Madisonville. According to Sgt. Will Corsey of Hopkins County Sheriff's Department, Stevens turned her-

self in at the jail. She is lodged in Webster County Jail.

Sheridan had been wanted by Webster and Hopkins counties authorities since spring on a variety of warrants. It appears that when Sheridan hooked up with Stevens in May, the two began an alleged crime spree that included the burglary of Cave Springs Church in Crittenden County. Churchgoers who confronted the couple were threatened at gunpoint and allegedly almost run down by an ATV driven by a person believed to have been Sheridan, according to police reports.

"We were locking our doors even when we were home," said Boone, whose family believes the couple was also lurking nearby a few weeks ago. "We found some proof they had been around here. It looked like

someone had been checking out the barns and buildings in the area."

A neighbor fired a gun into the air when they saw lights in a field, and whoever it was snooping around, left the area quickly.

For a time, local lawmen believed the couple was living off the land, stealing four-wheelers, guns and other items from hunting cabins and outbuildings in remote areas of this and other counties.

A fairly substantial manhunt ensued with state and local police looking for the couple. They even set up surveillance in rural areas where they were believed to have been operating.

On May 27, a motorist reported to Crittenden County authorities that he was following a red four-wheeler on a country road near the Tradewater River. The ATV

was driven by a male and carrying a female rider. On the ATV were several items believed to have been stolen in a nearby burglary. The woman allegedly pointed a gun at the motorist. The motorist slowed down and the ATV sped away. Police think those suspects were Sheridan and Stevens.

Stevens was arrested in Crittenden County in early May after the incident at Cave Springs Church, but she bonded out of jail and had been on the lam ever since. The couple will likely face more charges here and in surrounding counties.

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent said the two will eventually be brought to Crittenden County to face charges, but it might be a while because so many other jurisdictions are involved. Sheridan will face extradition from Indiana.

GRAND

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in raising children again. She always envisioned spoiling her grandchildren and then sending them back home. Instead of playing the role of the doting grandmother, she must now act as the chief disciplinarian, although she says her grandchildren are well-behaved and even help out at home. Still she has had to put rules in place and make adjustments to ensure their personal care.

"When I go somewhere, I have to make sure I have someone there to watch them or have to make arrangements to take them somewhere or else they go with me," she said.

There are other challenges. Adams is afflicted with rheumatoid arthritis, yet still remains active. She works three days a week at the Pennyrite Allied Community Services office in Marion and volunteers at Crittenden County Elementary School a couple of days a week when school is in session. She

wishes the children had a back yard to play in instead of living in an apartment complex where they can't ride their bicycles in certain areas. Nevertheless, she works to keep a solid family unit by getting the children involved in various activities such as swimming and bowling.

"We went to a friend's house yesterday," she said recently. "They have a swimming pool. We built a fire and roasted hot dogs and marshmallows. I try to keep it as close to me being their parent instead of their grandparent as much as I can."

Regionally, the Pennyrite Area Development District (PADD) is one resource for grandparents who need more information on programs that can assist their families. PADD serves Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston and several other counties and can be found online at PeADD.org or by telephone at (270) 886-9484.

Locally, Crittenden County Family Resource and Youth Service Center (FRYSC) Representative Holly White said she

works on an as-needed basis with many grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. She said it's an ever-changing population within the community and many children live with grandparents because the families don't have enough money to survive.

For more information on the outreaches of FRYSC, White can be contacted by email at Holly.White@Crittenden.KySchools.us.

Adams knows there will be even more challenges as her grandchildren grow older and she's not ready to even think of them driving a car or dating. Right now, she is working to create a solid foundation in their lives once they do reach adulthood. The family attends Seven Springs Baptist Church and is looking forward to its homecoming services next month. Adams credits her faith in keeping her family together.

"The only thing that keeps me going is my faith in God and my trust in Him," she said. "If it wasn't for Him I couldn't do it."

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Texting can't replace face-to-face conversation

By REBECCA Zahrte
GUEST COMMENTARY

Technology has been a great advantage to our lives. We have succeeded in curing illnesses, replacing organs and lost limbs and repairing hearing loss.

However, there is one negative to the modern digital age. We seem to be losing touch with our families and friends; and increasingly, I find myself in situations where people do not use common courtesy when taking phone calls or using their cell phones.

Technology seems to be increasingly demanding our attention and we seem to be increasingly giving it our attention.

My question is at what cost? And what can we do about it?

It appears as a culture we have sacrificed our time and humanity to the rise of social media and technological devices.

Sadly, I am just as guilty as anyone.

Cell phones are an amazing invention and if you have ever been stranded in

the middle of no where with a broken down vehicle, cell phones can be a life saving device. I am not bashing our technology but instead trying to say that it is imperative that we use some common sense and perhaps, more importantly, etiquette when using these devices.

While out to dinner with my family, I looked up from my phone after watching the latest cat video or YouTube sensation only to see the rest of my family with their heads bowed, not in reverence or thankfulness, but with their eyes glued to the tiny screen held in their hands.

"How was your day today?" I asked.

"Okay," everyone around the table responded in unison.

"Anything interesting happen?" I responded.

"No, not really," they said. And that was the extent of our family conversation.

Those who were able to

wrench their gaze from their tech devices for the brief and ultimately unfulfilling conversation soon returned to them instead of partaking in face-to-face conversation.

I was running behind for work the other day and decided to grab breakfast at the golden arches. I know I have seen this sign before, but it struck me differently this particular morning.

The sign prominently displayed upon the drive-thru pedestal states "To help serve you better...Please DO NOT use your cell phone in the drive-thru. Thank you."

I read the sign and I was completely astonished, as if this had just sunk in for the first time. What has our world come to when the local fast food chain has to ask customers to refrain from using their phones so that they can ensure they are taking their orders correctly?

Are we so addicted to technology that we have



Zahrte

lost the common sense the good Lord has given us?

There are some proper tech etiquette rules I'd like to offer.

-First, if you are in a drive-thru, put the phone down. Please afford the person on the other end the 30 seconds of your time that it takes to complete an order.

-If you are in a meeting, attending church, at the doctor's office or anywhere else where it is inappropriate to have your phone on, turn it off. Or better yet, leave it in your vehicle. It is incredibly rude to make anyone else endure your ringtone and or text message alert. We all know there are some extraordinarily obnoxious ringtones out there and one-sided conversations. If you must have your phone on because your child is home alone for the first time, someone is ill or perhaps you are expecting the arrival of your new grandbaby, put your phone on vibrate and quietly/politely excuse yourself to take the call elsewhere.

-Also it's rude to sit and text under the table or in the pew. Everyone knows what you are doing. No matter how non-chalant you are, it is both obvious and rude. Remind yourself that social media can wait and it is not going anywhere. However, those in front of you are changing every day.

If we continue to be so distracted watching what is occurring in the world through technology we are going to miss the important things happening right under our nose.

January may have been several months ago, but I am making some new resolutions when it comes to my technology and I hope many will join me. At the dinner table all electronics will be put away and I will enjoy the one-on-one conversation with my family and friends.

Unless it is an emergency situation, my phone will remain in my car or stay silenced during meetings and church. Instead of playing video games and

watching movies in the evening, I am going to ask my family to go for a walk at the park, play a game of bad minton or we may even dust off those board games and enjoy some good humored competition.

Again I want to stress we need to make sure our family and friends know that their place is here with us, not text to text, but face to face, watching each other change and grow with our own eyes instead of through a 4.1" screen. I realize we have family and friends far away and technology is required to communicate with them but let's not forget those right in front of us.

I am not saying to get rid of our tech. Technology has its place in our lives and in many ways our lives are improved by it. But let's resolve to take some time and attention we give our technology and give it back to the people in our lives who we care about and love.

(Rebecca Zahrte is president of the Woman's Club of Marion. She contributes periodically to this newspaper).



25th Anniversary

Doug and Allison Shepherd, formerly of Marion, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

The Shepherds were married July 28, 1990 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Louisville. The Rev. Clyde Babb officiated the ceremony.

Shepherd is the Hardin County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Elizabethtown.

The daughter of the late Jack and Betty Voss of Marion, Mrs. Shepherd is the general manager-advertising manager for The LaRue County Herald News in Hodgenville.

The couple have four children, Tim Shepherd of Harrodsburg; Michelle Summers of Spring Hill, Fla.; Dustin Shepherd and Kristen Shepherd, both of Elizabethtown. They also have four grandchildren.

The couple reside in Elizabethtown and are members of Grace Heartland Church.

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Extension Homemaker Advisory Council held its summer meeting at the Marion Café July 22.

Sarah Ford, county president, welcomed 15 of the 17-member council and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance. An inspirational reading was given by Pat Carter. Minutes and treasurer's report were given by Barbara Myers.

Ford announced it is time to gather names of new Barn Quilt owners who wish to be featured in the second printing of the Barn Quilt brochure. Anyone who has a quilt block on their property can participate. The brochure includes a photo of the block along with the owner's name, address, the quilt block pattern, if known, and any other interesting information pertaining to the block they choose to share. There is a special section in the brochure for individuals whose blocks are not visible from the road and for those who wish to have a picture of their quilt block included but not their name and address. For further information call the Crittenden County Extension Service at 965-5236 and a member of Extension Homemakers will contact you.

Applications for The Shoppe Next Door are also available at the Extension Service and the Welcome Center. The event is sponsored by Extension Homemakers and will be held Oct. 17 at the Crittenden County Middle School multi-purpose room. Only one dealer representative per company is eligible for the show. Applications have already been received from Avon, Mary Kay, Thirty One, It Works and Jamberry. Organizations and individuals who have reserved a booth include the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter, Woman's Club of



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Crittenden County Extension Homemaker President Sarah Ford (standing) explains the photography fundraiser which will be held at the 67th County Annual meeting to members of the County Extension Homemaker Advisory Council. Members and guests are encouraged to bring a favorite vacation photo to the Aug. 12 event. Spectators can vote for their favorite by donating \$1 to the Nancy Hunt Extension Homemaker Scholarship. Attending the council meeting with Ford were Darl Henley Nancy Lanham, Sue Parrent, Sharon Giltz, Kay Long, Dot Boone, Jerrell James, Margaret Gilland, Micki Crider, Barbara Myers, Pat Carter, Brandi Potter, Kathy Bechler and Nancy Hunt.

Marion, Extension Homemakers and Pam Koerner. In addition to dealer representatives and organizations, home and small businesses are encouraged to have a booth to help market their products.

Extension Homemakers are raffling tickets for a handmade quilt which will be drawn on Oct. 17. Club members will be at the Lions Club County Fair on the evening of Aug. 5 selling tickets.

Brandi Potter, 4-H Chairman on the Advisory Council, reported a successful 4-H Camp along with many other new 4-H activities. She recruited Homemakers to assist with the 4-H entries for the Crittenden County Fair. 4-H entries will be on display at the Woman's Club building located on East Carlisle Street.

Micki Crider, county vice-president, informed the council all of the KEHA Program of Work reports have been sent to their area chairman. Crider has met with club vice presidents on the scorecards and the results will be announced at the Aug. 12 annual meeting. "Moving On Up" is the theme for the 67th Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Marion-Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center. Registration begins at 3 p.m., followed by the program at 3:30 p.m. Dawn Holloman and Teresa Foster will present a program on their trip to China.

Also new county officers and a chairman will be installed by Jerrell James, Pennyryle Area Extension Homemaker President. Perfect Attendance and Reading List awards will be presented.

The council agreed to sponsor the apple pie baking contest Oct. 2 as part of Farmers Bank's Farmer Day. Other local Extension Homemaker events scheduled include Officer training on Sept. 2; Extension Homemaker Week, Oct. 11-17 and the Twilight Walk set for Oct. 12.

On Oct. 29, the Pennyryle Area Extension Homemaker Annual Meeting will be held in Eddyville. The theme will be "Picking Up the Pieces: A Quilter's Journey." Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased from the Crittenden County Extension Service by Oct. 9.

Extension Homemaker Clubs kick off their program year in September. For information on how to join, contact Sarah Ford at (270) 965-3833 or Micki Crider at (270) 965-2371.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those 60 and older or \$5 for those under 60. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Menu is chimichanga and sauce, corn salad, refried beans and fruit cocktail.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is fish, cole

slaw, baked pork and beans, cornbread, raisins and ambrosia. Cake will be served to recognized those with July birthdays.

- Monday: A pool tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. Menu is grilled chicken sandwich on bun, baked potato, Oriental green beans and an oatmeal cookie.
- Tuesday: Craft Day begins at 10 a.m. Menu is sloppy Joe on wheat bun, seasoned peas, hashbrown casserole and fruit salad pudding.
- Wednesday: Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, broccoli, navy beans, wheat bread, raisins and caramel apples.
- Next Thursday: Menu is baked spaghetti, peas and carrots, cucumber salad, wheat garlic bread, ambrosia and an oatmeal cookie.

Princeton radio station could drop its local programming

STAFF REPORT

Princeton radio listeners could be losing local programming on WAVJ-FM 104.9 this weekend.

Caroline Garcia, operations manager at the Princeton station, said if a buyer does not come forward by Saturday, parent company Commonwealth Broadcasting Inc. has plans to close the local radio station. At press time, local programming was set to drop sometime Friday in favor of simulcasting a sister station owned by Commonwealth Howdy 97.7 WWKY in Madisonville. The local AM

band station, WPKY 1580, also owned by Commonwealth, began simulcasting June 30.

There is hope, however. Garcia said at least two groups have expressed an interest in purchasing the radio station in order to keep local programming like Caldwell County High School Tiger football on Friday nights.

WAVJ has broadcast continuously for the last 65 years. It is one of 17 stations owned by Glasgow-based Commonwealth.

(Editor's note: The Times Leader contributed to this story.)

Friday, July 31
■ Crittenden County High School cheerleaders will hold a car wash at the 88 Dip in Marion.

Saturday, Aug. 1
■ A bone marrow donor drive and golf scramble to benefit Mason Fuller, son of Brad and Jenny Fuller of Salem, will be held at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. The golf scramble begins at 9 a.m. Cost is \$250 for a four-person team. There is a \$100 hole sponsorship for area businesses. The blood marrow donor drive will be held from noon to 4 p.m., at the golf course. For more information on either event contact Emily Phillips at (270) 339-1642.

■ A car wash fundraiser to benefit Crittenden County soccer will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Homestead Realty. Donations are welcome.

■ A 40-year reunion for Crittenden County High School Class of 1975 is scheduled at the high school multi-purpose room. Meet at 6 p.m. at the rocket on the school grounds

for a class picture. Catered meal offers choice of ham or chicken. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Mail check by June 27 to class treasurer Janet Hughes, P.O. Box 341, Salem, KY 42078.

