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EDITORIAL

Board of ed wise to forego seed money

It's not often that you will find anyone applauding the passing up of "free money" in the form of a grant, particularly when it is \$10,000. But Crittenden County Board of Education deserves credit for not being lured into changing the school district's compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18 simply to be among the first 96 school districts in the Commonwealth to do so, thereby earning \$10,000 in seed money to establish programs for at-risk students.

The five-member board and Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough seem to realize that creating such programs and providing resources to address students who no longer want to be in school is not a decision to be taken lightly or made quickly. The new law that allows school districts to up the dropout age went into effect just last week after passing the legislature this winter.

Many of Kentucky's 174 school districts met last week to change their dropout age policy effective in the 2015-16 academic year with the promise of receiving \$10,000. Though Crittenden County Board of Education met for its regular meeting June 25, acting on the "Graduate Kentucky" bill was not brought to the floor after openly discussing the matter a week earlier during a public work session.

However, as of Friday 75 school districts had adopted the new dropout policy, thereby guaranteeing \$10,000 in seed money to develop programs to keep kids in school.

For school districts across the Commonwealth struggling to make ends meet to simply provide a quality education for youth, \$10,000 is hard to pass up. But wisdom and foresight provides for cautious consideration. That one-time allotment will not go far in maintaining programs and resources to reach teens who simply do not want to be in school any longer. Certainly, the seed money would help establish such tools, but would not touch the cost of the longterm commitment to nurturing at-risk youth beyond 16. It simply turns into another unfunded mandate from Frankfort.

Kudos to local education officials for not being lured by the scent of money. Time and care in designing additional programs for at-risk students is more important than start-up money for programs not yet conceived. In fact, reaching students before they become dropout risks is far more productive than waiting until they are ready to give up on education.

Certainly, every student should have a goal to graduate high school and further their education or vocational skills. But the fact is, some simply reach a point where they cannot or refuse to function in the typical classroom environment. Forcing them to stay in school another two years is fraught with pitfalls, the greatest of which is the potential for disrupting classrooms for those who want the most out of their education.

Kentucky's graduation rate already exceeds the national average. And it has been proven in other states that increasing the dropout age to 18 has had little effect on improving overall graduation rates. While every attempt should be made to keep a student in school, we see scant benefit in forcing unwilling students to heed the classroom bell for another two years.

Until the proper programs can be devised statewide to reach this at-risk population and the proper funding can be provided to local school districts to maintain these programs, boards of education would be wise to leave the seed money on the table for the sake of those who want an education without being forced to answer roll call each day.

Unfortunately, the first 75 school districts that have already adopted the new dropout policy puts the Department of Education's "Blitz to 96" initiative at more than halfway to its goal. Once 55 percent of Kentucky's 174 school districts choose to up the dropout age, the choice for the remaining districts is replaced by an unfunded mandate to implement the policy within four years.

Making all of Kentucky's school districts homogeneous is not the answer to better education.

Old city hall served as bandage

Bandages do a good job of covering nasty wounds.

The sterile image of a Band-Aid is much more attractive than an open sore.

Gauze and tape perfectly mask what lies underneath – but when the protective covering is removed, those gnarly wounds can provoke a sense of shock.

Take the image of the Band-Aid and apply it to the old (now removed) Marion City Hall.

When it came down last week, a gaping hole was left in the heart of downtown Marion. The backside of the city had been shielded, in large part, from the public eye by the public building that no longer exists. The removal of old city hall and fire department has exposed more than we'd like to share. The rear of several of our buildings are no prettier than the backside of any unpolished creature.

The razed city building had fallen into some degree of disrepair since its use was minimized after the construction of a new city hall and a new fire station over the last several years.

**Allison Evans**
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The former city hall did have one aesthetic value—its faded but punctuating mural of the American flag painted onto the eastern masonry wall. It served as a respectful veil, blocking what we will call an "unvarnished" public alley connecting East Bellville and East College streets.

When the building came down, passersby saw a side of Marion that was for years hidden. The view now from East Bellville reveals the backside of our quaint town. Before, only employees hustling to work through the alley or those taking a short cut behind the Main Street storefronts were aware of the collection of utility poles, dumpsters, broken pavement and somewhat neglected back entrances to a few buildings.

The city figures its citizens have a greater need for more downtown parking than it had use for the old fire station. Not being critical of that decision by any means, but it's fair to say that a quick rehabilitation project is in order. Some trees or greenery similar to that on Marion Baptist Church's parking lot might be in order. I hope something goes up there quickly, and maybe it, too, could show our patriotism as the flag mural did for decades.

Perhaps the Kentucky Heritage Council or other preservation entities offer grants to help the city spruce up the alley. Maybe the city council would allocate a pool of cash and offer matching funds to businesses who wish to paint or build partitions around their dumpsters.

Yes, a public parking lot is indeed a valuable asset for any town. Yes, there are ways to make parking lots look attractive. But even a parking area deserves an attractive backdrop.

Please don't anyone take this as a personal jab at the

condition of their building. It's more of a collective concern for the entire town. My backyard is never as neatly kept as the front lawn. It's human nature to put your best face forward. It's tougher to keep the rear neat and clean, but it can be done. And now—well—it's basically required because it is not longer hidden.

Paula Collins, owner of Paula's China Shoppe, surely didn't see city hall crumbling down when she added a cheerful pink exterior to the back of her downtown building several years ago. Her vision is a perfect example of how the normally-drab back of an old building can be down right adorable. Take a look.

A little paint, brick, mortar and perhaps a timber or two could turn this otherwise dirty rear into an adorable backside.

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Hard work, wealth not punishable offense

I got the opportunity to see some more of the area's beautiful landscape this week.

I had to go to Burna to do an interview with Melissa Brown, who owns Brown's Country Store that recently opened.

As I said before, with all of this beautiful landscape here in Kentucky, I believe I will stay on this side of the Mason-Dixon line and let everyone else who wants New York and other points north, have it.

I saw a link on the computer last week that really irritated me. It was a link to a video narrated by former President Clinton's Labor Secretary Robert Reich. The video was about the income inequality in this country and how politicians created it by allegedly giving so many

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McGee's Musings

tax breaks to the rich.

Now, I will concede there are a lot of wealthy people who have received breaks over the years. One example is corporate gains taxed at a lower rate than earned income. Money earned from stock dividends is also taxed at a different rate.

But what I found ironic about the video is that Reich fails to mention that because of the Bush tax cuts, the rich were forced to pay more in taxes. He also failed to men-

tion that the top 5 percent, or people like Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, pay anywhere from 25 to 33 percent of the country's taxes.

It is simply beyond me why liberals are constantly bemoaning the rich and blaming them for the income divide in this country.

Wealthy people, for the most part, became that way because they put out the effort, work and sweat that it took to earn that money. Additionally, they made smart decisions with that money which allowed their wealth to grow. Some might have inherited their wealth, such as members of the Rockefeller family or the Gates family. But I would like to think that a majority went out and earned it.

I find it appalling that we encourage children to be

anything they want to be, but constantly run down those adults who have done the same thing and have become very successful and wealthy at doing it.

Liberals who exorcise the rich and constantly bemoan their wealth remind me of a 5-year-old whining that some other kid has something he doesn't.

If people who besmirch the rich for having money want to change their economic status, then go out and earn it and do something about it instead of griping.

After all, nothing worth having comes easy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Local animal shelter appreciates support

To the editor

The Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made our Home and Garden Tour and Luncheon and our Bark and Bid silent auction a huge success. A special thanks to our luncheon sponsors Farmers Bank & Trust Co.; The Peoples Bank; Frazer, Rogers & Peek; McDonald's; Grace House Bed and Breakfast; Jorgensen's 88 Dip; Williams Brothers Construction; Smokehouse; Marion Subway; Conrads Food Store; Food Giant; and CVS.

A special thank you to the homeowners who participated on the tour—Ethel Tucker, Victory Gardens, Don and Diana Herrin, Sam and Dee Patterson; and Jean Claude and Caroline

Kieffer.

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Bark and Bid silent auction and thanks to all those who bid.

It means so much to the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter's board the amount of support we received from the community for this event. We look forward to continuing to serve our community by finding forever, loving homes for shelter animals.

Mellisa Guill
President,
Mary Hall Ruddiman
Canine Shelter
Marion, Ky.

CCHS FBLA thankful for community aid

To the editor

Thank you to all the participants in the Racing to Anaheim

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Giant; Frazer, Rogers & Peek; Full Body Fitness; Health Quest Wellness Center; Rebecca Johnson Attorney at Law; Studio by Stacy Photography; and The Peoples Bank.

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Words, pictures, memories poor replacement for pal

Words cannot do justice. Photos depict only a second in time. And memories are merely vague recollections of special moments. Together, they fall short of filling a void left after losing a friend of 14 years...even if he did walk on four legs.

Buddy, the faithful family pet for a full third of my life, was laid to rest last week. His spark had died, his heart had become weak and food no longer interested him.