Monday, Aug. 3
■ West Kentucky Regional Blood Center and Crittenden Health Systems will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the Crittenden Health Systems education building. Donors will receive a free T-shirt.

Tuesday, Aug. 4
■ Bigham Lodge #256 will have stated communication at the Masonic Lodge at 206 Sturgis Rd. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. All members and fellow Master Masons are urged to attend.

Friday, Aug. 7
■ The annual Fredonia Valley Parade will be held at 6:30 p.m. This year's grand marshals are Ted Feagan and

Larry York. Churches and clubs are encouraged to participate. Antique cars, trucks and vans, sports teams, horses, mules and wagons are welcome to be part of the festivities. For more information on the event call (270) 625-6936.

Saturday, Aug. 8
■ Crittenden County High School Class of 1995 will celebrate its 20th reunion at Green Turtle Bay conference center. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. A meal is included in a payment of \$40 per person. Payments are accepted via check or PayPal to Josh Hamilton at (808) 375-7607 or joshav8r@gmail.com. If unable to pay in advance, payments will be accepted at the door.

Wednesday, Aug. 19
■ Livingston County Middle School's SBDM Council will conduct its monthly meeting from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the school.

Thursday, Aug. 20
■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217 in Burna is asking for donations for its yard sale to

be held Aug. 20-22.

Saturday, Sept. 5
■ The CCHS Class of 1965 will hold its 50th class reunion at Fohs Hall beginning at 5 p.m. with a "meet and greet." Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Everyone who attended CCHS from 1960-1965 is welcome to join the festivities after 7:30 p.m., to celebrate. Call (270) 965-5003 or (270) 965-3332 for more information or check Facebook.

Saturday, Sept. 12
■ National Guard Reunion will be held beginning at 10 a.m. at the Lions Club. For more information call Rich Nelson at (270) 704-5140 or Roger Lubben at (270) 625-0971. All past and present members are invited.

■ Crittenden County Class of 1960 will hold its reunion at the Marion Country Club. Social time is from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by the meal at 6 p.m. Contact Betty Little at (270) 704-5744. Contact Leroy Hodge at 819 Sturgis Rd. to make reservations. Cost is \$25 per person.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Volunteers needed as CASA program looks to expand

By BRANDI ROGERS
GUEST COMMENTARY

One of the first calls I made when I took the bench in January 2015 was to our Kentucky CASA Network. Then, after several months, a grant application and many phone calls and meetings, I am so very pleased to announce that Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will begin serving families in my courtrooms by 2016.

"Every day in this country, 1,900 children become victims of abuse or neglect, and four of them will die. Every day. Court Appointed Special Advocates for children is a network of 949 community-based programs that recruit, train and support citizen-volunteers to

advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in courtrooms and communities. Volunteer advocates, empowered directly by the courts, offer judges the critical information they need to ensure that each child's rights and needs are being attended to while in foster care," reads a statement on CASAforChildren.org.

In 1977, Judge David Soukup in Seattle, concerned with drastic decisions with insufficient information, conceived the idea of citizen volunteers speaking for the best interest of abused and neglected children in the courtroom.

With the approval of the recent grant, the Henderson CASA program will be ex-

panding into Union County with Union County CASA volunteers serving families in that community. The Hopkins County CASA program will be expanding into Webster County with local volunteers serving that county's families. Then, once the program is established and self-supporting, the program will be expanded into Crittenden County.

People from all walks of life who care about children are encouraged to volunteer. All volunteers must be 21 years of age, pass a background check, have 30 hours of training and agree to commit to a case until case closure. CASA volunteers are purposed to supplement the work guardian

ad litem and social workers already are doing.

"I greatly appreciate the work and assistance of the CASA volunteers and staff," said Hopkins Circuit Family Court Judge Susan McClure. "Many times CASA's input is the most reliable information that I receive. CASA provides a voice for the children whose futures are determined by the court, but whose ability to speak and make known the true situations is limited by their age and capacity. CASA's loyalty is only to the child and to the child's best interests."

A child with a CASA vol-

unteer is more likely to find a safe, permanent home; get more help while in the system; have a consistent, responsible adult presence; and spend less time in foster care. They are also less likely to be bounced from home to home and are more likely to perform better in school and score better on protective factors.

If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer or being involved in some way to establish this program locally, please call either Andrea Goin for Union County at (270) 830-8400 or Daphne Maddox for Webster County at (270) 825-1582. Critten-

den County volunteers are encouraged to get involved in the other two counties of the judicial circuit until the program can be expanded further.

As the 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court remains committed to helping families, being a part of the CASA network allows you to help a child in a real way, right here in our own community. We have so many children who need assistance that I hope you take this opportunity to make a difference.

(Editor's note: Brandi Rogers is in her first year as the family court judge for the 5th Judicial Circuit, which is comprised of Crittenden, Union and Webster counties.)



Several Crittenden County youths attended 4-H Communications Day earlier this month and earned recognitions. They include (from left) Skyler James, Junior Shooting Sports Demonstration, earning third place and a blue ribbon; Ellie McGowan and Morgan Barnes, Junior Team Demonstration, earning a blue ribbon; Hannah Bell, 13-year-old Speech, earning a blue ribbon; and not pictured, Madison Champion, Senior General Demonstration, earning third place and a blue ribbon.

4-Hers bring home honors

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Crittenden County High School student Mauri Collins brought home top honors during the Kentucky 4-H Poultry Egg Preparation Demonstration July 11 in Lexington. The event was held in conjunction with 4-H State Communications Day.

During the demonstration, participants were required to prepare a dish containing eggs while exhibiting proper food safety and cooking skills. The state contest includes separate competitions for juniors and seniors. Collins, the daughter of Stuart and Pam Collins of Marion, was named senior division winner at the state competition and will advance to nationals to be held Nov. 19 in Louisville.

Collins received \$400 from the Kentucky Poultry Federation (KPF) to assist with travel expenses, along with a set of silicon cookware. Each year, KPF funds a week's worth of five-minute cooking demonstrations to promote May as National Egg month. Previously, 4-H winners have participated in television promotions and Collins has also been offered that opportunity.

"It's exciting to have won in my first year of competing in the egg demonstration and even more exciting to have the opportunity to represent Kentucky in the national competition," Collins said. "I practiced doing the demonstration and making the recipe every day for a week



Mauri Collins prepares to whisk an egg in front of judges during the Kentucky 4-H Poultry Egg-Preparation Demonstration held July 11 in Lexington. Collins prepared Ham and Egg in Puff Pastry.

until everything flowed smoothly."

In addition to developing and demonstrating leadership abilities and communication skills, the event promotes knowledge of egg-quality standards, size classification, nutritional value, preparation and storage, functional properties and versatility and economic value of eggs. It also develops creative

skills in preparation, use and serving of eggs and the sound use of nutritional knowledge when planning meals.

It turned out to be a busy day for Collins. After receiving the demonstration results, she competed in the 14-year-old speech contest on the University of Kentucky campus, where she placed third for the second year in a row and earned a blue ribbon.

Campbellsville University honors three local teachers

STAFF REPORT

Campbellsville University (CU) honored 177 teachers from 66 school districts, including three from Crittenden County by awarding them the Campbellsville University Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Thomas Floyd, chief of staff with the office of the Commissioner of Education, greeted guests at the ceremony and praised the educators at a recent awards ceremony on the CU campus.

"Teaching is a life well spent," he said. "You are dedicated to making sure each and every child succeeds."

Being a teacher today isn't easy, as teachers wear multiple hats, including counselor, disciplinarian, parent, friend, bus monitor, instructional leader, club sponsor and confidant, Floyd added.

He said implementation of new standards is raising the bar for education in Kentucky. More children are ready to take the next step with Kentucky's college and career-readiness rate having climbed from 34 percent to 62.5 percent, and Kentucky's graduation rate is in the top 10 in the country at 87.5 percent.



Clark



Riley

Achievement gaps, however, do exist, he countered.

"We must find a way to eliminate them," he told those gathered at the ceremony. "That is one of our priorities moving forward."

CU began the Excellence in Teaching Awards Program in 1987. The purpose of the program is to recognize the quality teaching and learning taking place in the school systems throughout Kentucky.

Excellence in Teaching Award recipients for 2015 included Crittenden County Superintendent Vince Clark, Crittenden County Elementary School (CCES) Teacher Sarah Riley, Crittenden County Middle School (CCMS) teacher Neal Bryant and Crittenden County High School (CCHS) Teacher Kim Vince.

Riley is a third-grade teacher at Crittenden County Elementary School where she has been employed since 2000.

She graduated from CCHS in 1991. She attended Western Kentucky University (WKU) where she earned her bachelor's of arts degree in 2000. She also earned her master's of arts degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2004.

She is the wife of Todd Riley and the mother of Paxton, Payton and Gracie. Her parents are Kathy and Doug Williams.

Bryant is a seventh-grade science teacher at CCMS where he has been employed since 2013.

He graduated from CCHS in 1998. He then attended Murray State University

and earned his bachelor of science degree in 2009.

Bryant is the husband of Becky Bryant and the father of Aubrey, Eden and Ryker. His parents are Caroline Bryant of Marion and the late Harold Bryant.

Vince is a U.S. history teacher at CCHS where she has been employed since 2003.

She graduated from CCHS in 1999. She earned her bachelor's of science from WKU in 2003. She also earned her master's of arts degree in 2008 from Murray State University. In addition, she also earned her National Board Certificate in 2009.

She is the wife of Mark Vince and the mother of Russell. Her parents are Nancy and Charlie Hunt from Marion.

A total of 3,191 teachers have been recognized by CU for their teaching excellence throughout the years.

CU is a widely acclaimed Kentucky-based Christian university with more than 3,500 students offering 63 undergraduate options, 17 master's degrees, five post-graduate areas and eight pre-professional programs.

The website for complete information is Campbellsville.edu.



Bryant



Vince

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FOOTBALL

CCMS football schedule
Sept. 3 at Union County
Sept. 10 WEBSTER COUNTY
Sept. 15 at South Hopkins
Sept. 19 at Trojan Bowl
Sept. 22 at James Madison
Sept. 29 BROWNING SPRINGS

Junior Pro registration
Registration for Junior Pro Football for boys in grades 3-6 will be held during Sneak-a-Peek at Crittenden County Elementary School and at Open House at Crittenden County Middle School on Thursday, Aug. 6. Cost is \$55. A discount is available for multiple children in same household. Practice will begin Tuesday, Aug. 11. Players will need to have proof of a physical examination before being allowed to participate in full-contact practices, which will begin on Aug. 17. Many players will be able to get free physicals through their private insurance or from their family physicians. If not, Dr. Johnny Newcom of Health Quest Wellness Center will be giving physicals starting at 4:30 p.m., at the park concession stand on Thursday, Aug. 13. Anyone with questions about Junior Pro Football may call Chris Evans (270) 704-0435.

Flag football registration
Registration and assessments for flag football will be from 8:30-10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22 at Rocket Stadium. This league is for grades K-2 and if there is no fee. Games will start the following Saturday. For more information, call Jeremy Wheeler at (859) 333-4095.

1985 recognition Sept. 11
The annual border war high school football game between Crittenden and Caldwell counties will be Sept. 11 and that will also be the Alumni Game, where players from 1985 championship will be recognized on the 30-year anniversary. Also, the state semifinalist teams of 1963 and 2008 will also be recognized. Organizers are trying to put together another old-timers football game on Saturday, Sept. 12. Stay tuned for more details on that effort.

SOCCKER

Fall league registration
Crittenden Youth Soccer Association is now registering boys and girls ages 3-14 for the fall soccer season. Forms may be picked up at Tru-Color Graphics on Sturgis Road in Marion. Completed forms may be mailed to CYSA, PO Box 584, Marion KY 42064. Registration will also be available at the Crittenden County Elementary School Sneak-a-Peek on Aug. 6, and at Marion Dairy Queen from 9 a.m., until noon on Aug. 15. Deadline to register is Aug. 15. Cost is \$40, which includes shirt and socks. Season starts on Aug. 24. For more information, call (270) 952-5798 or join our group on Facebook at CYSA.

BASEBALL

JHF Wiffle ball in Aug. 6-8
The Jake Hodge Foundation Wiffle Ball Tournament at Little Busch Stadium in Princeton has been rescheduled for Aug. 6-8. The tournament was rained out a couple of weeks ago. It's the group's major fundraising event for the year and will include a number of players and teams from Marion.

CHEERLEADING

Cheers! to a car wash
CCHS Cheerleaders will be having a car wash Friday at the 88 Dip on Sturgis Road. All proceeds benefit the cheerleading squad.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Bullfrog	May 15 - Oct. 31
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Rail / Gallinule	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9
Canada Goose	Sept. 1-15
Archery Deer	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Archery Turkey	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Wilson Snipe	Sept. 16 - Oct. 25
Wood Duck, Teal	Sept. 19-23
Teal Only	Sept. 24-27
Crossbow Deer	Oct. 1 - Oct. 18
Crossbow Turkey	Oct. 1 - Oct. 18
Youth Deer	Oct. 10 - 11
Muzzleloader	Oct. 17 - 18
Shotgun Turkey	Oct. 24 - Oct. 30
Gun Deer	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
Crossbow Deer	Nov. 14 - Dec. 31
Crossbow Turkey	Nov. 14 - Dec. 31
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 16 - Feb. 10
Dove	Nov. 26 - Dec. 6
Wilson Snipe	Nov. 26 - Jan. 31
Shotgun Turkey	Dec. 5 - Dec. 11
Muzzleloader	Dec. 12 - Dec. 20
Dove	Dec. 19 - Jan. 10
Youth Deer	Dec. 26 - 27

Post-Season Baseball heats up in late July



8u All Star Champions

The 8-under Crittenden County baseball all stars took first place in the Lyon County Tournament last weekend. Pictured are (front from left) Andrew Candelario, Levi Sud-doth, Garner Stallins, Ethan Thomas, Zach Purvis, (back) coach Tanner Tabor, Braden Odom, Quinn Summers, Ben-nett McDaniel, Travis Bull, Kaiden Travis and coach Aaron Summers. The champi-onship was Crittenden's only all-star title during post-sea-son play. On the team but not pictured were Landon Curry and Jantzen Fowler, and coach Dave Copeland.



The Crittenden County 12u all-star baseball team finished runnerup in the Lyon County Tournament last weekend.



The Crittenden County 8u all-star soft-ball team finished runnerup in the Cald-well County Tournament last weekend.