That was perhaps the most telling tale for a loving mutt spoiled with a "Buddy Burger"—a wad of ground beef—each day of the last few years of his life. Every day, he acted as if it was the first time he'd ever received such

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My 2¢ Worth

a treat. When his zeal for Buddy Burgers was gone, we knew the time had come to make the agonizing decision no one wants to make.

I swore I would not write another obit for a dog; it seems so trivial compared to the passing of a loved one. Yet despite the hesitation, here I am, telling you about a 20-odd-pound, border collie-

something-mix who earned his way into the family.

He was moody, fickle and easily disturbed. His incessant bark lifted his front paws off the ground. And he even drew blood samples from each family member. He also made clear to visitors who was boss.

He occasionally stole the neighbor's toys. And he liked to terrorize the veterinary clinic with his snarls and snaps. On his final visit, he weakly and calmly cooperated...but not without flashing his trademark ugly snarl at Doc one last time.

But that was all just part of being Buddy. He equally loved to give a dog's version of a hug or hop into a lap for

a simple pat on the head.

Giving Buddy peace and carrying away his limp body was the most excruciating experience of my life. He was a best friend, if there ever was one. Deciding such a friend's fate is not the natural order of things. Playing God is a role that, quite simply, erased a chunk of my heart.

Yet sometimes, we have to let go for the twisted sake of compassion. No words, pictures or memories can do justice to that kind of love.

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Boost for cars or bust? Ethanol debate heats up

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It's a dilemma for drivers: Do they choose a gasoline that's cheaper and cleaner even if, as opponents say, it could damage older cars and motorcycles?

That's the peril and promise of a high-ethanol blend of gasoline known as E15. The fuel contains 15 percent ethanol, well above the current 10 percent norm sold at most U.S. gas stations.

The higher ethanol blend is currently sold in fewer than two dozen stations in the Midwest, but could spread to other regions as the Obama administration considers whether to require more ethanol in gasoline.

As a result, there's a feverish lobbying campaign by both oil and ethanol interests that has spread from Congress to the White House and the Supreme Court.

On June 24, the Supreme Court rejected a challenge by the American Petroleum Institute, the oil industry's chief lobbying group, to block sales of E15. The justices left in place a federal appeals court ruling that dismissed challenges by the oil industry group and trade associations representing food producers, restaurants and others.

Tom Buis, CEO of Growth Energy, an ethanol industry group, hailed the decision as victory for U.S. consumers, who will now have greater choice at the pump.

"Now that the final word has been issued, I hope that oil companies will begin to work with biofuel producers to help bring new blends into the marketplace that allow for consumer choice and savings," Buis said.

The API called the decision a loss for consumers, safety and the environment.

"EPA approved E15 before vehicle testing was complete, and we now know the fuel may cause significant mechanical problems in millions of cars on the road today," said Harry Ng, API vice president and general counsel.

The ethanol industry called that a scare tactic and said there have been no documented cases of engine breakdowns caused by the high-ethanol blend since limited sales of E15 began last year.

"This is another example of oil companies unnecessarily scaring people, and it's just flat-out wrong," said Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association, an ethanol industry group.

The dispute over E15 is the latest flashpoint in a long-standing battle over the Renewable Fuel Standard, approved by Congress in 2005 and amended in 2007. The law requires refiners to blend increasing amounts of ethanol into gasoline each year as a way to decrease reliance on fossil fuels and lower greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming.

The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a 16.5 billion-gallon production requirement for ethanol and other gasoline alternatives this year, up from 15.2 billion gallons last year. By 2022, the law calls for more than double that amount.

Biofuel advocates and supporters in Congress say the law has helped create more than 400,000 jobs, revitalized rural economies and helped lower foreign oil imports by more than 30 percent while reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

But the oil industry, refiners and some en-



Do drivers choose a gasoline that's cheaper and cleaner even if, as opponents say, it could damage older cars and motorcycles? That's the peril and promise of a high-ethanol blend of gasoline known as E15.

vironmental groups say the standard imposes an unnecessary economic burden on consumers. Using automotive fuel that comes from corn also has significant consequences for agriculture, putting upward pressure on food prices, critics say.

"The ever increasing ethanol mandate has become unsustainable, causing a looming crisis for gasoline consumers," said the API's Greco. "We're at the point where refiners are being pressured to put unsafe levels of ethanol in gasoline, which could damage vehicles, harm consumers and wreak havoc on our economy."

Along with the E15 court case, the API and refiners have swarmed Capitol Hill and the White House to try to have the current mandate waived or repealed.

Charles Drevna, president of the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, which represents refineries, accused the EPA of putting politics ahead of science.

An EPA official told Congress earlier this month that the agency does not require use of E15, but believes it is safe for cars built since 2001.

"The government is not saying 'go ahead' " and put E15 in all cars, said Christopher Grundler, of the EPA's director of the office of transportation and air quality. "The government is saying this is legal fuel to sell if the market demands it and there are people who wish to sell it."

Ethanol supporters say E15 is cheaper than conventional gasoline and offers similar mileage to E10, the version that is sold in most U.S. stations.

Scott Zaremba, who owns a chain of gas stations in Kansas, scoffs at claims that E15 would damage older cars. "In the real world I've had zero problems" with engine breakdowns, said Zaremba, whose station in

Lawrence, Kan., was the first in the nation to offer E15 last year.

But Zaremba said he had to stop selling the fuel this spring after his gasoline supplier, Phillips 66, told him he could no longer sell the E15 fuel from his regular black fuel hoses. The company said the aim was to distinguish E15 from other gasoline with less ethanol, but Zaremba said the real goal was to discourage use of E15. New pumps cost more than \$100,000.

The American Automobile Association, for now, sides with the oil industry. The motoring club says the government should halt sales of E15 until additional testing allows ethanol producers and automakers to agree on which vehicles can safely use E15 while ensuring that consumers are adequately informed of risks.

A spokeswoman for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which represents 12 major car makers, said E15 gas is more corrosive and the EPA approved it before it could be fully tested.

Older cars were "never designed to use E15," spokeswoman Gloria Bergquist said. Use of the fuel over time could create significant engine problems, she said.

The API cites engine problems discovered during a study it commissioned last year, but the Energy Department called the research flawed and said it included engines with known durability issues.

For now, E15 remains a regional anomaly. About 20 stations currently offer the fuel in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Dinneen and other ethanol advocates said the Supreme Court ruling may serve as a breakthrough for E15, after years of delay.

"With this decision, E15 can finally become a meaningful option for more Americans," Dinneen said.

4 ways to conserve fuel, spend less at the pump

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Fuel prices have traditionally been at their highest during the summer months. That's unfortunate for vacationers and road trip enthusiasts who must budget the cost of fuel into their vacation expenses. Those costs can be considerable, especially if gas continues to hover around \$4 per gallon as it has for much of 2012.

But as costly as gas has become, drivers can still mitigate those costs by employing a few strategies aimed at increasing their driving efficiency. The following are a few ways drivers can offset high fuel costs regardless of the time of year.

1. Maintain a consistent speed. Though it might be hard to maintain a consistent speed when driving during rush hour, it should not be too difficult to do so when hitting the open road. If most of your driving is done on the highway, go easy on your engine by maintaining a consistent speed. The easier you are on the engine, the less taxed that engine will be and the less fuel it will need as a result. If going on a long road trip or if your daily commute involves long stretches of highway driving, rely on your vehicle's cruise control function to make things

easier on your engine and conserve fuel.

2. Don't drive when you can walk or bike. It might sound simple, but the best way to conserve fuel is not to use it at all. During the warmer months, walk or ride your bicycle when performing local errands. This is especially beneficial during the summer, when gas prices are typically higher. Save a few gallons of gas by running errands on foot or on your bicycle. If a physical condition makes it hard for you to walk or bike, make use of public transportation when you need to travel locally.

3. Obey the speed limit. The open road entices many drivers to put the pedal to the metal, but driving over the speed limit is both illegal and expensive. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that drivers pay an additional \$0.31 per gallon for every five miles they drive over 60 mph. Since gas prices have already hovered around \$4 per gallon for much of the year, drivers would be wise to obey the speed limit and conserve their fuel as well as their money.

4. Don't make your vehicle into a traveling closet. Many drivers keep excess materials in their

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Information about vehicle recalls and necessary repairs can help protect drivers from injury.

Stay abreast of vehicle recalls for safety, longevity of auto

METRO SERVICES

Driving a new vehicle off of the sales lot can be exciting. Brand-new vehicles are supposed to be reliable and free from maintenance concerns. However, sometimes manufacturers recall a vehicle, forcing drivers to visit the auto body shop sooner than they had hoped.

According to the Auto Insurance Organization, 390 million ve-

hicles have been recalled since the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act became law in 1966. Vehicles are recalled for a variety of reasons, including poorly performing tires, faulty pieces of motor vehicle equipment and unsafe child safety seats. From 2009 to 2010, Toyota alone recalled 8.5 million cars, the single largest recall in his-

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Efforts can lessen insurance costs

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Owning a motor vehicle is not cheap. In addition to the purchase price of the vehicle, owners must also pay for routine maintenance as well as fuel. Insuring the vehicle likely won't come cheap either, especially for those drivers with less than perfect driving histories.

But even drivers with poor track records behind the wheel can find ways to reduce the cost of insuring their vehicles. The following are a few ways to avoid overspending on auto insurance.

- Choose the right vehicle. The vehicle you drive goes a long way toward determining the cost of your auto insurance. According to Insure.com, minivans had long had a stranglehold atop the list of the least expensive vehicles to insure until the model year 2013, when crossovers and sport utility vehicles took control of the list.

The 2013 Ford Edge SE was the least expensive vehicle to insure at just over \$1,100 per year, while other crossovers and SUVs from manufacturers including Jeep, Subaru and Kia each cracked the top 10 as well.

Drivers hoping to save on insurance costs might want to avoid buying a Mercedes-Benz, as the top eight spots on the most expensive 2013 vehicles to insure list were all products of the German luxury auto manufacturer. When choosing your next vehicle, keep the make and model of the vehicle in mind if you're looking to minimize the cost of your auto insurance.

- Fix your credit. Drivers with average or below-average credit, regardless of their driver history, are likely to pay more for auto insurance than those with above-average credit. That's because

insurance agencies take credit history into account when determining their rates. A suspect credit history or a history of paying bills late will be a red flag to prospective insurers. So before buying a new car, address any issues on your credit report so your insurance application is as glowing as possible.

- Consolidate your coverage. Oftentimes, consolidating coverage is a great way to lower your insurance costs. Homeowners who consolidate their homeowners insurance with their auto insurance can expect to save a significant amount of money as a result. Though figures vary as to just how much consumers can save by consolidating their coverage, it's not unrealistic that consumers can save as much as 15 percent by consolidating their coverages. An insurance carrier

with a strong rating is a much better bet when consolidating, as such firms are more financially sound and more capable of offering better deals.

- Negotiate a better deal. It's easy for policy holders to stay with a company they have been with for years. However, it behooves consumers to periodically see what's out there and shop around for a lower rate. If you get a quote that's far less than what you're paying now, get the quote in writing and take it to your current insurance provider. If you have a solid record with few claims, chances are strong the provider will match the offer, saving you the trouble of switching providers.

Auto insurance is part of owning a vehicle. But drivers should know their rates are not set in stone and there are often savings to be had.

How to avoid becoming a vehicle theft stat

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Automobile theft is no laughing matter. It leaves people without a means of transportation, costs the public more money in insurance payments and taxes and can give anyone the feeling of being personally violated. The FBI estimates that around one million motor vehicles are stolen in the United States each year. The Insurance Bureau of Canada says that a car is stolen every three and a half minutes in Canada, an estimate that translates to approximately 420 cars per day. Auto theft costs everyone millions of dollars—and can even cost some their lives.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, the chances of a car being stolen are now significantly less than they were in 1989. That could be due to vehicle theft prevention systems that now come standard on many new cars.

While not all vehicle thefts and break-ins can be prevented, there are many devices individuals can employ to help reduce the risk of vehicle theft.

- Immobilizing devices: There are several types of immobilizing devices available to pro-

tect a car from theft. An immobilizing system works by preventing thieves from bypassing your ignition switch and hot-wiring your car. An immobilization device can involve a kill switch that needs to be turned on before the car will start and can be cleverly hidden. Most cars also come with specially encoded smart keys that are required to start the car. The key is unique to the make, model and VIN number of the car.

- Car alarms: Car alarms work as a deterrent to theft, but they do not always prevent theft. The alarm sounds when the vehicle is tampered with or the door is opened, but many people have become desensitized to car alarms because of the frequency of "false alarms" from car owners setting the alarms off themselves. Therefore, they may no longer be as effective as they once were. In addition, many thieves can disarm an alarm in a matter of seconds.

- Tracking devices: There are devices, like Lojack, that are designed to pinpoint the position of a car. It uses FM radio frequencies to help police recover the car. Some people also purchase after-market GPS devices that will

show their vehicle's location on a computer or smartphone.

- OnStar: This system was originally designed to be a crash-notification system, but it now offers other helpful services. Individuals can use OnStar for directions, to unlock their vehicles and now to slow down their cars and trucks if they have been stolen. OnStar comes pre-installed on many General Motors cars.

There are other steps to take to prevent vehicle thefts and break-ins.

- Whenever possible, park in well-illuminated areas.
- Never leave your car unlocked.
- Keep valuables, including money, out of site in your car.
- Be mindful of where you keep your car keys.
- When parking in unfamiliar neighborhoods, park in public pay-lots that have security present.
- Give valet parkers your valet key, so they won't have access to a trunk or glove compartment.
- Know your car alarm sound and be aware of it.

New vehicle not in the budget for many families

METRO SERVICES

Having a family, owning your own home and driving a new car is a common goal of many people. But at least one item on that list has now become much less affordable for the average person.

Now that many of the auto-buying incentives instituted to help reinvigorate the auto industry have expired, the average consumer is being priced out of a new vehicle. According to data from TrueCar.com, the average automobile—at a cost of \$30,500 in 2012—is now more expensive than ever before. Furthermore, information from a 2013 Car Affordability Study conducted by Interest.com said that most households across America cannot afford a car payment on a new vehicle. In fact, it was determined that only residents of Washington, D.C., with an annual income of

roughly \$86,000, could afford the average sticker price of a new vehicle and the roughly \$550 per month it would cost to finance that vehicle. When factoring in housing costs, insurance and the cost of food, only average citizens in San Francisco, Boston and Baltimore are within spitting distance of being able to afford a new car.

The Interest.com research used certain qualifiers in determining the maximum amount the average family could pay for a new car. Researchers calculated 10 percent of the monthly, median gross household income for each metropolitan city and subtracted the average monthly insurance premium. The site also considered three key factors, often referred to as the "20/4/10" rule, which involves a down payment of at least 20 percent, auto financing lasting no longer than four years and

principal, interest and insurance not exceeding 10 percent of a household's gross income. Using that as a foundation, the study determined most households cannot afford the mean price of \$30,000 for a new car and must look to other options, including previously owned vehicles or leasing a vehicle. Dealerships now offer warranties and certification on preowned vehicles that not only make them more affordable but also offer peace of mind to owners worried about buying a lemon. Furthermore, many pre-owned vehicles are lease turn-ins that are only three years old and

have few miles on them thanks to mileage restrictions common to many leasing agreements.

Consumers looking for an affordable vehicle might want to downsize their next car or go without certain options. Cars rolling off of the assembly lines are packed with many features that some buyers can do without. If you desire all of the bells and whistles in your vehicle, you may want to consider a compact car that boasts the desired features instead of a midsize one. The smaller vehicle might have a lower sticker price, and you will still get the options on your list.

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Fed delays requiring rearview cameras in cars

By JOAN LOWY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Obama administration is again delaying regulations on whether new cars and trucks must come equipped with rearview cameras to protect against drivers backing over people in blind spots behind their vehicles, a victory for automakers who say requiring the cameras is too costly.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said Thursday in letters to three members of Congress that more research is needed. He set a new deadline of January 2015 for the regulations.

An average of 228 people are killed and 17,000 injured each year because of back-over accidents. Many of the accidents occur in driveways and parking lots. Nearly half the deaths involve children under age 10. The elderly also frequently are victims.

The emotional toll of the accidents is especially high since many of the drivers are parents or family members of those killed and injured.

Congress passed a law in 2008 requiring the government to issue final regulations aiming at protecting against back-over accidents by Feb. 28, 2011, and that the changes be in place for model year 2014 vehicles. But the regulations have been delayed repeatedly.

The law didn't require that cars and trucks come equipped with cameras in the rear of the vehicle that display images on a dashboard screen provided another solution could be found. But after studying the issue, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said cameras were the best solution and recommended more than two years ago that they be required on all new cars and trucks. The safety administration has estimated that making

rear cameras standard on every car would add \$58 to \$88 to the price of vehicles already equipped with dashboard screens and \$159 to \$203 for those without them.

The auto industry has opposed requiring cameras on all vehicles, saying it would cost automakers \$2.7 billion annually. Many vehicles already come with the cameras as standard or optional equipment.

"I am deeply disappointed by the administration's foot-dragging over a rule that could help save the lives of hundreds of young children and prevent thousands of heartbreaking injuries," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

"The fact is simple—we know installing rear cameras in cars will prevent injury and death," he said. "The administration needs to move forward with this com-

mon-sense safety measure because children's lives are in jeopardy."

Automakers say it should be up to consumers whether they want to pay for rearview cameras or one of the many other new safety systems being offered as optional equipment in many new cars. They've also urged limiting any requirement to new trucks, rather than both cars and trucks. Many new trucks already come with the cameras as standard equipment.

"Automakers are providing cameras in cars today for greater vision and for new driver assists, and consumers should decide how best to spend their safety dollars. This is a decision for consumers," said Gloria Bergquist, vice president of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

Forty-four percent of 2012 models came with rear cameras standard, and 27 percent had them as options, according to the automotive research firm Edmunds.