Ball Seasons Closing Down

Crittenden County 10u all-star shortstop Aubre Conyer races to make a tag against a Caldwell County baserunner that collides with Crit-tenden third baseman Callie Brown during softball tour-nament action last week at Princeton. Above, all star Hadley Rich readies for a play. Post-season all-star ac-tion is just about over for most teams as school will be back in session in a cou-ple of weeks.

MARION SWIM TEAM MEET RESULTS

Marion Stingrays swim team lost its only meet of the season at Greenville July 13 by a score of 352-248. In several age groups, the number of swimmers requires two heats of competition; however, the Greenville meet only calculated points scored in the first heat in each age group. Results are as follows:

MEDLEY RELAY
8u girls - Aubrey Hollis, Anna White, Ali Hol-lis, Elliot Evans, 1st; Aubry Grau, Braelyn Merrill, Rianna Manness, Allie Brantley, 2nd.
8u boys - Noah Byford, Rien Tabor, Gaige Markham, Dougie Smith, 1st.
10u girls - Carly Towery, Anna White, Addie Hatfield, Payton Manness, 2nd.
10u boys - Evan McDowell, Noah Byford, Gaige Markham, Jeremiah Brantley, 1st.
12u girls - Aubrey Hollis, Ryleigh Tabor, Addie Hatfield, Carly Towery, 2nd.
12u boys - Kollin Graham, Aaron White, Xander Tabor, Chase Stevens, 1st.
Open girls - Kaylee Graham, Patti Merrill, Shelby Cooper, Sarah Hodge, 2nd.
Open boys - Sawyer Towery, Jordan Ur-banowski, Clay Stevens, Travis McKinney, 1st.

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle)
8u girls - 1st Anna White, 2nd Aubrey Hol-lis, 3rd Ali Hollis, 4th Allie Brantley
8u boys - 2st Gaige Markham
10u girls - 3rd Carly Towery, 4th Addie Hat-field
10u boys - 3rd Evan McDowell, 4th Jere-miah Brantley.
12u girls - 3rd Ryleigh Tabor.
12u boys - 2nd Chase Stevens, 3rd Xan-der Tabor, 4th Kollin Graham.
14u girls - 2nd Shelby Cooper
14u boys - 2nd James Crider, 3rd Jordan Urbanowski

Open girls - 2nd Kaylee Graham, 3rd Sarah Hodge, 4th Michelle McKinney
Open boys - 2nd Travis McKinney, 3rd Sawyer Towery, 4th Clay Stevens

BUTTERFLY
8u girls heat 1- 2nd Aubrey Hollis, 3rd Anna White, 4th Ali Hollis; heat 2 - 1st Rianna Manness, 2nd Elliot Evans, 3rd Aubry Grau
8u boys - 1st Noah Byford, 3rd Gaige Markham
10u girls - 3rd Carly Towery, 4th Addie Hat-field; 5th Hanna Long
10u boys - 4th Evan McDowell, 5th Jere-miah Brantley
12u girls - 3rd Ryleigh Tabor
12u boys heat 1 - 2nd Xander Tabor, 3rd Chase Stevens; heat 2 - 1st Zander Morri-son, 2nd Aaron White, 3rd Jasper Morrison
14u girls - 2nd Shelby Cooper, 3rd Rheavynn Tabor
14u boys - 2nd Sawyer Towery, 3rd Jordan Urbanowski
Open girls - 2nd Kaylee Graham

Open boys - 3rd Clay Stevens, 4th Travis McKinney

BACKSTROKE
6u girls - 2nd Braelyn Merrill, 3rd Allison White
6u boys - 2nd Noah Byford
8u girls heat 1 - 2nd Anna White, 3rd Aubrey Hollis, 4th Elliot Evans; heat 2 - 1st Ali Hollis, 2nd Aubry Grau, 3rd Rianna Man-ness
8u boys - 2nd Rien Tabor, 3rd Gaige Markham
10u girls heat 1 - 3rd Carly Towery, 4th Hannah Long, 5th Addie Hatfield; heat 2 - 1st Payton Manness, 2nd Allie Brantley
10u boys - 1st Evan McDowell; 3rd Jere-miah Brantley
12u girls - 3rd Ryleigh Tabor
12u boys heat 1 - 2nd Chase Stevens, 3rd Xander Tabor, 4th Aaron White; heat 2 - 1st James Crider, 2nd Jasper Morrison, 3rd Zander Morrison
14u girls - 2nd Shelby Cooper, 3rd Rheavynn Tabor
14u boys - 2nd Sawyer Towery, 3rd Briley Brown, 4th Jordan Urbanowski
Open girls - 2nd Kaylee Graham, 3rd Sarah Hodge, 4th Misty Markham
Open boys - 3rd Clay Stevens, 4th Travis McKinney

BREASTSTROKE
8u girls heat 1 - 1st Anna White, 2nd Aubrey Hollis, 3rd Ali Brantley; heat 2 - 2nd Aubry Grau, 3rd Elliot Evans, 4th Allie Brant-ley
8u boys - 1st Noah Byford, 2nd Rien Tabor, 3rd Gaige Markham, 4th Dougie Smith
10u girls heat 1- 3rd Carly Towery, 4th Addie Hatfield, 5th Hannah Long; heat 2 - 1st Payton Manness, 2nd Rianna Manness
10u boys - 3rd Evan McDowell, 4th Jere-miah Brantley

West Kentucky Bandits 14u fast-pitch softball team played in the USSSA Tennessee State Championship recently at Franklin, Tenn. The team, made up of play-ers from Marion and the surrounding area, placed fourth against top competition from Tennessee and Ala-bama. Marion players are Ellie and Emmie Smith, Jenna Potter, Hannah Cooksey, Brandy Book and (not pictured) Matthia Long. Stephen Smith of Marion is also a coach.



miah Brantley
12u girls - 3rd Ryleigh Tabor, 4th Addie Hat-field
12u boys heat 1- 2nd Xander Tabor, 3rd Kollin Graham, 4th Chase Stevens; heat 2 - 1st Aaron White, 2nd James Crider, 3rd Zander Morrison, 4th Jasper Morrison
14u girls - 2nd Shelby Cooper, 3rd Rheavynn Tabor
14u boys - 1st Sawyer Towery, 3rd Jordan Urbanowski
Open girls - 2nd Patti Merrill, 3rd Kaylee Graham, 4th Misty Markham
Open boys - 3rd Clay Stevens, 4th Briley Brown

FREESTYLE RELAY
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12u girls - Ryleigh Tabor, Carly Towery, Aubrey Hollis, Hannah Long, 2nd
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14u boys - Xander Tabor, Jordan Ur-banowski, Kollin Graham, Sawyer Tower, 1st
Open girls - Shelby Cooper, Sarah Hodge, Kim Rieke, Kaylee Graham, 2nd
Open boys - Clay Stevens, Briley Brown, Chase Stevens, Travis McKinney, 2nd.

FREESTYLE
8u girls heat 1 - 1st Anna White, 3rd Elliot Evans, 4th Aubrey Hollis; heat 2 - 1st Alii



Allison White of the Stingrays com-petes in a recent swim team event. Here, she employs the backstroke.

Hollis, 2nd Allie Brantley, 3rd Braelyn Merrill, 4th Aubry Grau
8u boys - 2nd Noah Byford, 3rd Rien Tabor, 4th Gaige Markham, 5th Dougie Smith
10u girls heat 1 - 3rd Carly Towery, 4th Addie Hatfield, 6th Payton Manness; heat 2 - 1st Hannah Long, 2nd Rianna Manness
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Magz Auto Sports opens for business

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

A new business has recently opened at the former location of Marion's Southern States building. Mattoon resident Glenn Ford opened Magz Auto Sports July 20. Ford said since its grand opening, the business has seen a steady stream of customers.

In addition to towing and recovering, Magz sells new and used tires. Ford also performs light repair work on autos such as alternators, water pumps, electrical, brakes, tune ups and computer diagnostics. But Ford stresses the business is more of a service center rather than a garage. The business doesn't perform work on engine or transmission overhauls.

"It's based on the platform of a dealership garage. The only difference is we don't sell cars," he said, then paused to add, "We may grow into that. All we do is offer walk-in work."

Ford said customers will appreciate the ability to bring in their automobiles to his facility, which offers walk-in oil changes without the need for scheduling.

"People's lives are busy. Our lives are busy, so I understand that," he said.

Helping Ford is his partner – both in life and in business – his wife Monica. The company's name, Magz, is derived from their first names,



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

Glenn and Monica Ford of Mattoon have opened Magz Auto Sports on West Gum Street in Marion. The business opened July 20 in the former Crittenden Farm Supply building.

Monica and Glenn.

Ford said he is blessed to be able to occupy the former Crittenden Farm Supply building. He said many individuals passing along West Gum Street have already taken notice of the black and

orange mailbox in front of the property. Those colors will be the official colors of the business and matching stripes will be painted along the building. Tow trucks will also keep with the businesses color scheme.

Ford, who is a member of

Repton Baptist Church, said in addition to serving his customers, it's equally important to serve the community of Marion and Crittenden County.

"We want to be a long-standing business in the community. We want to help our community and grow with the community," he said.

His first community outreach initiative is to offer a bike raffle to help raise money to support Community Christmas, a charity Ford said helped his family when there was a need.

"Those volunteers, I don't know if they truly realize what that means to a poor family that can't provide extra money for Christmas," he said, adding it's important for him to be able to give back to the local holiday charity that has helped his family and so many other families in the county.

Being able to open his business in Marion has meant a lot of work and dedication. Ford began building his company over an eight-year period near his home in Mattoon. Now as he settles into his new and centralized location, he wants his customers to know they can count on him to provide quality work at a fair price.

"My dad always taught me that you're only as good as the work you put out," Ford said. "I truly believe in that and will always believe in that."

City plans repairs to worst streets

Work to straighten out Chapel Hill Road's junction with South Main Street in Marion will be put off for another year in favor of making repairs to multiple damaged streets across town during the remaining construction season.

A plan to realign the intersection was hatched last year to create a right angle where the streets meet. City Administrator Mark Bryant said the work, planned to be completed by a city work crew, would cost about \$20,000.

At the urging of Mayor Mickey Alexander, Chapel Hill Road will be put on the backburner in order to address streets that draw the most complaints.

"There are so many repairs we could go a lot further with," the mayor said recently.

City Administrator Mark Bryant said one of streets in greatest need of repair is Le-land Avenue, where he said one of the city's nicest subdivisions is located. He estimates work to cost up to \$35,000.

Bryant said a full list of streets requiring attention will be brought before the city council at the Aug. 17 meeting.

Fredonia parade seeking entries

The annual Fredonia Lions Club Summer Festival is slated for Aug. 8 and will kick off with the Fredonia Valley Parade the evening before. Grand marshals of the parade will be Ted Feagan and Larry York. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m.

"We welcome churches, antique cars, trucks and vans, sports, clubs, horses and mules and wagons," said Michelle Travis, organizer of the parade.

For more information about the parade, call or text Travis at (270) 625-6936.

Logan Fiscal Court defines marriage

On Tuesday, Logan Fiscal Court passed a resolution affirming religious freedom and

marriage as a bond between a woman and a man. The action was in response to the U.S. Supreme Court striking down Kentucky's marriage law.

"This is a great day for the democratic process," Commonwealth Policy Center Executive Director Richard Nelson said. "Though the ruling doesn't overrule the court, it does a great service to the citizens of Logan County who want to see their leaders stand for marriage and religious freedom."

Passage of the resolution simply makes clear that Logan County stands against the high court's recent ruling.

City flushing water lines next week

Marion water customers may experience discoloration from the tap or air in the line beginning late next week.

According to City Administrator Mark Bryant, municipal utility workers will start systematically flushing water lines next Thursday and continue through Aug. 9. The semi-annual flushing will take place in different areas across town after 9 p.m. during each of the four days.

If discoloration of water or air in the lines is experienced Utilities Director Brian Thomas said customers should just keep the tap open.

"Just let it run, it should clear up," Bryant added.

Meetings

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet for its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) inside Rocket Arena. It follows a 5 p.m. special work session.

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet for a special-called meeting at 8:30 a.m. Monday in the judge-executive's courthouse office. Adoption of a resolution to lease a backhoe is slated.

- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. Tuesday at Marion Tourism Center.

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet for its monthly work session at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Rocket Arena conference room.

City featured in magazine for investing in town

STAFF REPORT

The City of Marion is featured in the July/August 2015 issue of Kentucky City, a bimonthly magazine published by the Kentucky League of Cities, which represents the state's 425 incorporated towns. The two-page spread, "Marion Invests in Its Future," details the city's investment into downtown.

"For the past several years, the city has been the agent of change for the community," the story reads.

City Administrator Mark

Bryant is quoted extensively throughout the article. In fact, it reads mostly as a narrative by Bryant.

"The city realized the private sector would not act if local government didn't make an investment in the community," he was quoted.

Bryant describes chronologically the major capital improvements the city made to improve downtown and the services it provides residents.

"The city took control of a vacant shopping center in the heart of downtown, deter-

mined to turn things around," Bryant continued.

Transforming that shopping center, which featured a grocery store and drive-through bank branch, allowed for growing city hall from a cramped 3,000-square-foot building to a complex of 16,000-square-feet.

The Great Recession slowed the city's march forward, but in 2010, city officials started movement on building a new fire station. Once completed, the \$1 million project gave Marion's vol-

unteer fire department a stately 8,200-square-foot home on the corner of Main and Bellville streets. It was financed with a tax-free loan.

Then, in 2013, the city received a grant to improve the emergency services operation and upgrade to a 911 system. The dispatch center is also at the center of future plans. Bryant told Kentucky City that on the wish list is a \$150,000 upgrade to a computer-aided dispatch system.

The entire article can be viewed at KLC.org.

CCEDC

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ing relays with D&D Automation through incarnations as Safetran, Invensys and now Germany-based Siemens, CCEDC has been a partner in growth, offering the Ed-Tech Center just behind Siemens in Industrial Park South as a site for employee training. It has also played a parallel role in training the workforce of Par 4, a homegrown manufacturer celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Par 4 President Tim Capps said the company makes more than 2,000 parts. That is fueled by a growing demand from automobile manufacturers as car sales have picked up following The Great Recession.

"We put parts on about 50 percent of cars," Capps told a room full of CCEDC investors and local employers gathered at the Ed-Tech Center. "There's probably a part from Marion on your car."

There are 227 employed at Par 4 "and we're growing every day," Capps added.

In the last year, the plant has added 8,000 square feet of manufacturing space. It has also added eight machines to its production line recently and made \$3 million in capital improvements, including a half-million-dollar air conditioning system at the main plant in the industrial park and a new roof on the former Tyco building that houses a sister company, Tyler Manufacturing. That facility also serves as a warehouse for finished Par 4 products.