Nine in 10 new cars had console screens available, according to market research firm iSuppli, which would put the price of adding a camera on the low end of the NHTSA's estimates.

LaHood said in his letter to Rockefeller, House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton, D-Mich., and Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., that the regulations are "important to the department due to its focus on enhancing the safety of our children."

"Thus, it is especially important in this case for the department to ensure that all aspects of the rule are supported by robust analysis and that any additional societal impacts are examined," he wrote.

In the meantime, absent regulations, the safety administration said it planned to update its list of recommended safety features to encourage consumers to purchase cars with the cameras.

Improving nighttime driving vision leads to safer ride

METRO SERVICES

Drivers young and old know it can be dangerous to drive at night, when vision is easily compromised by poorly lit roads, glare from other vehicles and a host of additional hazards. Such obstacles can easily cause car accidents, roughly one-third of which occur at night.

But while external factors like inadequate lighting on roadways or glare from other vehicles can contribute to poor driving conditions, nighttime accidents are often caused by a driver's own vision. A driver's visual acuity is reduced by 70 percent at night, a figure that is even higher among older drivers. The human eye is simply not adapted for nocturnal vision, so colors tend to disappear and contrast fades away while driving at night.

That reality is why drivers must take steps to improve their vision when driving at night. Fortunately, there are several ways motorists can do just that.

the hood to check your vehicle's fluid levels when it's snowing or just downright freezing outside might not be enjoyable, but it is necessary. Salt from snowy roads or debris blown about from winter winds can easily accumulate on the windshield, greatly reducing visibility. Be sure to check your windshield washer fluid routinely during the winter months, and clean your headlights after driving in inclement weather to remove dirt, film, snow and ice buildup.

- Replace headlight bulbs. The performance of a headlight bulb dwindles over time, as a bulb's light output is reduced by humidity, electrical resistance, filament fatigue and general usage. To combat normal wear and tear, experts recommend that vehicle owners replace their headlight bulbs every two years.

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- Routinely clean your vehicle's glass and mirrors. Debris and film

buildup on the windshield glass and your rearview and side view mirrors can reduce vision, especially for drivers who smoke inside their vehicles. Make cleaning the glass and mirrors inside and outside of your vehicle part of your routine maintenance. It won't take very long and it will significantly improve visibility. When cleaning side view mirrors, be sure to properly adjust them to eliminate blind spots.

More information on improving your vehicle's lighting is available at www.philips.com/automotive.



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It can be disconcerting to learn that your vehicle is being recalled. The uneasiness of driving a potentially dangerous vehicle coupled with the prospect of being without a car can be daunting.

Vehicle manufacturers must notify consumers that a recall is in place. But sometimes a vehicle owner may not be aware that there is a recall. In the event of large recalls, like the recent ones involving Toyota and Bridgestone Tires, the story makes the national news. But there are other ways drivers can stay current on recall information to ensure their personal safety.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, an arm of the U.S. Department of Transportation, is a source of information on vehicle recalls. Their database dates back to 1966. The NHTSA provides information on equipment recalls, entire vehicle recalls, child safety seat recalls, and tire recalls. There also is information on school bus recalls.

Individuals can visit www.Recalls.gov and select the categories they want to check. To check recalls on a particular motor vehicle, select that category, enter the make and model as well as the year, and the information about any recalls will appear.

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Remembering why we celebrate Independence Day

Today (Thursday) we celebrate the Fourth of July as the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and I wonder how many of us realize the awful price many of our American citizens paid for that document.

The following are the first two paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence:

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The Revolutionary War for independence was a



long and hard struggle for more than six years. It was fought without a trained army backed by scarce food and supplies. Many soldiers wore rags on their bloody feet in deep snow to fight to the very end in order to give us this wonderful freedom and country we have. We have been God blessed from the very beginning.

Some estimates suggest that more than 25,000 Americans lost their lives over that piece of paper and what it gave the rest of us. Another 25,000 are said by some to have been wounded, and many died from awful wounds because of a lack of today's medicine.

There have been more than 2.5 million casualties in wars for this liberty—1.3

million of those were deaths.

The story goes that as Benjamin Franklin emerged from Independence Hall at the close of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia on Sept. 18, 1787, a woman asked him, "Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?"

Mr. Franklin replied, "A republic, madam—if you can keep it."

By definition, a republic is a representative form of government that is ruled according to a constitution and a democracy is a government that is ruled according to the will of the majority.

Well Mr. Franklin, we have arrived!

We had a godly, praying president and now lies are all over the Internet that he was an enemy of the Bible, and denied the Gospel of Jesus. Millions of our history-ignorant, godless people believe all these lies and our schools are full of these same lies. Lies not only about Washington, but all the rest of the framers.

How sad it is to see our

great nation being dismantled piece by piece. This will surely bring God's wrath down upon us.

Franklin wrote: "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters."

President John Adams wrote: "Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Samuel Adams wrote: "A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader...If virtue and knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslaved. This will be their great security."

Now we have the awful decision by the Supreme Court that is working to destroy all semblance of de-

cency, marriage and family structure that will bring God's wrath down on our nation that will be worse than all our wars.

America is a place of plenty, freedom unknown in most of the world, material blessings and food to waste, yet 3,000 people starved to death last night on streets and in hovels around the world. Yet we have thousands of people in America who want to turn us into a Third World, communist nation.

Why? One thing; they do not know history and what communism really is. They also are those who have not put forth the effort to experience the American dream and are jealous of those who have. They want the ones better off than themselves destroyed.

But this week, let us be thankful to God that we have had the opportunity to be born and raised in this nation—still with the freedom to work at what we want; have a family, food, clothing and a job; go wherever we want, when we want; and work hard to get ahead and make a better

life for ourselves and our families.

Love and celebrate God and America while you can and do all the Bible tells us to do to keep these blessings so that when trouble or death comes, we will have fulfilled the instructions of Jesus in Luke 21:33-36: "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away."

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with overeating, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

"For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth."

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

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

God must breathe life into His Word to penetrate the hearts of mankind

In the book of Hebrews, we read a lot about the old and the new covenants that God made with His people. A covenant is an agreement between two parties. In the first covenant, they promised to keep the law, which came by Moses. And God promised to bless them with all earthly blessing and make them chief among the nations if they obeyed. "And Moses took the book of the covenant, and read it in the audience of the people, and they said, all that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people and said, Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words." (Exodus 24:7-8)

Peter preached the new covenant in the same way. "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you,

Commentary by Felty Yoder

and peace be multiplied." (1 Peter 1:2). Jesus, as our high priest, entered the heavenly tabernacle with His own blood. There at the right hand of God he holds the highest position in the Father's universe, and he makes intercession for us. Now the priesthood of believers can have boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. There we can get the word from God to minister to the people. Like God said to Moses in the first covenant, "I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandments unto the children of Israel." (Exodus 25:22). We remember that God placed cherubims at the garden of

Eden to bar the way to the tree of life. but now in the holiest we find them overshadowing the mercy seat, inviting man into God's presence.

As a royal priesthood, we must be in union with the High Priest on the throne to minister effectively and it will be in accordance with the written word. We may come forward with some very impressive messages and teachings, even full of truth, but if it is just head knowledge, and not the Spirit of Truth reaching into the heart of God and taking from Him and imparting the word to us, then we are just carnalizing the word and making it the letter that killeth, rather than the Spirit that giveth Life. God must breathe life into His word in order to penetrate the hearts of men, and have a lasting effect in their lives. We can't just talk people into holiness. If we can talk people into something, then they can also be talked out of it.

God begins with the ark of the covenant, because that is his dwelling place, and He begins from Himself. He works his way toward man, and draws man unto Himself. God wants us to know, "It is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." (Phil 2:12-13).

Man is tempted to start with justification, because we know we are justified by faith. And saved by grace it is the gift of God. But we miss so very much when we start with justification. Romans 8:29 tells us that, "whom he did foreknow he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." Next comes the calling, after the call the justifying, and finally the glory.

(Felty Yoder is a resident of the Salem community and has lived with his family in the area for two decades.)

Princeton layman to be nominated for Baptist Convention president

The Western Recorder
Chip Hutcheson, publisher of The Times Leader of Princeton and The Eagle Post of Oak Grove, will be nominated as Kentucky Baptist Convention president when the KBC annual meeting convenes Nov. 12 in Paducah.

Hutcheson, a deacon and Sunday school teacher for more than 30 years at Southside Baptist Church in Princeton, will be nominated by Ronnie Sivells, pastor of Nortonville Baptist Church in Little Bethel Baptist Association. Sivells, who served as church development strategist for the Western Region for the KBC until last June, is a former pastor of Southside.

Hutcheson was the first announced candidate for the KBC office.

"It has been some time since a layman has been elected president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention," Sivells said. "Most of the time, one of our pastors serves in this place of leadership, and they all have served our Lord

and our convention well."

Since Henry Huff was elected in 1975, only two other laymen have served — Charles Barnes, who presided in 1999, and Eugene Siler, who presided in 2004. If elected, Hutcheson would become only the sixth to serve as KBC president in the past 75 years.

Sivells' friendship with Hutcheson stretches back to their high school days and service together in the Army Reserves and through 13 years as Hutcheson's pastor. "During those years," Sivells said, "I found him to be both a supporter and encourager."

"It is my conviction that God has equipped Chip with unique gifts and abilities that will be used by the Holy Spirit to lead the KBC in these exciting yet challenging days," Sivells said.

A three-time deacon chairman at Southside, Hutcheson works in its after-school ministry and participates in a local prison ministry through HR Ministries.

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OBITUARIES

Sterling

Wanda Gayle Sterling, 77, of Morganfield, died June 26, 2013, at Methodist Hospital in Morganfield.

She was a homemaker.

Sterling is survived by two daughters, Judith Heidrich of Sturgis and Kathy “K.T.” Thompson of Morganfield; a son, Billy Hibbs of Madisonville; a brother, Norman Baird of Sturgis; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Margaret Vaughn Baird, and a granddaughter.

A memorial service was held Monday at the Pythion Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis, with Rev. Jeff Bullock officiating.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Blake

Phyllis Gayle Blake, 64, of Marion, died June 26, 2013, at Crittenden Hospital in Marion.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Blake of Marion. two sons, Ronald Blake Jr. of Washington, D.C., and William Troy Koon of Louisville; a daughter, Crystal Gayle Mendiola of Radcliff; a sister, Doris Fritts of Marion; and 10 grandchildren.

Blake was preceded in death by her parents, William and Juanita Farmer; and one brother, Robert "Bobby" Dickerson.

Funeral services were Sunday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.

Hunter

Calvin Glen “Tiny” Hunter, 52, of Salem, died June 26, 2013, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

Hunter was an avid sports fan, running the Livingston County Ball Parks for more than 12 years. He was also a member of Miracle Word Church.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Tammy Hunter; two children, Tyler Hunter and Tyanna Hunter, both of Salem; his mother, Martha Hunter of Kalamazoo, Mich.; his mother-in-law, Loretta Millikan of Smithland; two sisters, Suzie Sellers of Brook, Ind., and Judy Thomas of Kalamazoo; several nieces and nephews; and his dogs, BA, Ruby, Max and Boo.

Funeral services were Saturday at Boyd Funeral Directors, with the Revs. Howard Jones and Tim Fouts officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Condolences may be left online at BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

PACS seeks aid to keep needy cool this summer

By CHRIS McGEE
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes people may not be aware of just how much certain organizations do for the needy and low-income citizens in a community.

Such is the case with Pennyryle Allied Community Services (PACS). PACS offers a variety of services for those in Crittenden County who may be in need. For example, they have clothing and household items. In addition, the organization has a food program for senior citizens.

Kathy Penn Belt, director of the PACS in Crittenden County, said that when she gets a food donation, she quickly passes it on to the local food bank in case someone comes in who doesn't have any food at all.

Belt said any assistance is based on a client's needs and goals.

"If a person comes in here and needs work but can't because of not having a GED, then I help with that," Belt said. "I will refer them to an adult learning center, and we will work on getting the person a GED."

In some years, the agency gets money from the state for a summer cooling program to try provide fans for the elderly who aren't able to withstand the intense heat of summer. But that will not be the case this year because of state budget constraints.

In light of this, the main PACS office in Hopkinsville is asking people to donate money or fans to their community PACS office so that the elderly and needy can have a way to stay cool during

Smith

John Benjamin Smith, 82, of Salem, died June 28, 2013, at his home.

He is survived by a daughter, Sandy Gray of Evansville, Ind.; a son, Ralph Smith of Illinois; three grandchildren, Barbie Jonies, Paula Gray and Jennifer Gray; six great-grandchildren; a close friend, Ricky Belt; and several nieces and nephews.

Smith was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Smith; three brothers; four sisters; and his parents, Joseph and Dollie Smith.

Funeral services were Monday at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem, with Rev. Roger Holloman officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Downey

Mike "Poppy" Downey, 66, of Marion, died June 26, 2013, at his home.

He was a retired distribution manager for industrial chemical sales, a member of Marion Baptist Church and a member of Waxahachie ROMEO'S and Promise Keepers. Downey was also a salesman for Patty's Cowpatties Gourmet Cookies. He served in the U.S. Navy.

Downey is survived by his wife, Patricia Downey of Marion; a son, Tim and wife Ashley Morries of Marion; a daughter, Christina Downey of Oxnard, Calif.; two brothers, Dennis Downey of Mesa, Ariz., and Richard Downey of Santa Rosa, Calif.; a friend, John Connell, of Houston; and three grandchildren.

Downey was preceded in death by his parents, George Francis and Ferne Christensen Downey, and one sister.

A celebration of life will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Friends may visit between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Christina Downey of Oxnard, Calif.; two brothers, Dennis Downey of Mesa, Ariz., and Richard Downey of Santa Rosa, Calif.; a friend, John Connell, of Houston; and three grandchildren.

Downey was preceded in death by his parents, George Francis and Ferne Christensen Downey, and one sister.

A celebration of life will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Friends may visit between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

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the summer.

The agency also offers heating assistance in October and November.

Belt said the agency has some pressing needs right now.

"I have several people on a list for men's tennis shoes from size 9 to 11.5," she said.

She also said PACS is in need of furniture because the organization located in the former health department building on North Walker Street in Marion doesn't have any right now to offer someone who might need it.

Another need the organization has is for household items and hygiene products, Belt added.

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Noted federal judge Johnstone dies at 91

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The federal judge credited with the historic settlement between inmates and the Commonwealth of Kentucky has died. Edward Johnstone was 91.

Johnstone spent 30 years on the federal bench. He was appointed to the position in 1977 by then-President Jimmy Carter.

Chief Clerk of the Western District of Kentucky Vanessa Armstrong said Johnstone died June 26 in Louisville, where he lived for the past three years after relocating from Princeton with his wife, Kay.

Johnstone served one year as a circuit judge in Lyon,



Johnstone

June 2013 cooler than last year

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Though last month seemed to offer up some scorching days, on only two days did the Kentucky Mesonet weather and climate data station record temperatures above 90 degrees. The hottest was on June 12 when the mercury topped out at 90.4 degrees.

By comparison, in June of last year, 10 days recorded 90-plus degree highs, including three days when the thermometer reached above triple digits.

June 2013 was also considerably wetter than the

Trigg, Livingston and Caldwell counties before he was appointed to the federal bench. According to The Times Leader newspaper in Princeton, where Johnstone called home for seven decades, he and his wife traveled from central Kentucky to Crittenden County in 1949 to pursue a possible job opportunity in Marion. While in western Kentucky, they decided to settle in Princeton.

Johnstone was best known for transforming Kentucky's once ancient prisons into institutions considered reasonably safe and humane, by forging the historic 1980 settlement between inmates and the state.

Thank You

Iva Brown's family would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who helped make her 90th birthday celebration so special. More than 100 people stopped by to greet her at the reception held in her honor Sunday afternoon, June 16. Thirty-one family members joined her in worship at Freedom Church on Sunday morning before the reception. Many of her friends sent beautiful cards with kind words, which she has read and reread. Additionally, she received thoughtful gifts and phone calls, for which she is grateful. A Special "Thank You" to the members and friends of Freedom Church who minister to her in so many ways.

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July is celebrated as National Blueberry Month

Here in Kentucky we wait 11 whole months for this special time of year. Production, nutritional value, and taste are at the peak of the season and prices are at the lowest level of the year. July is blueberry season! There's nothing quite like bringing home fresh berries in the summer, bursting with the perfect combination of tart and tangy sweetness. It's easy to see why someone felt that blueberries needed their own month to celebrate.



As if the taste alone weren't enough, there are plenty of reasons why blueberries are a great choice to include in your diet now and throughout the rest of the year. In addition to being dubbed a "super food"

as a result of their high antioxidant content, blueberries are excellent sources of fiber and vitamins. In the last five years, there has been a few interesting studies to further support the health benefits of blueberries: There is exciting new evidence that blueberries can improve memory. After 12 weeks of daily blueberry consumption, older adults showed improvement on two different tests of cognitive function, including

memory. Authors of this study suggested that the results indicate that blueberries could be beneficial not only for improvement of memory, but for slowing down or postponing the onset of other cognitive problems that occur with aging. A recent study, that included blueberries as part of a daily "low-glycemic" (GI) fruit treatment, found that blueberries have a favorable impact on blood sugar regulation in persons

already diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. Coupled with physical activity, over a 3-month period participants saw significant improvement in their regulation of HgA1C levels after consuming 3 servings of low-GI fruits (blueberries included each day).
Blueberry Sauce
■ 2 cups fresh blueberries
■ ¼ cup orange juice
■ ¼ cup water
■ 2 tablespoon sugar
■ 1 tablespoon corn-

starch
■ ¼ teaspoon orange peel, grated
■ 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
■ Dash salt
Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat 4 to 5 minutes or until thick. Serve on pancakes, waffles, ice cream, pudding or cake.
Yield: 2 cups
Nutritional analysis per tablespoon: 10 calories, 2 g carbohydrate, 0 g fat, protein, fiber, cholesterol, sodium.