"Each month, we're setting records," Capps said of sales. "Things are going great at Par 4."

Sales are up 12 percent over last year, he reported.

Siemens, too, is experiencing double-digit growth compared to the previous year. Martin said sales are up 11 percent, and the local plant is in its sixth consecutive year of growth.

The company is sharing that success with its workforce. After recently re-evaluating employee compensation, the plant increased annual payroll by \$300,000.

While the manufacturing sector thrives in Crittenden County, the retail sector appears somewhat stagnant and the service sector is struggling. In the last year, Marion has lost its only dry cleaner

Local jobless rate drops in June

Below are jobless rates for select counties listed from the state's lowest in June 2015 to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between. Unemployment rates dropped in 118 of the state's 120 counties from June 2014 to June 2015.

AREA	JUNE 2015	MAY 2015	JUNE 2014
Kentucky.....	5.3	5.3	6.7
Pennyrile	6.1	6.1	7.4
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1)	3.7	3.8	4.8
Webster	5.2	5.2	6.4
Crittenden	5.3	5.6	6.6
Lyon	5.4	5.7	6.3
Caldwell	5.5	5.6	6.5
Livingston	6.5	6.5	7.8
Union	6.5	6.6	7.6
Magoffin (120)	13.1	12.7	14.3

dentist and cellular phone store.

But Terry Bunnell, CCEDC president, said manufacturing growth should create opportunities in those two sectors.

"I think what will drive those service jobs to us are our industrial jobs," he said. "The spinoff should also benefit the retail sector."

While last Thursday's reports from local manufacturers who compete on a world stage has fueled such optimism, perhaps the best news for the local economy is that CHS has turned a corner in its fight for survival.

"When I first came here, I was scared to death," hospital CEO Greg McNeil told those at the EDC's annual meeting. "I didn't know if we were going to pull it out, but we did."

A native of Madisonville, McNeil returned to western Kentucky from Kansas in November 2013 to take on the challenge at CHS. To keep the doors open, the hospital was forced to streamline operations by cutting positions and reducing employee compensation and benefits.

What was painful for staff affected by the changes, McNeil and the volunteer board of directors that oversees operations has rescued the non-profit organization as other rural hospitals across the nation continue to close amid a tumultuous period for providers.

"We're starting to grow," McNeil said, adding that the hospital generates \$4 million per month in gross revenue.

The moves to save the hospital have also rescued the community, not just from the potential loss of local health care services, but also economic disaster. While ranking No. 3 in the county in terms of

employee numbers just behind Par 4, the payroll at CHS is unmatched.

McNeil said annual payroll for 220 full- and part-time employees with the hospital and its related health care services is \$8 million. Both the city and county rely heavily on payroll taxes collected from CHS employees to help fund the government services they provide the community.

Though payroll figures from Siemens and Par 4 were not available at press time, the high number of professionals with college degrees at CHS and with the local school system likely rank the employers first and second in the county, respectively, in terms of payroll. The board of education paid out \$6.44 million to 191 full-time employees during the 2014-15 school year.

Also reporting success at the CCEDC meeting was Midwest Transport Specialists Sales Manager Jim Zoretic. The Kansas City, Kan.-based trucking company started up in Marion three years ago with only three employees. Located adjacent to the South Main Street property leased by Siemens, which is its primary customer for local operations, Midwest now employs 10 at its Marion hub.

Psalm 14:1

The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.

-Donald Pugh

This is an advertisement



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Crittenden County

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2-8

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

3:00 p.m.
Fohs Hall

Newborn to Age 4 Pageant Little Mr. & Miss Pageant (Ages 5-7) Ms. Pageant (Ages 21 & Up)

Admission \$5 Adults / 5 & Under Free
These events are open (nonresidents can compete)

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 p.m.
Fohs Hall

Miss Pre-Teen Pageant (Ages 8-12) Teen Pageant (Ages 13-15)

Admission \$5 Adults / 5 & Under Free
These events are open (nonresidents can compete)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 p.m.
Fohs Hall

Miss Crittenden County Pageant (Ages 16-21)

Admission \$5 Adults / 5 & Under Free
These events are open (nonresidents can compete)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00 p.m.
Fairgrounds

Family Night FREE Admission Cameron Mills Ministry

Sponsored by Farmers Bank, Conrad's & Marion Tourism

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 p.m.
Fairgrounds

Enduro Circle Truck Racing

Admission \$5 Adults / 5 & Under Free

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 p.m.
Fairgrounds

Truck & Tractor Pull

Admission \$10 Adults / \$5 Children 6-15 / 5 & Under Free

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 p.m.
Fairgrounds

Lawn Mower / Demolition Derby

Admission \$10 Adults / \$5 Children 6-15 / 5 & Under Free

Midway Opens at 6 p.m. Tue. - Sat.

Armbands \$15 Thur. - Sat.

4-H EXHIBITS OPEN NIGHTLY

Armbands Discounted \$10.00 Tue. & Wed.



CRITTENDEN COUNTY

2015-16 School Calendar

JULY 2015

M	T	W	R	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST 2015

M	T	W	R	F
3	4	PD	PD	TP
O	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

SEPTEMBER 2015

M	T	W	R	F
	1	2	3	4
H	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

OCTOBER 2015

M	T	W	R	F
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
TP	20	21	22	23
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NOVEMBER 2015

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DECEMBER 2015

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Dates of Importance

Aug. 5-6: Professional Development Day.
Aug. 7: Teacher Planning. No Students
Aug. 10: Opening Day. Faculty and Staff Only.
Aug. 11: First Day for Students.
Sept. 7: Holiday. Labor Day.
Oct. 12-16: Fall Break.
Oct. 19: Teacher Planning. No Students.
Nov. 3: General Election Day. No School.
Nov. 3: Teacher Planning. No Students.
Nov. 25-27: Thanksgiving Break.
Dec. 21-Jan. 1: Christmas Break.
Jan. 4: Teacher Planning. No Students.
Jan. 18: No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
April 4-8: Spring Break.
April 11: Teacher Planning. No Students.
April 26-May 13: State Assessment Window.
Each school will set its own testing dates.
May 13: Last Day for Students.
May 16: Closing Day. Faculty and Staff Only.
May 17: Primary Election Day. No School.
May 18-19: Professional Development.

Total Calendar Days

170.....Student Days
4.....PD Days
4.....Holidays
5.....TP Days
1.....Opening
1.....Closing
185.....Calendar Days

Color Key

Professional Day - PD/TP/O/C
Holiday
Non-school Day
State Assessment Window
Make-up Days
Day 1: Dec. 21
Day 2: Dec. 22
Day 3: Jan. 4
Day 4: April 4.
Additional days will be added to end of calendar.

Code Key

O.....Opening Day for teachers
C.....Closing Day for teachers
PD.....Professional Development
H.....Holiday
TP.....Teacher Planning

JANUARY 2016

M	T	W	R	F
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TP	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
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FEBRUARY 2016

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29				

MARCH 2016

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APRIL 2016

M	T	W	R	F
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4	5	6	7	8
TP	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

MAY 2016

M	T	W	R	F
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C	17	PD	PD	20
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30	31			

JUNE 2016

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Back-to-school events for all students Aug. 6

STAFF REPORT

The start of school in Crittenden County is less than two weeks away, and the school district will prepare students and parents with annual back-to-school functions.

For elementary students, Sneak-A-Peek will be held Aug. 6 at the school. Students whose last name starts with the letters A-M will meet with school staff

from 5 to 6 p.m. Remaining students are invited from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For middle and high school students, the Back to School Bash will be held the same day from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Middle-schoolers should report to the school's gym, while high school students should report to the multi-purpose room.

Students head back to the classroom Aug. 11.



Budget Buster

Back-to-school can be expensive for families, but local school district offering free supplies to all its students

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Back to school season can be as expensive for parents as it is exciting for students, but that impact on family budgets is being lessened a bit this year.

Once the initial letdown of the end of summer vacation wears off, many kids are excited to return to school, where they can see their friends, study their favorite subjects and participate in extracurricular activities. Parents of school-aged youngsters may share in that excitement while also knowing that back to school season can stretch their budgets.

Back-to-school shopping in the United States can be a budget buster. It is second only to Christmas in retail spending.

To help the families of children enrolled locally, Crittenden County School District is stepping in to help by providing every student with at least one required classroom item.

High schoolers will receive pens, pencils and a multi-subject notebook. At the middle school, students will be supplied with pencils and two packages of loose leaf paper.

Meantime, kindergarteners through fifth-graders at the elementary school will receive items from crayons and pencils to the paper they write on based on their respective grade. The school supplies will be distributed to students on the first day of classes, Aug. 11. (For a list of the items for specific grade levels, see our school supply lists on Page 3B.)

"This should take some of the burden off parents," said Holly White, community educator, public relations officer and Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC) coordinator for the school district.

This is the first year students are being offered free supplies. White said funding comes from community partners, a FRYSC grant and the school district.

Even if parents are finished with back-to-school shopping, White said the supplies offered through the school district will reduce overall spending.

"If parents have bought al-

ready, this will keep them from having to buy again," she said.

White said the district was unable to project how much in donations it would receive and, therefore, was unable to

tell parents just exactly what students would be getting before last week.

"Next year, we plan to let parents know by June," she said. "That would be my goal moving forward."

According to the National Retail Federation's (NRF) Back-to-School Spending Survey conducted by Prosper Insights & Analytics, the average family with children in grades K-12 plans to spend \$630.36 on electronics, apparel and other school needs. While that is down from 5.8 percent from last year, total spending in the country is expected to reach \$24.9 billion. Families on average are spending 42 percent more on school items than 10 years ago. Total spending for K-12 and college is expected to reach \$68 billion.



White

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Board makes changes to 2016 spring break

STAFF REPORT

Spring break in Crittenden County will be a week later this academic year and could be sacrificed if Old Man Winter hits the county hard like he has the last two winters.

This spring, the Crittenden County Board of Education pushed the break back a week to prevent missed instructional days for students taking vocational classes. Because the school district had been taking its spring break one week earlier than other schools in the region, students taking vocational classes were missing two weeks of instruction from the schools.

In the event of an active

winter where multiple days of school are missed, it was suggested taking the first three days of spring break to make up the missed instructional time.

At the board of education's April working session, Superintendent Vince Clark said he would recommend utilizing the first three days of spring break as possible snow make-up days. He said the purpose for this would be to end the school year before the beginning of June.

Spring break is scheduled for April 4-8, 2016.

Also in April, the board ap-

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School lunch costs up dime (again) to \$2.30

By **JASON TRAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Students will be paying a little more for lunch when they return to school Aug. 11. For the second consecutive year, the price for a student lunch has increased a dime, leaving families with a \$425.50 tab for the entire 185-day academic year.

Food Service Director Emily Lowery said the bump to \$2.30 per lunch was not initiated by the school district. Instead, it was mandated by the government and determined by participation and prices from the previous school year.

The cost of a school breakfast remains at \$1.20. The cost of breakfast for the year is \$222.

Lowery encourages parents who think their child



FILE PHOTO

The cost of school lunches in Crittenden County is up 10 cents for the second consecutive year.

may qualify for free or reduced meals to fill out an application. She said free or reduced-meal applications

can be obtained any time throughout the school year in each cafeteria in the school district. Applications for free

or reduced-meals will be provided in each student's back to school packet.

Lowery said she processes all applications as quickly as possible so that parents and students receive the benefits of those free or reduced meals as soon as possible. The reduced cost of a student breakfast and lunch is 90 cents and \$1.90, respectively.

According to the school district's meal charge policy, charges are permitted in situations where the student does not have the money to



Lowery

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OPINION

Vaccinations not only good idea for young students, they are required

All Kentucky children should be vaccinated before the new school year.

Not only is it a good idea to help protect kids from illness, it also is state law.

For years, controversy swirled nationally around vaccinations, with some parents thinking the injections were the cause of such things as autism.

But views have apparently shifted after a virulent outbreak of measles earlier this year that resulted from an infected traveler to Disneyland, who impacted mostly unvaccinated people.

So far this year, nearly 200 people have contracted measles. In 2014, there were more than 600 cases, a sharp increase from less than 200 the year before, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A University of Michigan poll released this month shows 34 percent of parents think vaccines have more benefit than they did one year ago; 25 percent of parents believe vaccines are safer than they were a year ago; and 35 percent of parents report more support for

day care and school vaccine requirements than a year ago.

So with schools about to start in less than a month, we encourage parents in Crittenden County to get their kids vaccinated.

Before kindergarten, kids need immunizations, a school physical, a vision exam and a dental exam. Children entering kindergarten receive the DtaP for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis; a measles-mumps-rubella vaccine; and a chicken pox vaccine. Children entering sixth grade re-

ceive a Tdap booster vaccine for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis; a meningitis vaccine and a second chicken pox vaccine.

It also is a good idea to have children's height and weight checked and for them to have a physical exam.

There are several places in the area parents can take kids to have them vaccinated and where they can get physicals.

Parents can get their kids vaccinated at their pediatrician or family physician or they can take kids to Crit-

tenden County Health Department on Industrial Drive in Marion. Officials urge parents to bring their kids in well before school starts and not wait until the last minute to get kids vaccinated.

That is sound advice, whether they are going to the health department or to their family doctor.

Obviously, this isn't something kids look forward to doing. Who can blame them?

But it's something that must be done for them to begin school.

All parents want their kids to be healthy, and while that will not always be the case, getting children vaccinated before the school year is a step in adding extra insurance that their children won't get sick nearly as often.

The beginning of school will be here before you know it, so please take your kids and get the necessary vaccinations they need for their own well being and for the well being of their classmates.

— The Daily News
Bowling Green, Ky.

- Welcome back -

School district committed to improvement

By **VINCE CLARK**
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is with great expectations that we welcome back students and staff for the 2015-16 school year. Students will return Aug. 11, and all staff will report next Wednesday for a district professional development day. On Aug. 10, staff will gather for the district opening day in the middle and high school's multi-purpose room. Sneak-A-Peek at the elementary school and Back to School Bash at the middle and high school will be held Aug. 6.

It is our mission to engage and empower each

student with thoughtful educators and services. We have outstanding educators and support staff that care about the success of every child. At the district level, we will continue to build on relationships and teamwork, improving student academic performance, and maintaining a safe place to learn while maximizing resource efficiency.

Our school district has made good progress with increasing our graduation rate, decreasing our

dropout rate and improving student performance. There remains room for improvement in the areas of student attendance and novice reduction. Last year, our students had 2,465 unexcused absences for the school year. We will be implementing plans to improve our attendance this school year.