Brown's Country Store offers many selections

By CHRIS MCGEE
STAFF WRITER
Brown's Country Store in Burna is only a couple of months old, but is generating quite a buzz in the Livingston County community. Owners Melissa and Glenn Brown opened the store because they needed more space for the candle business they had been operating out of their home. "We were looking for a building and this one was empty and only a mile from our house," Brown said. The store, located on U.S. 60, sells common grocery items such as milk, bread and potato chips in addition to the couple's candles. The store is a Christian book distributor and sells religious shirts, hymnals, pews and other items local churches might need. Meantime, fishermen may appreciate the store because it sells live bait and other fishing essentials. Brown said all of the other

bait stores in the area have closed down, so they decided to offer the service to local fishermen. One way the store gives back to the community is with a small wishing well or "hope pond" as Brown calls it that people can drop their change in. Melissa Brown said she and her husband are trying to raise money for the Livingston County Meals on Wheels to help the community's senior citizens. They plan to make donations to the program with change collected from a small wishing well. With just the change from the well, the store was recently able to give \$50 to Livingston County Relay for Life. The country store also sells barbecue that is smoked on site and is quickly gaining a reputation for being very good. "People will drive past



PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGEE, THE PRESS
Husband and wife Glenn and Melissa Brown invite shoppers to their store located in Burna. In addition to grocery items, books and candles are available for purchase.
other places and stop here on their way through to get some of our barbecue," Brown claimed. Doughnuts from Red's Donut Shop in Paducah are

also a big draw at the store, she added. The store is currently expanding its kitchen area in the back to offer a broader menu, Brown added.

Raber-Harrison

Frank and Brenda Raber of Hopkinsville announce the marriage of their daughter, Ashton Raber, to Ryan Harrison, son of Ron and Carol Harrison of Fredonia. The bride's grandparents are Mary Prove and the late Bobby Futrill; and the late Minnie Lorene Fish-Raber, all of Hopkinsville. The groom's grandparents are Frances Dawdy and the late Lee and Shirley Dawdy,

all of Farmington, Mich.; and the late Desmond and Marion Harrison of Fredonia. The couple was united in marriage June 23 at First Christian Church of Hopkinsville. The bride and her daughter Kali will make their home in Hopkinsville until Harrison returns from his first tour of duty in South Korea with the U.S. Army.



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Five generations

Five generations of Edna Grace Loveless' family gathered recently. Pictured with Loveless (bottom right) are (clockwise from Loveless' left) daughter Carolyn Hosick Leister holding great-great-granddaughter Brooklyn Caldwell; granddaughter Karen Hosick Dale; and great-granddaughter Gabrielle Godman.



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Special recognition

Retiring faculty and staff members were recognized for their dedication and service to the Crittenden County School System at the June 25 Board of Education meeting. Special recognition was given to Anna Jay, Dena Duncan, Lynette Miller, Janet Stevens, Ruth McClure, Freda Roberts and Marceia Ellis by members of the board of education. Above, Stevens (left) and Jay were present at the meeting and recognized for their hard work and commitment during their years of service to the school district.

Church notes

■ Barnett Chapel Church is studying in the Book of Revelation during Wednesday prayer meetings at 6 p.m. Bro. Steve Tinsley and the congregation invite everyone to attend.
■ Vacation Bible School will be held at Pinckneyville Baptist Church from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., thru Friday. It will be a joint effort with North Livingston Baptist Church. Children age four and younger need accompaniment by a parent/guardian. Big Vinny and the Time Travelers will be over the crusade. A fish fry will be held at 7 p.m., Friday. Fireworks will follow at dark at Pinckneyville Park. For transportation call Ashley Wring at 988-2968 or Gary Driver at 988-3354.
■ Come and enjoy a God and Country Celebration on Thursday (today) at Salem Baptist Church Christian Life Center. The free event begins with a meal at 5 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy live entertainment, children and adult games and fireworks. Individual fireworks are not allowed.
■ Main Street Missionary Baptist Church will hold its Mega Sports Camp Vacation Bible School from 6-8:15 p.m., Sunday through July 11. Children ages four and up are welcome.
■ Repton Baptist Church in Mattoon hosts Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills 6 p.m., on Sundays in the fellowship hall.

years-sixth grade from 6:30-9 p.m., July 8-12 at the Salem Christian Life Center. For more information contact 988-3538.
■ Dyer Hill Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School kickoff and family night from 11-3 p.m., July 13 with fun, food, inflatables and more. VBS will be held July 14-17 with a meal at 5:30 p.m., and VBS ending at 8:30 p.m. The theme is Athens: Paul's dangerous journey to share the truth. For more information contact Bro. Jerry Merritt at 748-5182 or Darlene Wring at 988-3613. For transportation call Carla Belt at 704-5182.
■ St. William Catholic Church is having Vacation Bible School from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., July 23-25. The theme is The Kingdom of God. All children three years to fourth grade are welcome to attend.
■ Barnett Chapel Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary from 3 to 6 p.m., Aug. 3. There will be a PowerPoint presentation, testimony, fellowship and food. Come and join the celebration.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. Every day, the center at 210 North Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and use of the exercise equipment. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information. This week's activities and menu include:
- Today: Closed for Independence Day.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is chicken pot pie with gravy, cornbread dressing, baby carrots, whole wheat roll, Mandarin oranges

and an oatmeal cookie.
- Monday: A group walk will take place at 10 a.m. Menu includes green pepper casserole, corn pudding, buttered carrots, whole wheat roll and fruit cup.
- Tuesday: Menu is baked ham and cheese, navy beans, beets, turnip greens, cornbread and pineapple fluff.
- Wednesday: Crafts begin at 10 a.m. Menu is sloppy joe on wheat bun, creamy cole slaw, whole kernel corn, peach slices and angel food cake.
- Next Thursday: A group walk will take place at 10 a.m. The center is open until 8 p.m., with homemade ice cream served at 5 p.m. and bingo and pool beginning at 6 p.m. Menu is pork roast, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, lima beans, cornbread and pears.

Community CALENDAR

Saturday, July 6
■ The 60th reunion of the Class of 1953 will be held at 5 p.m., at the Fellowship Hall of Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Reservations are needed ASAP.
■ The Dycusburg community will have a fireworks celebration beginning at dark.
Monday, July 8
■ Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community will meet at 6:30 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.
Tuesday, July 9
■ Crittenden County 4-H Council will meet at 5:15 p.m., at the County Extension Office.
Wednesday, July 10
■ Livingston County Public Library's summer reading program will present Animal Tales at 2:30 p.m. Registration is en-

couraged as space is limited. Call 928-4100.
Thursday, July 11
■ The public is invited to a welcome reception at the Crittenden County Extension Office for Meredith Hall, the new County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday, July 12
■ Living Hope Ministries, Inc. is hosting Family Matters / Marriage Matters Conference from 7-9 p.m., July 12 and 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., July 13 at the Fire Training Center on U.S. 62 in Princeton. The discussion will be led by Focus on the Family Counselor George Stahnke and wife Linda.
■ The Mustang Mafia of Western Kentucky will hold Down-

town Cruiz-in from 6-9 p.m., at 520 N. Adams St. in Sturgis.
Thursday, July 18
■ Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council will meet at 9 a.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Office. Program will be presented by Allison Beshear, Public Health Director for the Pennyrile District Health Department, on Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP). MAPP is a community-driven strategic planning process for improving community health. For further information call 965-5236.
Saturday, July 27
■ The Crittenden County High School Class of 1983 will have its 30-year reunion at Green Turtle Bay Conference Center. Events will begin at 6 p.m. Cost

is \$75/couple and \$50/single which includes dinner. Registration is due now to ensure rental of the facility. Contact Rhonda Travis Dunn at 853-9696 or Angie Belt Prowell 625-0967 for more information or to register.
Saturday, Sept. 7
■ Marion National Guard Unit reunion will be held at 11 a.m., Sept. 7 at the Lion's Club building. All members past and present are welcome. For more information contact Rick Nelson 704-1392 or Roger Lubben at 625-0971.
On-going
■ The Thrift Shoppe at the Salem Christian Life Center is now open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays.

Crittenden County students compete in Kentucky Youth Seminar

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County students earned \$1,800 in scholarships, cash awards and four expense-paid trips to the national conference when they competed at the Kentucky Youth Seminar June 19-21 on the University of Kentucky campus. Students were selected for the state seminar from their participation in the local American Private Enterprise System program sponsored by the Crittenden County Extension Service and Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce.

During the state seminar, participants continued to gain a better understanding of American business by solving problems as officers and directors of corporations and cooperatives. They attended workshops to help prepare them both for college and for business with leadership training, communication training, interviewing skills, money management training and transitioning from high school to college.