I am proud of the improved college- and career-readiness numbers and dual-credit options at the high school. The middle school is implementing "The Leader in Me" pro-



Clark

gram, which teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students. The elementary school completed a data retreat and will use that information to adjust teacher practices. All three schools will be implementing professional learning teams where teacher teams will evaluate standards learned so interventions can be determined for struggling students.

Our district is committed to creating a positive, safe place to learn that generates positive energy. Our board of education has sponsored two very important safety trainings for our

local law enforcement agencies and staff. Our board ensures expenditures support student learning in a safe, efficient environment.

It's an exciting time to be part of the Crittenden County School District. I encourage parents to follow the news at #therocketway on Twitter, my superintendent's blog on our district website and through each school's newsletter.

The financial and volunteer hours that our community and business partners provide our district are critical to our success. Thank you to those who give their time and

money so generously to support our students and staff.

During a time when our school district is challenged to improve kindergarten readiness on one end and college- and career-readiness on the other, I want our community to feel confident in our efforts in providing a solid Rocket Education to all our students.

(Editor's Note: Vince Clark is superintendent of Crittenden County School District. He is starting his second academic year at the helm of the school system.)

CCHS offers students new opportunities, adjusts some policies

By **CURTIS BROWN**
CCHS PRINCIPAL

It's almost time to come back to school! I hope you are excited

I and the Crittenden County High School (CCHS) faculty and staff look forward to welcoming students back on Aug. 11, the first day of school this year.

I would like to introduce new staff and pass on to you important information about the 2015-16 school year.

We have two new math teachers this year – Cara Merrick, who is transferring from the middle school, and Torey Baker, a CCHS graduate and recent Lindsey Wilson College graduate. We have a new school secretary, Misty Hicks, and we also will have Susan Baker beginning the year as our family and consumer science teacher.

Other information you



Brown

will want to know:

- Our Back to School Bash will be in the multi-purpose room on Aug. 6, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. We will be distributing student schedules and agendas, Infinite Campus Portal access codes will be available that evening and food services will provide information on accessing cafeteria accounts online with the option to add money to student accounts. Student drivers can acquire a \$5 parking tag and choose their space at the Bash, and student contact information sheets and permission forms for Crosswalk Learning Center will be available also. Be sure to mark this on your calendars.
- We have a new academic feature this year – iTime. iTime is a 30-minute daily time period that we will use for a number of purposes – increasing our students' reading comprehension and specifically targeting ACT and end-of-course assessments. It will be between third period and lunch daily.

- Our first day of school will be very different this year. We have a number of special activities planned throughout that day to start our year off in an exciting fashion. A great start can't be beat, and this is just part of the school culture improvement efforts we will be implementing this year.
- We had great success in improving our college- and career-readiness (CCR) numbers last year, going from 60 percent to 85.9 percent in one year, so CCR will continue to be a major emphasis. We will again have our CCR picture wall for seniors, and we will also be posting pictures of underclassmen who have already achieved CCR. CCR Coach Jeremy Wheeler will now be here four days a week to assist with getting our students ready for post-graduation.
- Attendance is extremely important for students, and our district has a new truancy policy that affects student activities. Students who are declared habitually truant (six unexcused ab-

sences or more) will not be allowed to attend field trips, dances, prom or participate in other privileges related to CCR rewards and Senior Week. We need our students at school!

- The Crosswalk Learning Center, under the direction of Cheryl Burks, will continue to provide students with a variety of activities during the school day, as well as after school. Students are strongly encouraged to use Crosswalk services for academic enrichments and especially for testing preparation for the ACT, COMPASS and ACT WorkKeys tests.
- New dress code changes are in place this year, and they have previously been publicized on our Facebook page and school website.
- Students will again be allowed to bring their personal laptops, tablets and phones to be registered at the school for use when appropriate. Cell phones and other personal technology will be allowed for personal use only before school hours and during lunch in the

multi-purpose room. Also, for your back-to-school planning, no oversize backpacks will be allowed in the school building except for those involved with golf, baseball and softball.

- We use Facebook – search for "CrittendenCo HighSchool" – and Twitter – @CrittendenCoHS – regularly. Both are a great source of information and publicity about our school. We are also adding an Instagram account, and we will continue to use Celly for notifications and to pass on information outside of school hours. Text @CCHSParents to 23559 and you should start receiving parent Celly alerts. Students may text @CCHSRockets to 23559 to receive the student Celly alerts. You may continue to access the high school page at Crittenden.KySchools.us for school updates and to view the 2015-16 Student Handbook under the Resources link. Parents (and grandparents), be sure to subscribe to the Rocket News Blast, our electronic newsletter that goes out

CCHS SBDM

Curtis Brown	Principal
Glenna Rich	Teacher representative
Jeanna Keith	Teacher representative
Rayann Coleman	Parent representative
Robin Curnel	Parent representative

A third teacher representative will be elected in August to replace Larry Duvall, who retired this summer.

weekly; we need your correct or updated email address in order to receive this.

We hope our students have had a wonderful summer and that they come back to school refreshed, ready to learn and excited about the new school year. The entire CCHS family looks forward to Aug. 11 when we begin together.

(Editor's note: Curtis Brown begins his second year as principal of the high school.)

CCMS invites parents to participate more

By **TERESA MARSHALL**
CCMS PRINCIPAL

It's that time of year again!

We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are eager to get back into the school routine.

At Crittenden County Middle School (CCMS), ensuring that you and your child have a wonderful year is one of our most important priorities. We would love to have your help and for you to become involved at CCMS by volunteering in classrooms, participating in school events or serving on various committees. We want every day to be a great day for our students and staff.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our



Marshall

newest staff members. Mrs. Talley Joyce will be teaching seventh-grade language arts. She comes to CCMS with experience in teaching language arts in Caldwell County.

Mr. Bryan Qualls will be teaching eighth-grade math and comes to us with experience teaching math and science in Union County. Mr. Qualls will also be serving as a middle school football coach.

Mrs. Cathy Oliver will be transferring to CCMS as our new bookkeeper/account clerk. Mrs. Oliver has several years of experience working in the Crittenden County School District.

We would also like to send well wishes to three of our exiting staff members this year. Mrs. Patty Guess, our former bookkeeper and attendance clerk is retiring with 22 years of experience with the district. Ms. Cara Merrick will be transferring to Crittenden County High

School to teach math, and Ms. Lindsey Sever will be leaving us to take a guidance counselor position in Owen County. Best wishes to each of these folks in their new jobs and retirement.

New this year for staff and students is the implementation of The Leader in Me program. This was made possible through a grant with the West Kentucky Educational Cooperative. The Leader in Me teaches students how to develop the essential life skills and characteristics needed in order to thrive in the 21st century. Character development and leadership skills are important core components of the curriculum. We are excited and looking forward to the opportunities students will have as a result of participating in The Leader in Me program. Information about the program can be found at LeaderinMe.org.

CCMS SBDM

Teresa Marshall	Principal
Kara Turley	Teacher representative
Misty Gilbert	Teacher representative
Jeanette Campbell	Teacher representative
Rayann Coleman	Parent representative
Mary Cooksey	Parent representative

Once again, it is a pleasure to have you and your child as members of our school community. We are excited about the great experiences your child will have this year at CCMS. We look forward to meeting each of you and your child at our upcoming Back to School Bash on Aug. 6 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

(Editor's note: Teresa Marshall has been principal of the middle school since 2009.)

Education enhanced through 4-H programs

By **LESLEA BARNES**
CRITTENDEN COUNTY 4-H AGENT

Can you believe summer break is nearing an end and school is just around the corner?

It is a great time to make new starts, try new things and meet new friends. Youth can do all of that through 4-H.

4-H offers experiential learning to youth ages 9 to 18 with something for everyone including livestock, robotics, cooking and sewing. By participating in 4-H, youth develop essential life skills such as responsibility, leadership and self-esteem.

In addition to clubs and projects, 4-H offers numerous in-school and after-school programs for students. As your county 4-H youth development agent,

Barnes

I will make visits to the schools throughout the year to offer hands-on learning. I reinforce subjects being taught in school, but also provide information on topics such as character development, fitness and healthy eating.

4-H offers a world of opportunities for youth to explore. For more information on how you or your child can get involved, contact your University of Kentucky Crittenden Cooperative Extension Service or visit our booth during Sneak-A-Peek or the Back to School Bash.

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

CCES encourages involvement of parents

By **MELISSA J. TABOR**
CCES PRINCIPAL

On behalf of the Crittenden County Elementary School (CCES) faculty and staff, we would like to welcome you and your children to a new school year.

The start of the school year is a time of excitement and activity for all. Please join us on Aug. 6 for Sneak-A-Peek. Last names ending in A-M will attend from 5 to 6 p.m. and names ending in N-Z will attend from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers, visit the classroom, drop off supplies, complete necessary paperwork and visit our many school and community groups and organizations that will be set up in the school's multi-purpose room.



Tabor

We are happy to have our returning students and staff. We want to give a special welcome to new faces. New staff members at CCES include Ms. Kara Dunbar, kindergarten teacher; Mrs. Chelsea Carroll, first grade teacher; Mrs. Tobey Capps, third grade teacher; Ms. Victoria Lee, fourth grade teacher; and Mrs. Crista Maddux, library and media specialist. Each one brings experience and knowledge to our school. We look forward to them being part of our team.

As we begin this year, please remember that this is your school, and we welcome your involvement. We hope you will visit us often and be actively involved in your child's education through volunteering, attending school-based decision-making council meetings and becoming an active member of our outstanding PTO. We sincerely hope to get to know each of you this year.

All teachers can be

CCES SBDM

Melissa J. Tabor	Principal
Daphne James	Teacher representative
Tammy Brantley	Teacher representative
Sarah Riley	Teacher representative
Lee Anna Boone	Parent representative
Jason Stokes	Parent representative

reached by utilizing the school website, Crittenden.KySchools.us through email (firstname.lastname@crittenden.kyschools.us) or by calling the school office at (270) 965-2243.

The school's staff has spent a significant amount of time planning for the opening of school to ensure a smooth transition for everyone involved. We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the year to provide a productive and safe learning environment that supports

CCES PTO

Jennifer McDaniel	President
Sabrina Stokes	Vice president
Becky Nichols	Secretary
Kristi Drury	Treasurer
Angel Henry	First-year coordinator, parent
Heather Bloodworth	Second-year coordinator, teacher
Kayla Travis	First-year coordinator, teacher
Carrie Curnel	Fundraiser coordinator

student success. We hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer break and look forward to seeing you at Sneak-a-Peek.

(Editor's note: Melissa J. Tabor is a longtime employee of Crittenden County School District. She has been principal of the elementary school since 2002.)

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CCES, CCMS, CCHS school supply lists

CCES

Kindergarten

- All students will be provided crayons and glue sticks courtesy of community donations, Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) and the school district.
- 2 pocket folders
- 2 bar erasers
- 24 glue sticks
- 6 boxes of crayons (8 to 24 count)
- 24 No. 2 pencils (Triconderoga preferred)
- 1 backpack (no rolling variety)
- 3 boxes of tissues
- Gallon or quart bags (boys)
- Snack-size bags (girls)
- 2 packages of Clorox wipes
- 1 pair of blunt-tip Fiskar scissors
- 1 package of dry erase markers

First grade

- All students will be provided glue sticks, pencils and dry-erase markers courtesy of community donations, FRYSC and the school district.
- \$7 per student to cover your child's pencils, writing journal and writing paper
- 3 boxes of 24-count crayons
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 package of washable markers
- 1 package of black dry-erase markers (Expo preferred due to smearing)
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 pink bar erasers
- 1 set of headphones (headphones are preferred due to ear buds not fitting correctly)
- 2 two-pocket folders (plastic folders are best due to durability)
- 2 composition notebooks
- 1 package of baby wipes
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes
- 1 package of paper towels
- Water color paints and quart-size bags (boys)
- Box of band-aids and gallon-size bags (girls)

We will try to keep supplies to a minimum, so please be aware that you may be asked to replenish supplies throughout the school year, especially glue sticks, pencils and dry-erase markers.

Second grade

- All students will be provided composition notebooks, pencils and dry-erase markers courtesy of community donations, FRYSC and the school district.
- 3 packages of Ticonderoga wooden pencils only
- 2 large pink erasers (no pencil-top erasers)
- 2 box of 24-count crayons
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 packages of four-count dry-erase markers
- 2 composition journals
- 1 container of Clorox disinfecting wipes
- 6 glue sticks
- 2 packages of white index cards
- 3 folders
- 1 bottle of Germ-X
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags (boys)
- 1 box of quart Ziploc bags (girls)
- 1 backpack
- No binders, please

Third grade

- All students will be provided pencils and index cards courtesy of community donations, FRYSC and the school district.
- 1 package of wooden pencils
- 1 package of 4- by 6-inch index cards
- 1 package of loose leaf, wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 package of dry-erase markers
- 1 box of 24-count crayons
- 1 pair of scissors
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of Germ-X
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 pencil pouch
- 1 three-ring binder (1 1/2-inch with three holes, no Trapper Keepers)
- 2 six-pocket folders (one green, one blue)
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 packages of disinfectant wipes
- 1 three-subject spiral-bound notebooks
- 1 one-subject spiral-bound notebooks
- 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags (girls)
- 1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags (boys)
- 1 set of headphones (no ear buds)

Fourth grade

- All students will be provided dry-erase markers and loose leaf paper courtesy of community donations, FRYSC and the school district.
- 2 packages of No. 2 pencils (Ticonderoga recommended)
- 1 package of crayons, markers or colored pencils
- 1 package of dry-erase markers

- 1 pair of Fiskar scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 4 packages of loose leaf paper
- 2 pocket folders (homework, library)
- 2 three-subject notebooks (math, social studies, reading/English/language arts)
- 1 one-subject notebook (science)
- 1 two-inch binder
- Ear buds (optional)
- 1 pencil pouch or bag (no pencil boxes)
- 1 backpack (no rollers)
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 large bottle of hand sanitizer
- 2 packages of Clorox or antibacterial wipes
- 1 box gallon Ziploc bags (boys)
- 1 box quart Ziploc bags (girls)
- 1 package of large notecards
- 1 package of pencil-top erasers

Fifth grade

- All students will be provided a multi-subject notebook courtesy of community donations, FRYSC and the school district.
- 1 box of markers, crayons or colored pencils
- 3- three-subject notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 2 one subject notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 1 box of pencils
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 package of loose leaf paper (wide-ruled)
- 3 pocket folders (blue, green, red)
- 1 package of dry-erase markers
- 2 composition notebooks
- 1 package of index cards
- 1 backpack
- 1 box of Ziploc bags
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 bottle of Germ-X
- 1 package of Clorox or cleaning wipes

CCMS

All students will be provided pencils and two packages of loose leaf paper courtesy of community donations, FRYSC and the school district.

- 1 flash drive
 - 1 pair of ear buds
- ### Sixth grade
- 1 box of tissues
 - 1 roll of paper towels
 - 3 packages of pencils (keep one and give two to homeroom teacher)
 - 1 highlighter
 - 1 package of colored pencils
 - 3 packages of loose leaf paper
 - 1 package of erasers

Math

- 1 five-subject notebook with at least 250 pages

Science

- 1 five-subject notebook with at least 250 pages
- 4 glue sticks

Social studies

- 1 five-subject notebook with at least 250 pages

English/language arts

- 1 two-pocket folder
- 1 package of loose leaf paper (wide-ruled)

Seventh grade

- The following items should be given to your first-period teacher:
- 1 box of dry-erase markers
- 3 packages of pencils
- 3 packages of paper
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes
- 2 rolls of paper towels

Math

- 1 one-inch binder
- 1 package of cap erasers
- 1 TI-30XIIS calculator
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 package of glue sticks

Language arts

- 1 package of highlighters
- 1 composition notebook

Science

- 1 package of pencils
- Dry-erase markers

Eighth grade

- Language arts
- 1 package of pencils
- 1 three-ring binder
- 2 packages of loose leaf paper
- 1 set of dividers

Social studies

- 1 three-ring binder
- 1 package of loose leaf paper
- 1 package of 3- by 5-inch note cards
- 1 set of tabbed dividers
- 1 package of colored pencils



- #### Supply lists provided to The Crittenden Press by each school
- #### Math
- 1 five-subject notebook (8 1/2- by 11-inch)
 - 1 package of pencils
 - 1 package of colored pencils
 - 1 calculator
 - 1 pair of scissors
 - Glue sticks
 - 1 ruler

Science

- 1 dry-erase marker
- 2 composition notebooks
- 1 package of pencils or 0.7 mm lead mechanical pencil
- 1 package of water color markers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 6 blue or black ink pens
- 1 box of baking yeast
- 2 to 4 single balloons

CCHS

All students will be provided multi-subject notebook, pens and pencils courtesy of community donations, FRYSC and the school district.

Aerospace

- 1 flash drive
- 1 binder (2-inch)
- Notebook paper
- Pencils

Ag Construction

- 1 three-ring binder designed to hold cover sheet
- 1 writing utensil
- Materials for lab projects will be purchased throughout the year

Greenhouse I & II

- 1 three-ring binder designed to hold cover sheet
- 1 writing utensil
- Materials for lab projects will be purchased throughout the year

Principles of Ag

- 1 three-ring binder designed to hold cover sheet
- 1 writing utensil
- Materials for lab projects will be purchased throughout the year

Small Animal Tech

- 1 three-ring binder designed to hold cover sheet
- 1 writing utensil
- 1 colored pencil set (20 colors)

Family & Consumer Science

- 1 binder with filler paper
- 3 tab dividers
- Black ink pens
- Red ink pens

Life Skills

- A list of foods lab supplies will be given and assigned during the first week of school.
- By April:
 - 2 yards of fabric
 - 2 bags of Polyfil

Foods/Nutrition

- A list of food lab supplies will be given and assigned during the first week of school.

Child/Human Development

- Playdough
- 1 package of crayons/colored pencils
- A few items will be asked for throughout the year for projects.

Child Development Services I & II

- 1 binder (3-inch)
- Filler paper
- 3 packages of page protectors
- 1 large Tupperware box

Money Skills

- 1 basic calculator
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Graph paper

Freshman English/ Language Arts

- 1 binder with paper and dividers
- 1 large spiral notebook
- 1 package of pencils
- 1 package of colored pencils
- 1 large eraser
- Glue
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Dry erase markers

Sophomore English/ Language Arts

- 1 three-ring binder (1 1/2-inch)
- Dividers
- Pencils
- Pens
- Journal
- Loose leaf paper
- Highlighters

Regular, Advanced Junior English/Language Arts

- 1 notebook or binder with loose leaf paper
- 1 flash drive
- Pencils or pens with blue or black ink

AP Junior English

- Blue or black ink pens
- Pencils
- 1 flash drive
- 1 three-ring binder
- 5 tab dividers
- Highlighter

Senior English/ Language Arts

- 1 flash drive
- Dropbox account (free at Dropbox.com)
- 1 three-ring binder (2-inch)
- 1 three-ring binder (1-inch, for Senior Exit)
- College-ruled paper
- Tabbed dividers for each binder

Freshman Health/PE

- Pencils
- 1 health notebook
- Dress code appropriate shorts, t-shirt, tennis shoes (no flip flops, boots, etc.)

Algebra I

- 1 journal
- 1 binder
- Loose leaf paper
- Graph paper
- 1 package of pencils (10 to 20 count)
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Dry erase markers
- AAA batteries

Algebra II, Pre-calculus

- Graph paper
- AAA batteries

Algebra II, Pre-calculus, Math Concepts, Advanced Topics

- Graph paper
- Notebook paper

- Pencils
- 1 binder (2-inch)
- 1 scientific calculator (TI-83 or TI-84)

Geometry

- Graph paper
- 1 binder

Chemistry I & II

- 1 binder (2-inch)
- Notebook paper
- Pencils
- 1 scientific calculator (TI-83 or higher)

Integrated Science

- 1 binder (2 inch)
- Notebook paper
- Pencils

U.S. History

- 1 five-subject notebook (pages should be size 8 1/2 by 11 inches)
- 1 package of at least 12 pencils

AP U.S. History

- 1 two-inch slanted-ring or D-ring binder, preferably with clear exterior pockets (any color)
- Approximately 400 sheets of loose leaf paper
- 1 package of five-color highlighters
- 14 tabbed dividers
- 1 pen (blue or black ink)

Advanced World Civilizations

- 1 three-ring binder with loose leaf paper
- 1 spiral-bound notebook
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 writing utensil

Art

- Pencils
- 1 sketchbook
- 1 bottle of white glue

Computer Applications, Advanced Computer Applications, Financial Literacy

- 1 package of printer paper (any brand and any weight)
- 1 flash drive
- 1 notebook and folder

Multimedia

- 1 flash drive (8 GB or higher)
- 1 SD card (8 GB or higher)
- 1 notebook and folder

Freshman Humanities

- Colored pencils
- 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- Paper towels
- Water colors
- 1 journal
- 1 binder with loose leaf paper (3 inch)
- Aluminum foil

Sophomore, Junior, Senior Humanities

- 1 three-ring binder with loose leaf paper (1-inch)
- Pencils and/or pens

Psychology

- 1 spiral-bound notebook
- 1 small journal/notebook
- 1 writing utensil

Jazz Band

- 1 three-ring binder (1-inch)

Concert Band

- 1 three-ring binder (1-inch)

Spanish I & II

- 1 binder (1 1/2 or 2 inch)
- 5 tab dividers
- 5 packages of 3- by 5-inch note cards (packages, not spirals)
- 1 pencil pouch, big Ziploc bag or binder rings to keep flashcards
- 20-pack of pencils
- 1 package of at least two dry-erase markers (big or small)
- 1 package of Kleenex (Spanish I)
- 1 package of markers (Spanish I)
- 1 package of scissors (Spanish II)
- 1 package of crayons (Spanish II)
- 1 individual hole punch (Spanish II)
- Construction paper or colored copy paper
- 1 flash drive or Dropbox account for file backup
- A device with Internet access will be useful, as we will use the lab and technology frequently

Quertermous iTime

- 1 large box of tissues (girls)
- 1 small bottle of Germ-X (boys)

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BUS	DRIVER	ROUTE
Bus 1403	T. Pennington	Ky. 365, Ky. 654 North, Cotton Patch Road, Mt. Zion Road, Baker Hollow Road
Bus 0739	A. Starkey	Nunn Switch Road, Repton-Fishtrap Road, Old Piney Road, Moore Springs Road, White Road
Bus 1604	C. Ladd	Airport Road, Sisco Chapel Road (Ky. 2132) Damron Road, Claylick Creek Road, Guess Road, Brown Mines Road Claylick Road, Tiny Tot Day Care, Caldwell Springs Road, Nesbitt Hollow Road,
Bus 0527	J. Manley	Marion-Porter Mills Road, Copperas Springs Road, East Gum Street, Ky. 506, Pleasant Hill Road, East Depot Street to South Walker Street, Lone Star Road, Piney Fork School Road
Bus 0742	R. Orr	U.S. 60 East from Creekside Apartments to Union County line
Bus 0932	T. Ryan	Old Morganfield Road, North Main Street from Royal Inn to Industrial Drive on South Main Street
Bus 1514	G. Damron	Ky. 297, Ky. 135 to Tolu, Ky. 723 to Tolu, Irma White Road, Dick Jones Road, Youth Camp Road, Coy Watson Road, Tom Hill Road
Bus 1512	C. Tyson	Ky. 855 South, Ky. 902, Dycusburg, Ky. 70, U.S. 641 from Railroad Avenue to Coleman Road, Joyce Road
Bus 1528	C. English	Ky. 120 (East Bellville Street) to Webster County line, Ky. 1917 to Shady Grove, Ky. 132
Bus 1111	L. Schneckloth	Cherry Street, North College to First Street, Greenwood Heights
Bus 1110	T. Alexander	U.S. 60 West to Salem, Levias, Love Cemetery Road, Eagle Mine Road
Bus 1507	R. Winders	Ky. 91 North, Ky. 135 to Ky. 1668, Watson Street, Brookcliff Street, Arlene Street, Hickory Hills Avenue, Donald Winders Road, O.B. McDaniel Road, Willard Easley Road
Bus 0523	S. Autry	Wilson Farm Road, Sugar Grove Church Road, Old Shady Grove Road, Bellville Manor Apartments, Kevill Street, Towery Road, Cave Springs Road, Ky. 654 South from Cave Springs Road to Tribune
Bus 065	H. Peek	Jackson School Road, Sulpher Springs Road, Weldon Road, Campbell Lane, Coleman Road, U.S. 641 from Coleman Road to Industrial Drive
Bus 1508	L. Robinson	Ky. 723, Ky. 838, Deer Creek Church Road, Claude Belt Road, Watson Cemetery Road, Lewis Croft Road
Bus 0244	T. Fitzgerald	North Weldon Street, North Yandell Street, Old Salem Road
Bus 0931	E. Myrick	Guy Hodge Road, Fords Ferry Road, U.S. 60 from Crittenden County High School to and including South Weldon Street, Brown School Road
Bus 1520	L. Williamson	Chapel Hill Road, Crayne Cemetery Road, U.S. 641 from Railroad Avenue to Caldwell County line, Nipper Road, Harris Road
Bus 0736	A. Jorgensen	Old Salem Road, West Bellville Street, East Bellville Street to Marion Feed Mill, North Weldon Street to Travis Street, Freedom Church Road
Bus 1513	A. Starnes	Preschool and Head Start students in Marion city limits only

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Dropout age now 18 for CCHS pupils

Students in Crittenden County will now have to stay in school until they reach the age of 18. Last year, Crittenden County Board of Education approved moving its mandatory school attendance age to 18 at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.

The policy change was sparked by the Blitz to 96 campaign, which was an effort to get 96 school districts in Kentucky to adopt the higher compulsory attendance age of 18. Once 96 school districts adopted the policy, then it became law that all school districts would adopt a policy on compulsory attendance within the next few years. Previously, the dropout age in Crittenden County was 16.

Sixteen- and 17-year-old dropouts who didn't earn their GED by June 30 are required to return to high school.

Crittenden County School District took a proactive approach to the issue of dropouts by creating the Pathway Academy in 2008. The program gives students an opportunity to study and earn their high school diploma in an alternative setting. To date, 61 students have graduated from the Pathway Academy.

However, keeping teens invested in their education still provides a challenge. Local school officials said during the 2013-14 school year, eight students dropped out. Last year, four students dropped out. Most of them have either obtained a GED diploma or have reached age 18.

List to help parents engage schools

Seeking to engage parents more in their children's education, the Obama administration on July 17 released a checklist of questions they should be asking schools.

"I have never met a parent

who doesn't want the best for their child. However, it can be hard for families to know how to support their child's education," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said. "Engaging with their educators is a good place to start."

The checklist is divided into sets of questions officials say parents should ask educators. They cover such areas as the quality of education, how progress is measured, school safety and student engagement.

It also encourages parents to talk to their children about their education.

The Education Department partnered with the United Negro College Fund, the national Parent-Teacher Association and other organizations to create the guide for parents and caregivers.

Michael L. Lomax, president and CEO of the United Negro College Fund, said it was important to dispel the notion of minority parents being disengaged. He said parents still need assistance.

"The Parent Checklist is a powerful resource that can help gauge whether a child is being sufficiently prepared for the quality education they deserve," said Lomax. "Help is on the way."

The list can be found at www2.ed.gov/documents/family-community/parent-checklist.pdf.

— The Associated Press

Campaign aims for HPV vaccinations

State officials have unveiled a new campaign to encourage parents to have their children vaccinated against human papillomavirus (HPV), which can cause cancer.

Officials say currently only 27 percent of Kentucky 13- to 17-year-old girls have received the recommended three doses of the vaccine, and 19 percent of boys have received one dose. The state hopes to increase vaccination rates by 25 percent under an initiative launched

last year.

The campaign unveiled July 13 features television, radio and print advertisements promoting the benefits of the HPV vaccine. The vaccine is recommended for 11- and 12-year-old boys and girls to prevent infection.

The campaign is funded through a \$500,000 grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information, visit StopHPV.ky.gov.

— The Associated Press

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NEW TEACHER HIRES IN THE DISTRICT

CCES: Carroll

Chelsea Carroll will teach first grade this year at Crittenden County Elementary School (CCES). Carroll isn't the first member of her family to join the Crittenden County school district family. Her husband, Jacob, is the band director at Crittenden County Middle and High schools.

Originally from Scottsville, Ky., Carroll graduated from Allen County-Scottsville High School. She attended Oakland City University in Oakland City, Ind., just north of Evansville, Ind. There, she majored in elementary education and received a minor in business.

Carroll's previous professional experience includes teaching fifth-grade social studies at Allen County Intermediate Center. She also taught kindergarten at Allen County Primary Center and kindergarten at Caverna Elementary School in Cave City, Ky.