Scholarships of \$10,000 were awarded at the state seminar based on test scores, board cases and their essay. Scholarships are funded by the Kentucky Council of Cooperatives and can be used at any university within four years of high school graduation.

Ian Cartwright, a 2013 Crittenden County High School graduate, won first place in the Junior Leader competition. Cartwright attended the state seminar last year as a youth scholar and was selected to return as a Junior Leader for 2013. He earned a \$500 scholarship and an expense-paid trip to the National Institute on Cooperative Education. Cartwright plans to attend the University of Kentucky

in the fall.

Dustin Perry received a \$700 scholarship. In the cooperative board case competition, he was a member of the first-place team, earning \$50 and \$25 on the individual test.

Ashley Collyer received a \$600 scholarship and placed third in the cooperative board case competition. She received first- and third-place finishes on tests, earning \$33 along with an expense-paid trip to nationals.

Anna Schnittker won an expense-paid trip to nationals and \$30 for third place on the corporation board case.

Brittany Buell won \$50 for first place in the corporation board case and is an alternate to nationals.

Local students were accompanied at the state conference by Kim Vince, CCHS social studies teacher.

Local sponsors who made it possible for the five local students to attend the state seminar included Bart Frazer, the Chamber of Commerce, Crittenden County 4-H Council, Farmers Bank & Trust Co., Myers Funeral Home, The Peoples Bank and Nancy Hunt.

The national conference will be held July 27-31 at the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, Va. Twenty students were selected statewide to attend the conference. Expense-paid trips will be funded by the UK College of Agriculture and the Kentucky Council of Cooperatives.

Charlie Hunt serves as program leader for the local program and helped prepare the students for the state board case competition.

This was the 10th year for the program to be offered to the advanced students in the junior class at CCHS.



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Recent winners at the Kentucky Youth Seminar in Lexington are (from left) Brittany Buell, Anna Schnittker, Ashley Collyer, Dustin Perry and Ian Cartwright.

For further information on how to participate, contact the Crittenden County Extension Service at 965-5236.

Lyon County supports Crittenden animal shelter

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

A mild-mannered western Kentucky farmer who never turned away a stray cat left a portion of his estate to every county operated animal shelter in the state. His love for animals is still being felt at Crittenden County Animal Shelter.

County officials received checks earlier this year for \$1,432 from a man they never met, a Muhlenberg County dairy farmer named Bland Hardison. Even counties with no facility for stray animals received the donation, including Lyon County, which along with Livingston County sends its strays to Crittenden County.

Last Thursday, Lyon County Judge-Executive Wade White dropped off supplies at the Crittenden shelter coming from his county's portion of Hardison's estate. Some of the

items the shelter received were cat litter, litter pans, rabies vaccinations, bleach for disinfecting pens and dog food.

Denise Peek, animal warden for Crittenden County, summed up her feelings on receiving the supplies received with one word, "Great."

"It was good to get these supplies," she added.

Hardison died in 2008 at age 86 and had set up in his will a gift for the state's animal shelters, said his widow, Jonell Hardison. In total, Hardison set aside nearly \$1 million in donations to various charities upon his death, and the estate took years to settle.

Hardison's donations were a much-needed windfall for county-run shelters around the state that often struggle with overcrowding and small budgets.



PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGEE, THE PRESS

Last week, Lyon County's judge-executive gave Crittenden County Animal Shelter a boost with some much needed supplies. Pictured above are (from left) Shay Smith, Crittenden County Animal Warden Denise Peek, Judge-Executive Wade White and Roger Corley.

WKCTC, ECU each announce Spring 2013 dean's lists

STAFF REPORT

The following students have earned recognition for their academic work by being named to the West Kentucky Community and Technical College Dean's List for the Spring 2013 semester.

Crittenden County

Jurlene Burcks, Andrew Gaston, Amelia Gilley, Chad Ingram and Savannah Peek.

Livingston County

Jeffery Abel, Charles Busch, Rain Carroll, Taylor Chittenden, Christopher Doom, Jason Finnie, Jerica Gilbert, Geneva Gingerich, Mackenzie Hardin, Kathren Hayes, Daniel Hurt, Gary Ivy, Kristen Lindsey, Victoria Mitchell, Pipia Orenduff,

Crystall Peek, Kevin Quinn, Matthew Snead, Emily Stalions, Danielle Walker, Joseph Wood, Catherine Yates and Jamie Zaim.

Lyon County

Kathryn French, Rebecca Gibson, Sidney Greene, Jennifer Haines, Krista McGill, Ashley Melander, Lori Peek, Whitney Springs, Lisa Sumner and Samuel Todd.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be a full-time WKCTC student earning at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) and successfully completing 12 hours or more of course work numbered 100 or above for the academic term.

Eastern Kentucky Univer-

sity has announced that 2,749 students earned Dean's List honors for the Spring 2013 semester.

Local students named include Elise Diane Svoboda of Princeton, Chase Landon Ramage of Burna, Shannon Shea Williams of Ledbetter and Sarah Elizabeth Uzzle of Waverly.

To achieve Dean's List honors at Eastern, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

Harrison graduates; will spend tour in South Korea

STAFF REPORT

Army Military Police Specialist Ryan Harrison graduated on June 20 at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., class of 2013 with the 787th MP Battalion, 14 MP Regiment, ECHO Company. SPC Harrison completed OSUT and Missouri Civilian Law Enforcement with a Post Class A License-DOA Pilot Program for MP regimental certification. He is a member of the Military Police Regimental Association. SPC Harrison is a 2004 graduate of



Harrison

(Raber) Harrison of Hopkinsville and the son of Ron and Carol Harrison of Fredonia. SPC Harrison's first tour of duty is in South Korea.



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Fatherhood Initiative works to keep dads involved with their families

By **MOLLY K. PHILLIPS**
THE HERALD-LEADER

Biologically speaking, every person has a father. However, as families gathered for picnics and fishing trips in celebration of Father's Day, statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that one out of every three American children might not have been celebrating in the conventional way. The Census Bureau and the National Fatherhood Initiative estimate that one-third of children are growing up in a home with an absentee father.

David Cozart, a Crittenden County native and director of the Fayette County Fatherhood Initiative, said the implications of that statistic are much greater than most would presume.

"It's been on my heart for about the past 10 years or so that fatherhood is the root issue of so many of the social problems we deal with today," he said.

Cozart took the helm at the Fatherhood Initiative in the winter of 2010, when it was created as a branch of the Lexington Leadership

Foundation. But he has worked professionally on fatherhood issues for the past decade.

Statistics show that a variety of problems, including childhood obesity, unwanted teen pregnancy and domestic violence, increase in homes with disengaged fathers, Cozart said. The Fatherhood Initiative attempts to address some of those problems by investing in fathers.

"We want to restore, equip and deploy fathers back into the family and community," he said.

A father of three, Cozart has learned firsthand many of the lessons that he teaches men who come to the initiative's programs.

"It's a ministry to me, absolutely," he said. "I learn things each time we execute one of our programs. Some of the things I'm working with the men on, I'm working on in my own household."

The programs are broken down into three main components: "24-7 Dad" classes about parenting; "10 Great Dates" classes, focused on

building strong marriages; and in-depth mentoring, provided by the organization's two staff caseworkers.

Fathers who want to be a part of the program go through an application process. Working with a caseworker is always a self-elected step, and Cozart said there has been an overwhelming response.

Andy Locker has taken the "24-7 Dad" class twice and has been on the annual men's retreat.

"I honestly don't know where I'd be at without them," Locker said of his mentors. "They offer so many programs and really try to help you any way that they can. One of my mentors is offering another '24-7 Dad' class soon, and I'm going to go again — it's just that good."

Kwame Caldwell, who also has been involved with the Fatherhood Initiative, agrees.

"The program is really great to get involved in. They've offered me all sorts of advice, especially how to communicate to my two older daughters," Caldwell

said. "Our communication has improved a lot."

Cozart has seen similar results with others.

"One gentleman who was in our very first class in 2011 is still with us today," he said. "We've seen him grow, matriculate through drug court, develop a strong relationship with his daughter and gain visitation with her and even increase that visitation."

The Fatherhood Initiative has mentored and supported him during each step in his journey, Cozart said. "What's most exciting to me is that he's starting to explore his personal relationships. ... I'm excited about his zeal to become a better dad."

The barriers to good parenting are, Cozart said, "hard and many." He said absenteeism of fathers is typically a cyclical problem, and there are now second

and even third generations of fathers who grew up without their fathers.

He said the problem is particularly pronounced in the black population, and the incarceration rate and systemic challenges might also contribute to the statistics.

Isn't having a strong mother enough?

"I always tip my hat to moms and the amazing women who have stood in the gap in situations where fathers have been missing," Cozart said. "Any good curriculum will pay homage to those mothers."

However, Cozart said, society needs to begin to pay homage to a "paternal instinct" in the same way we recognize a maternal one.