"I'm excited about bringing what I know and have learned in teaching to Crittenden County and being a part of the community," she said. "Since my husband has gotten his job, the community has really been behind us and been there for us like a family."

She said being part of a community that's family-oriented is important to both her and her husband. The couple is expecting twin boys in late September or early October. Carroll said she will have the opportunity to be with her students before the delivery and will come back to the classroom afterward.

CCES: Dunbar

Kara Dunbar always knew she wanted to pursue a career in education.

"My mom is an educator," Dunbar said. "She inspired me to go into teaching."

Dunbar will join CCES this year as a kindergarten teacher. A native of Caldwell County, this is her first year teaching in the classroom.

Dunbar graduated from Murray State University (MSU) in December 2014 with a degree in early childhood education. Her student teaching experience includes working with both preschool and kindergarten classes in Lyon County.

CCES: Maddux

Crista Maddux is coming full circle as she returns to CCES as media specialist.

Originally from Ledbetter, Maddux began her career at CCES teaching fifth grade in 2004. She then taught first grade for three years in Louisville. She spent three years as an intervention teacher in Tuscaloosa, Ala. For the last three and a half years, she has served as a librarian at the Livingston County Public Library in Smithland.

Maddux received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from MSU and went

on to earn her master's degree in library science from Western Kentucky University (WKU).

With the new school year quickly approaching, Maddux is looking forward to returning to CCES.

"I started my career here, and it's a neat opportunity, and I'm excited to be back and working with the wonderful staff," Maddux said.

She and her husband, Jonathan, have a 2-year-old daughter. The family resides in Marion.

CCES: Capps

Tobey Capps always wanted a career in education.

"I was the girl that played school ever since I was little," Capps said. "I always planned on being a teacher."

Capps will teach third grade at CCES beginning this school year. She attended MSU and received her bachelor's degree in elementary education. Her student teaching experience includes teaching both third- and fourth-graders at Lyon County Elementary School.

A Caldwell County High School graduate, Capps said the high school's National Honor Society further helped solidify her career choice. She was part of a community service project that tutored students after school at Caldwell County Primary School. She called the experience rewarding.

She and her husband, Alexander, reside in Caldwell County.

CCES: Lee

Victoria Lee will teach fourth grade at CCES. Lee, a resident of Kuttawa, is a graduate of Lyon County High School.

A University of Kentucky graduate, Lee received her degree in elementary education and worked with third-grade students in an accelerated class at Bates Creek Elementary School in Lexington. She also helped teach fifth graders.

Lee decided to pursue a career in education while in college and credits her fourth-grade teacher for being a mentor in the profession.

CCMS: Joyce

Talley Nix Joyce is coming home.

Joyce, a Fredonia resident, graduated from Crittenden County High School (CCHS) in 2010. She spent the previous school year teaching eighth-grade language arts in Caldwell County. This year she will begin teaching seventh-grade language arts at Crittenden County Middle School (CCMS).

Joyce attended WKU, where she majored in English

for secondary education. She student-taught at Webster County High School for one semester, instructing juniors and seniors in a photo journalism class.

Her career in education was inspired by Erin Gruwell, author of "Freedom Writers," who also taught English and was a lawyer.

After the author spoke at the WKU campus, Joyce said she was inspired to pursue a career in education.

"It just makes your day to see a student grow as a person, not just in education," she said.

A newlywed, Joyce and her husband, Ryan, were married in June.

"I'm excited to be back home working with the people I know and in a community that I love," Joyce said about the upcoming school year. "I can't wait to get started."

CCMS: Qualls

It turns out you can go home again. Just ask Bryan Qualls.

For almost five years, Qualls has been teaching math at Union County Middle School. This August, he will begin teaching eighth-grade math at CCMS.

A 2005 graduate of CCHS, Qualls received his bachelor's degree in middle school education with an emphasis on math and science from MSU.

He completed his master's degree in education and teacher leadership at the University of the Cumberland.

Qualls credits retired CCHS teacher Greg Holloman for making math interesting and regards him as a mentor. He wants to bring that same type of enthusiasm about the subject to his students.

"You've got to make it fun," Qualls said about teaching math. "If they are having fun they are going to be interested."

Qualls, who is married and has a daughter, said he is happy to be returning to Crittenden County.

"I'm glad to be back home and want to be able to give back to the community that gave to me when I was in school and help out the students and fellow teachers any way I can," he said.

CCMS: Jennings

CCMS will welcome Providence native Valerie Jennings as the school's new guidance counselor.

Jennings began her professional career as an educator at Providence Elementary School, where she taught second grade. She also taught arts and humanities to kindergarten through eighth-grade students, introducing them to music, visual art, dance and drama.

In 2011, she received her

master's degree in guidance counseling from MSU. She served as a success coach at Henderson Community College, where she worked in admissions and advising and acted as a liaison between students and teachers.

This past school year, she served as the college and career-readiness counselor at Muhlenberg County High School, where she worked one-on-one with students helping them prepare for life after high school.

Jennings transitioned to counseling after she realized some students had problems either at home or couldn't connect with others at school. She said it was important for her to be better prepared to help students and let them know she was in their corner.

"I am more than excited," Jennings said about the upcoming school year. "I can't wait to get started. I can't wait to make a difference in the lives of the students."

She and her husband have a daughter.

CCHS: Baker

Torey Baker is familiar with the hallways of CCHS. The Fredonia resident is a graduate of the local high school and will teach math beginning this school year.

Baker attended Lindsey Wilson College, where she received a bachelor of arts in education with an emphasis in math. Her student teaching experience includes instructing geometry and Algebra II at Russell County High School.

Like fellow math teacher Qualls, she calls retired

CCHS math teacher Greg Holloman a mentor. She said he made math interesting.

Baker said students learn at different levels and with different techniques and emphasized a lesson plan should not be "one size fits all."

"My goal is to figure out which techniques work best for which students and try to be positive and encouraging and help them at their own pace and build self-confidence with math," Baker said.


As an educator, Baker said another goal is to help students realize math has applications in the real world and is not just a course they have to learn in the classroom. She wants to connect the subject with concepts students are interested in and help them understand math can be interesting and not boring.

Baker said she's looking forward to returning to CCHS.

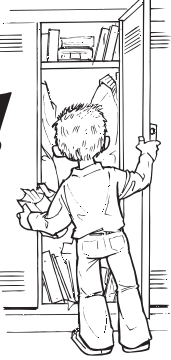
"I look forward to it and am anxious to do my best for my students," she said. "I am looking forward to the year. I am excited to meet my students and help them."

— By Jason Travis
Staff writer


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Modern lunch gear has revolutionize packing lunches

By **J.M. HIRSCH**
AP FOOD EDITOR

There was a time when a lunch box was just that, a box parents used for packing a lunch.

For many years, they were metal and came emblazoned with your favorite cartoon or movie characters, as well as a matching thermos. By the '80s, metal was passe, making way for plastic. But the basic design was the same. And you liked it. Until you were old enough to not. Then you graduated to paper bags or ditched packed lunches entirely for some atrocious pizza-chicken-cheese-nugget-potato thing from the cafeteria.

Lunch gear has come a long way since those days. Today's lunch "systems" are dominated by bento-style gear, which originated in Japan and involves multiple compartments and containers to hold a variety of foods. And that makes sense for modern kids, who are as likely to be toting sushi and DIY taco kits as they are the classic PB&J.

The gear also is far more

high-tech. Today, everything from the bag to the water bottle is super-insulated and rated so you know how long your darling child's pasta carbonara will stay warm and how long the organic juice will remain chilled.

Which isn't to say all modern lunch gear is the same. So I've assembled a few pointers to help you make the best choices as you brace for another year in the lunch-packing trenches.

Boxed in

Bento-style containers rule. Having lots of little compartments to fill may sound intimidating, but it's easy. Some crackers go in one, cheese in another, maybe something fruity in a third. Toss leftovers from last night's roasted chicken in a fourth and before you know it, lunch is packed in about 5 minutes. That's the power of bento; it lets you think small. And faster than you expected, you've assembled a meal.

For preschool and other young kids, consider a kit

such as Laptop Lunches, which packs multiple containers inside an easy-to-open clamshell box. They are affordable, dishwasher safe and indestructible. They also come with their own insulated carrying bag and some of the containers are watertight.

Older kids require more food and flexibility. For them, LunchBots rock. These stainless steel containers are available in several configurations that can be combined in endless ways depending on what you feel like packing. They can be pricey, but will last forever.

Looking for a budget option? Check out the disposable food-storage containers at the grocer. Many companies now offer bento-like containers you can easily mix and match for lunch duty. Bonus: When Junior loses them, you don't lose a mint.

It's in the bag

Insulated lunch bags are where it's at. Some lunch kits, such as Laptop Lunches, come with custom bags. But if you're assembling your own

container collection, you'll need to shop around. For younger children, a basic insulated bag with a zipper closure should be fine. Combined with an ice pack, these are good for keeping perishables cool.

For older kids, you may need to dig a little deeper. When my son transformed from a peckish preschooler to a voracious middle schooler, I needed a serious upgrade in packing space. I searched online for hours before settling on a "picnic bag" that would allow me to pack a sufficient amount of food.

Whatever your needs, it's wise to go with a bag that offers two compartments. This allows you to separate warm and cold items, as well as segregate easily bruised fruits from hard containers.

Liquid intelligence

Lunch liquids generally take two forms – drinks and soups/stews/chili. You'll need gear for both.

For drinks, the best bet is Hydro Flask, which offers a

line of insulated water bottles so good they are almost scary. As in, I've left an ice water-filled bottle in the blazing sun on my driveway for six hours and it still had ice floating in it. Looking to pack milk or juice and make sure it stays safely chilled? This is your bottle. They are rated to keep liquids cold for up to 24 hours and hot for up to 12 hours.

For soups and chili, I'm a fan of Thermos brand's Foogo food jars. They are a great size for kids, affordable, easy to open and keep foods hot for five hours.

The numbers

Packed lunches are great. Food poisoning isn't. Making sure the former doesn't trigger the latter is just a matter of knowing your numbers.

Cold food needs to stay below 40 degrees. Hot food needs to stay above 140 degrees. Once food falls outside those ranges, it's safe to eat for another two hours.

When you shop for lunch gear buy only products with thermal ratings that cover the

range of time between when you pack the lunches and when they'll be eaten.

The little stuff

We tend to focus so much on the gear and bags, we forget the little things like utensils and ice packs.

Obviously, this isn't the time to break out any silverware you don't want to lose (I'm still annoyed with my son for having taught me this lesson). But disposable plastic isn't all that eco-friendly. My solution? Hit the second-hand shop and grab some inexpensive stainless steel forks and spoons for pennies. If they get tossed, no big deal.

As for ice packs, you'll want one even when using insulated lunch bags. Get several so you always have one in the freezer. Rigid packs are better than soft, which can freeze in awkward shapes. They also are less likely to be punctured when your child decides to launch his lunch box across the schoolyard (and if you think that won't happen, you're delusional).



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Grant brings out Leader in Me at CCMS

Crittenden County Middle School (CCMS) will be participating in the Leader in Me program this year. It was made possible through a grant received through the West Kentucky Educational Cooperative. CCMS will participate with nine other school districts – including Livingston County – in the Leader in Me project. Modified for schools, educators participated in workshops over the summer based on the Franklin Covey Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. The program will be implemented as a direct study for CCMS students and infused in the school's general culture, including content areas, assemblies and classroom environment. Shown above, CCMS Principal Teresa Marshall (left) speaks with Community Educator Holly White during a summer workshop for the Leader in Me program.

CCHS, CCMS dress code altered

STAFF REPORT

The high and middle schools will be sharing an altered dress code for the upcoming school year. The policy prohibits any holes in clothing, mandates new minimums for coverage by tops and raises the minimum length of bottoms.

"Our two schools worked closely in the spring to bring about a unified dress code, so students will have consistency as they move from the middle school to the high school," Crittenden County High School Principal Curtis Brown wrote this summer.

Dress code tweaks include:

- Students are not to wear pants, shorts or skirts that

have any holes, tears or worn and tattered areas. This also prohibits clothing with worn or torn areas that still have fabric strings across a hole.

- Tops that are sheer or lightweight enough to be seen through must have an under-shirt with straps wider than a credit card. Undergarments should not be visible.

- Skirts, shorts, and dresses should be no shorter than 5 inches above the center of the back of the student's knee. This compares to a 4-inch rule the previous year.

- Stretch-to-fit clothing – leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, etc. – must be worn with a top that covers the bottom when arms are raised.

Simple efforts help to control lice, kill germs

STAFF REPORT

Health officials urge parents of young children to discuss the importance of hand-washing to kill germs and reduce the risk of colds and flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) characterizes hand-washing like a "do-it-yourself" vaccine that involves five simple steps: wet, lather, scrub, rinse and dry. Parents should explain to their children that regular hand-washing not only removes dirt, but avoids spreading germs to others.

Parents should also talk to their children about ways to prevent head lice. The following are steps that can be taken to help prevent and control the spread of head lice, according to the CDC:

- Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school and elsewhere.
- Do not share clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons or barrettes.
- Do not share combs,

brushes or towels. Disinfect combs and brushes used by an infested person by soaking them in hot water – at least 130 degrees – for at least 5 or 10 minutes.

- Do not lie on beds, couches, pillows, carpets or stuffed animals that have recently been in contact with an infested person.

- Machine wash and dry clothing, bed linens and other items that an infested person wore or used during the two days before treatment using the hot water laundry cycle and the high heat drying cycle. Clothing and items that are not washable can be dry cleaned or sealed in a plastic bag and stored for two weeks.

- Vacuum the floor and furniture, particularly where the infested person sat or lay.

However, spending much time and money on housecleaning activities is not necessary to avoid reinfestation.

- Do not use fumigant sprays or fogs; they are not necessary to control head lice and can be toxic if inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

Misdiagnosis of head lice infestation is common. The diagnosis of head lice infestation is best made by finding a live nymph or adult louse on the scalp or hair of a person. Because adult and nymph lice are small, move quickly and avoid light, they may be difficult to find. Use of a fine-toothed comb may facilitate identification of live lice.

For more, contact Crittenden County Health Department on Industrial Drive in Marion at (270) 965-5215.

BREAK

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proved a plan that would eliminate two days of fall break beginning in the

2016-17 school year. This will change the start date of fall break to a Wednesday, allowing for just three days of vacation.

This, too, is aimed at giving the school district two

more days of instruction before winter weather has a chance to affect the academic calendar.

Fall break for this school year is a full week, Oct. 12-16.

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iTime new wrinkle on high school scheduling

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

It's a combination of home-room meets study hall with a modern twist and name. Crittenden County High School (CCHS) has adopted a new bell schedule for the upcoming school year that incorporates iTime, a new 30-minute block scheduled between third and fourth periods dedicated to academics.

At 10:35 a.m. each school day, students in every grade level will report to their base group at the beginning of iTime. Students will be assigned alphabetically and by grade level to a teacher's base group classroom during this time. Students will maintain the same base group and assigned teacher during the remainder of their high school experience. Students will

learn their base group teacher's name when they receive their class schedule.

CCHS principal Curtis Brown and assistant principal Tammy Duvall said iTime is designed for a variety of academic activities. For example, each Wednesday will be used as a prep day for various testing, such as the ACT and KOSSA tests that students prepare for throughout the year. On this day, seniors who have already taken those tests will focus on filling out scholarship applications, organizing their resume and other activities pertaining to soft skills as they prepare for life beyond high school.

To strengthen reading comprehension scores, two days of iTime will be used for sustained silent reading. Em-

phasizing that reading is cross-curricular, Brown said his goal is to have the entire school reading and indicated there will be times when both he and Duvall will visit a base group class and take time out just to read.

Flexibility will be a key part of iTime as students won't meet each day in the same base group. For example, students will meet with different teachers and groupings based on certain needs, such as students studying for the KOSSA test.

"The beauty of this is the base groups can fluctuate and flow depending upon what the needs are at the time," Duvall said, adding students will know days in advance when not to meet in their regular base group classroom and instead meet in a different class, such as one dedicated to ACT prep.

Homework prep will also be

CCHS bell times

PERIOD	START	END
1.....	8 a.m.....	8:50 a.m.
2.....	8:55 a.m.....	9:40 a.m.
3.....	9:45 a.m.....	10:30 a.m.
iTime...	10:35 a.m. ...	11:05 a.m.
4.....	11:10 a.m. ...	11:55 a.m.
"A" lunch 11:10 to 11:40 a.m.		
4.....	11:45 a.m. ...	12:30 p.m.
"B" lunch 12 to 12:30 p.m.		
5.....	12:35 p.m. ...	1:20 p.m.
6.....	1:25 p.m.....	2:10 p.m.
7.....	2:15 p.m.....	3 p.m.

a component of iTime. It will also allow students to meet with a Response to Intervention teacher as needed.

Brown said administrators chose to incorporate iTime into the high school's schedule for a number of reasons. It's designed to provide an academic focus for certain groups of students taking assessments, such as ACT and

KOSSA tests. Secondly, iTime will reduce classroom interruptions by allowing a designated time for specific meetings, such as ordering class rings, project graduation and other activities that require student attendance but take away from a teacher's planned instructional period.

iTime is also designed to strengthen the student-teacher relationship and bring more continuity to each student's high school experience. At the beginning of the school year, base group teachers, much like a homeroom teacher, will have the opportunity to explain procedures and protocols, distribute and collect a variety of documents and forms and go over the student handbook.

Brown said that previously, such practices typically took away from instruction during first period.

He said other area schools

that have incorporated a flex period similar to iTime have improved their overall academic scores. Locally, both Caldwell and Livingston County high schools have incorporated similar periods into their schedules.

To accommodate for the new 30-minute block, five minutes have been reduced from each period of class except for first period, which will retain 50 minutes to allow for morning announcements. Brown believes the five minutes reduced from those periods will be regained through iTime, as there will be more focus on academics and fewer disruptions.

School administrators said iTime was scheduled before the lunch period to allow all students to participate, including students who attend vocational school classes in Caldwell County later in the school day.



Duvall

Aerospace program at CCHS offers students unique opportunities

By BECCA SCHIMMEL
STAFF WRITER

Up, up and away! ...On to bigger and better STEM careers.

This will be the third school year for Crittenden County High School's Aerospace Academy. The program offers all high school students a beginning taste of space science, space engineering, aeronautical engineering, aircraft maintenance, air traffic control and piloting.

Interested students can sign up for the program by talking to their guidance counselor. It is free for students unless they decide to take dual credit courses. According to Al Starnes, director of pupil personnel, transportation and school health and safety with the district, they can get up to nine college credit hours through the Aerospace Academy, which of-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Crittenden County High School student Janton Croft works on a wing design for the school's aerospace program.

fers its classes online.

Starnes, a pilot, was instrumental in bringing the

program to fruition in the school district. The program is an innovative way to offer

local students more curriculum in science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM.

Currently, there are 17 students involved in the aerospace program. They are trying to start an aerospace club to generate more interest.

Two students attended a flight camp over the summer and in that flight camp they were guaranteed 10 hours of flying time with an instructor. Now, those two teens are ready to fly solo, but they remain grounded for now.

"We're trying to look for instructors now," said Starnes. "What we have is two kids ready to solo, but no instructor that can take them."

Starnes, Education Director Jeremy Wheeler and physics teacher Jody Porter went to training this summer to make sure they could properly facilitate the class. Like

Starnes, Wheeler is a licensed pilot.

The first year of the program, 2013-14, flight simulator that helps with training and keeps things fun. There is also a wing design competition that students attend, as well as a flight team competition.

The simulator used in these competitions requires students to do a short field take off, short field landing, soft field take off and soft field landing, plan a cross-country flight and successfully complete that flight.

There are some elements that can disqualify a student from participating. Each student has to get an "OK to fly" medical exam, according to Starnes. Students must also have 20/20 vision or anything that corrects it to 20/20. If a



Starnes

student is color blind, they cannot fly the simulator for safety reasons.

"It (the runway) is a series of four lights. So if you have four white lights, it means that you're high," Starnes explained. "If you have four red lights, that means that you're low. Red is dead. So, if you're color blind, you wouldn't be able to see the difference in the lights."

He added that if a pilot loses communication the only way that air traffic control can communicate with you is with lights.

Students don't necessarily have to have an interest in flying a plane to be in the program, though. There are a lot more careers in aviation and aerospace than most people realize, Starnes said.

CCHS offering two fast tracks to higher education

STAFF REPORT

Placing students on the fast track to higher education is a primary goal at Crittenden County High School (CCHS).

There are now two options students and parents can consider when planning for college. Both options offer pros and cons that should be carefully consider.

The high school is offering an early graduation option for a select group of students who meet specific criteria. School officials say this track is not for everyone. The purpose of early graduation is to provide academically high-achieving students with an option to move more quickly toward a post-secondary education. It allows students to graduate from high school college-ready in three years or less.

There is a two-year and three-year option. Once students graduate they are eligible for acceptance into a two- or four-year college.

Academic requirements for early graduation include meeting ACT benchmarks set by the Council on Post-Secondary Education. In addition, students have to meet proficiency benchmarks on end of course exams, such as those for English II, Algebra II, biology and U.S. History.

But the option isn't as easy at first glance. School officials stress this option would be for students who are self-motivated, have a good attendance record and are academically and socially mature enough to be enrolled in high school courses with older students. Also parents need to consider if they are financially ready to send their child to college early. Scholarships and other opportunities that could be beneficial by staying the full four years of high school should be considered.

Students who choose this track would have to be willing to forego traditional high school activities such as athletics, prom and other extracurricular activities.

Another track would keep students in high school for the traditional four years. Parents can decide if their child would better benefit from the advanced level or dual credit courses offered as another alternative to get a jump on college. Dual credit provides the option of obtaining college credit while still enrolled as a high school student. Students also get to experience high school activities while adding college credit.

Middle and high school students interested in an early graduation option need to notify their guidance coun-

selor, who would set up a meeting with the early graduation committee. Then a meeting with parents and students would be scheduled to explain the criteria for the program and to map out their individual pathway.

There are financial incentives for families that choose this option. They are eligible for a one-time scholarship to be used for the academic year immediately following early graduation. It's good for any Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-accredited public or private university in Kentucky. That award is equal to half of the statewide per pupil guarantee. School officials said this past year that would have been \$1,955. They are also eligible for their Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) money. KEES award money is based on a student's grade-point average each year in high school. There is a bonus for high ACT scores. Students who graduate in three years would be eligible for four years of KEES money.

Dual credit courses are administered two ways. Some are taught by CCHS teachers. Examples include English 101, 102 and Advanced Topics.

Another way to earn dual credit is by taking courses on-

line. School officials said typically these courses are one-semester courses and students are encouraged to commit to two semesters of enrollment in a particular course of study.

School officials caution that these courses can be a big adjustment for students. Limited assistance is available and communication with off-campus instructors is usually by email. Deadlines for course work are also stricter. Also snow days don't affect online courses. For example, if CCHS misses one week of school because of a winter storm, students enrolled in online courses will still be expected to keep up with their course work.

Online courses do require fees that vary by subject. Information on fees can be obtained at the high school.

Advantages for taking dual credit courses include graduating from high school and having also obtained several college credit hours; students get to remain at CCHS and have the full high school experience and money can be saved on the total cost of a college education.

Parents interested in either of these advanced track options for their children should contact the high school at (270) 965-2248.

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District searching for subs, training Aug. 6

STAFF REPORT

Ask any teacher his or her No. 1 desire for students when illness or professional development takes him or her away from the classroom, and you are likely to get the same answer: Continuous instruction.

That's why the role of substitute teachers is so vital to a school system. In fact, the Crittenden County school district is so committed to its substitute program that it hosts annual training sessions and even recently established a Substitute of the Year award at each of its three schools.

Those considering substitute teaching may be eligible in one of three ways:

- If a person is a certified teacher (either retired or not currently teaching).
- If a person has a bachelor's degree in any field.
- If a person has at least 64 college credits.

Pay ranges from \$65 per day to \$109 per day, depending upon rank and certification.

According to Diana Lusby, Personnel Director for Crittenden County Schools, those considering substitute teaching should apply online at the school's website at Crittenden.KySchools.us.

Those interested in substitute teaching opportunities should apply online at the school's website at Crittenden.KySchools.us.

All classroom substitute teachers are required to attend a training session which will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 6 in Rocket Arena.

Lusby said substitutes, bus drivers, custodians, food service workers, office staff and instructional assistants also are needed, but are not required to attend the Aug 6 training. People interested in these positions also may apply online.

For more, visit the district's website or email diana.lusby@crittenden.kyschools.us.

Shoe, backpack programs help outfit students for school year

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

It's important to start the new school year on the right foot. That's the purpose of Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet non-profit organization. Created in 2009 by retired Union County coal miner Jerry Baird, the goal of Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet is to remove one stumbling block for students in regard to obtaining new shoes for school.

Since its inception, the non-profit program has expanded into several other counties, including Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston and Webster counties. Local attorney Karen Woodall is the organization's board member for Crittenden County.

At the end of each school year, representatives from the Family Resource and

Youth Services Center (FRYSC) measure to determine students' shoe sizes. During the school district's Back to School Bash each August, shoes are then distributed to students who are eligible to participate in the program.

Another initiative that benefits local students is the Starpack Backpack program which will begin Aug. 28. The backpack program is designed for any elementary school student whose family may face a situation where enough food for the weekend is not avail-

able. Each Friday, students are supplied with backpacks that are filled with items that they can open and prepare on their own.

The school district requires a parent's permission to enroll their child in the backpack food program. Parents may contact the elementary school at (270) 965-2243 to enroll their child or they can contact Holly White, coordinator of FRYSC at (270) 965-3525.

"The Crittenden County Family Resource Center wants to try to eliminate as

many barriers as possible. I don't ever want to think that our students have to worry about food," White said. "I love being able to partner with the fantastic people that we have in our county to feed kids and help to put new tennis shoes on their feet. I love my job and being able to work with students and the community every day."

If circumstances arise where parents no longer need for their child to be enrolled in the backpack program they may contact White with that information.

Those who wish to donate to the Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet or Starpack Backpack program may also contact White. Donations from individuals, businesses and organizations are both welcomed and appreciated.



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"As seen over the last 13 years, spending on 'back to school' has consistently fluctuated based on children's needs each year, and it's unlikely most families would need to restock and replenish apparel, electronics and supplies every year," said NRF President and CEO Matthew Shay. "Parents this summer will inventory their children's school supplies and decide what is needed and what can be reused, which just makes good budgeting sense for families with growing children."

Fortunately, there are several ways parents can salvage budgets.

- Take inventory. If you have more than one child, chances are you already have lots of school supplies around the house. Dust off kids' backpacks and study areas from last school year to determine which supplies you need to buy and which you already



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This year, Crittenden County School District will be distributing free school supplies to students in every grade level.

have. Going forward, encourage kids to store their supplies in a predetermined area once the school year ends, as this will make next year's inventory that much easier to examine and assess.

- Spend more now to save later. While inexpensive supplies can be hard to resist, such items likely won't withstand the test of time, forcing you to spend time and money each year buying replacement supplies. Paying more now for certain items, including stronger backpacks and more highly rated calculators, may end up saving you money in the long run, even if the initial pill is somewhat tough to swallow.
- Use technology to your advantage. Department stores

and businesses that sell school supplies, such as pharmacies and office stores, may or may not discount too many items once back to school season hits full swing. But savvy parents can still find deals by using technology to their advantage when shopping for school supplies. Download apps like RetailMeNot to your smartphone and enable its updates so your phone essentially notifies you of any discounts the moment you walk into a given store. If you don't receive any updates, search for discounts via the app or the Internet as you shop. Chances are strong that there are deals to be had, even if you don't learn of the deals until you arrive at the store.

School supplies can be expensive, but parents can employ several strategies to save on school supplies now and in the future.

(Editor's note: Metro Services and the National Retail Federation contributed to this story.)

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pay for breakfast or lunch. However, no a la carte items may be charged at any school. The maximum charge amount allowed by a student is \$10.

Parents and/or guardians will be notified that their child has charged a meal and payment is expected the next school day. Any charges that have rolled over from the previous school year will be expected to be paid as soon as possible. More information on the meal charge policy can be obtained on the school district's website.

Prepayment for school meals is an option for parents by using mySchoolBucks.com, an online system that allows parents or guardians to make deposits into their children's account to prepay for cafeteria purchases. Parents can set up an account for each child in their household according to the

school they attend in the district. The amount of money deposited can be determined by the parent and can include amounts for a whole month or even an entire school year. Transaction fees may apply.

In addition to convenience, mySchoolBucks can eliminate worries about children carrying money to school. It also allows parents control and efficiency. The online system allows parents to check balances, review transaction history and receive low balance email alerts at no charge. A child's cafeteria purchases can also be viewed. There's even an option for parents to transfer funds from one of their children's account to another if necessary.

For more information or to register for a mySchoolBucks account, visit Crittenden County School District's food service website at Crittenden.KySchools.us/foodservice or mySchoolBucks.com.

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