"The truth is, I think dads, for the most part, really want to be involved with their children. Oftentimes it is fear of their own inadequacy that causes them to withdraw."

For dads seeking immediate advice, Cozart said, "be present; do your best. With your children, take an asset-based, not deficit-

based, approach. They will remember the good things that you do."

In addition to its annual Father's Day celebration, the initiative offers single classes that meet on the third Thursday of each month, and an annual weekend retreat.

"Ultimately we want society on every level to engage with the question 'What about the father?'" Cozart said. "When banks, hospitals, court organizations, schools, businesses and families start to ask that question, we'll see change."

The National Fatherhood Initiative is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization that aims to improve the well-being of children through the promotion of responsible fatherhood. It receives federal funding through the United States Department of Health and Human Services, but private contributions are accepted.

(The preceding article was reprinted with permission from The (Lexington) Herald-Leader and freelance writer Molly K. Phillips.)

Gee Jay's Food market may soon close its doors

By **CHRIS MCGEE**
STAFF WRITER

Gee Jay's Food Mart off U.S. 60 in Burna has been around long enough to be referred to as an "institution" and part of the fabric of the Livingston County community it serves. That could be coming to an end soon, however.

Gee Jay's opened in August 1986 and is preparing to go out of business after 27 years unless a new owner is found. Parthie Culver operated the store with her mother's help for years until her husband recently retired from Air Products in Calvert City. After his retirement, Parthie said her husband spent more time helping run the store.

Culver points to the cou-

ple's health as the primary reason for putting the store up for sale.

"Neither one of us is getting younger," she said. "We both have health problems."

She said integrity has been the mission of the store since it opened.

"From the beginning, we were determined to run an honest business," she said. "Honesty with our vendors, customers, everybody."

Culver said she and her husband are getting to the point that they don't have the push that the store needs to be successful and will be closing the store unless someone buys the business. They have set no firm time frame for the final decision to close.

U.S. Postal Service to open Village Post Office

STAFF REPORT

The Kentuckiana District of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) will welcome its newest Village Post Office (VPO) on Monday in Fredonia, marking the 37th VPO to open in the district this year.

The latest VPO is located at Fredonia Foods & More at 101 Cassidy Ave. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

The Fredonia VPO is another opportunity to make USPS services and products more readily available to customers with convenient hours. VPOs are operated by local businesses and provide a specific range of services and products such as First-Class postage stamps and Priority Mail products. VPOs also accept mail.

The Postal Service unveiled the VPO concept in Spring 2012 for consideration in communities where there is no existing post of-

fice or where the post office will have reduced hours, as is the case in Fredonia. VPOs were established in response to the changing mailing needs of the American consumer as more and more customers demand easier, more convenient access to postal products and services while conducting business in their communities.

VPOs are designed for non-Postal Service establishments and are a throwback to post offices of old where local shops housed them and patrons would do one-stop shopping and postal services under the same roof. VPOs in the Kentuckiana District are located in grocery, hardware and convenient stores, gas stations and a trophy engraving shop.

Fredonia Foods & More store owner Paula Wright was key in helping to make the Fredonia VPO possible, according to a news release from USPS.



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS
Samuel A. Godwin is congratulated by Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough for receiving his high school diploma during a graduation ceremony held June 25 at Rocket Arena.

Godwin earns diploma

STAFF REPORT

At the June 25 Crittenden County Board of Education meeting, Samuel A. Godwin was the latest student to receive his high school diploma after completing course work in Crittenden County Board of Education's Alternative Learning Center. Godwin's was the 51st graduation through Pathway Academy, a program created in 2008 to allow students at risk of dropping out of high school an alternative way to achieve their high school diploma.

Kathryn Turner, Alternative Learning Center Director for the Pathway Academy, praised Godwin as a good student with high aspirations and goals. Meantime, Crittenden

County Board of Education Chairman Chris Cook said Godwin's decision to obtain his high school diploma will positively impact his life.

"On behalf of the board of education I want to say congratulations to you," Cook told Goodwin at the graduation ceremony held in conjunction with the board's monthly meeting. "You have made a decision that will forever change your life and the lives of your family in a very positive way because you decided you wanted to be a high school graduate."

Since its inception five years ago, the program has expanded to include college readiness and ACT preparation so students can be prepared for post-secondary education opportunities.

MCC names dean's list

STAFF REPORT

Madisonville Community College has named the following students from Crittenden County to the Spring 2013 Dean's List: Misti Dawn Autry; Lauren Nicole Berry;

Mark Branson Farmer; Lydia Leigh Fritts; Allen Thomas Harris; Wendy Jo Lucas; Andrea Lynn McConnell; Jason Lynn Nesbitt and Alyssa M. Qualls.

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Noted men of 1894 include a doctor, farmer

In August of 1894, The Crittenden Press published a three-part illustrated edition of the paper. In the papers are all kinds of information on people, businesses, and events that were important to the city and county at the time. Through the years I have done several articles that were taken from these papers. I have found they have been a vital source of our past history of what and who was helping shape our county at the time. Here is another such article telling about a few of the noted men at the time.

A.J. Bennett

A.J. Bennett was born and reared on a farm in Livingston County. Several years ago he moved to Crittenden and is now one of our leading citizens.

He owns a fine farm in the Tolu famous cornbelt of the county, and his industry as a farmer, his skill in the management of a farm, place him among the leading agriculturists of Southern Kentucky. He is a citizen full of enterprise and one who delights in the prosperity of the country. He has a splendid home, surrounded by the fruition of his labors.

Mr. Bennett takes great interest in political matters. He is a staunch Democrat, and last year his name was frequently mentioned in connection with the race for the legislature.

No man stands higher in the estimation of the people who know him than

Brenda Underdown

Crittenden County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Judson Bennett, and such citizens make Crittenden a leading county in the proud galaxy of counties that constitutes the good old Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(A. Judson Bennett was born Feb. 14, 1847, and died Sept. 6, 1928. He is buried in the Mapleview cemetery.)

R.N. Walker

The senior member of the firm of Walker & Olive, the leading furniture dealers in the county, was born in this county in 1833, near the Ohio River and lived on their farm there until 1868.

In 1868 he was elected sheriff, defeating Robert Coffield, the ex-postmaster of Marion. In 1872 he was re-elected and is regarded as one of the best sheriffs the county has had. For awhile he sold goods at Marion, and handled leaf tobacco several years, finally embarking in the furniture business with Mr. Jesse Olive.

Mr. Walker is regarded as one of the best citizens of the county. In all positions, either as a private citizen or an officer, he was

and is popular with the people. The firm of which he is the senior partner, carries a large stock of furniture, of all descriptions, and handles building lumber of all kinds. They have a splendidly equipped undertaking department.

(Robert Newton Walker died Jan. 24, 1906 and is buried in the Mapleview cemetery. He was married to Sarah J. Clement, she died May 18, 1918 and is also buried at Mapleview.)

J.F. Loyd

"He is the best Marshal Marion ever had," that is a remark one hears applied to our present city marshal, Mr. J.F. Loyd, every day, and nobody disputes the truth of the assertion: if there be any man wedded to duty and its demands it is Frank Loyd.

It never gets too hot, nor turns too cold for him to look after the work he has sworn to perform, and in the discharge of official duty he knows neighbor friend nor foe, and Marion may well congratulate herself upon securing such a man to wear the uniform as her chief peace officer.

Mr. Loyd was born on a farm in this county Aug. 23, 1864, and is a son of Mr. Wm. P. Loyd, one of our best farmers. In 1883 Frank concluded to try his fortune in the West; he attended the State Normal School at Warrensburg, Mo., one year and having secured through the influence of a friend, a school in the Indian Nation, he set

out to take charge of his new work, but en-route he was taken ill and had to return to Kentucky.

In 1891 and 1892 he served as deputy sheriff under sheriff Cruce, and distinguished himself as a pains-taking, watchful, faithful officer, making a reputation that easily won for him the marshal-ship of Marion. At present he is marshal, assessor, tax collector and street commissioner, and under him the streets are improving, the taxes are being collected promptly and evil doers around Marion do not find smooth sailing. Marion is proud of her faithful officer.

(Mr. Loyd died June 26, 1922. He was married to Nannie E. Bradley. They are buried at Mapleview Cemetery, with a large impressive stone, which is graced with their picture.)

P. C. Barnett

Phineas C. Barnett is one of Crittenden's many honored and revered old men. He

was born in Warren County Feb. 16, 1809. His grandfather was a soldier in the Revolution and fought in a North Carolina company. P. C. Barnett went with his father to Missouri and remained until he was 17 years of age. He then returned to Warren County and a little later went to Cumberland College at Princeton.

In 1835 he came to this county and settled on his farm where he has lived ever since giving most of

his time and attention to farming. From 1851 to 1871 he was engaged in merchandising to some extent and buying and handling tobacco.

Mr. Barnett is 85 years old, but the spirit of youth seems to stay with him. He delights in horseback riding, occasionally goes fox hunting, enjoys a fishing party, and is full of quaint sayings that delight his many friends. He takes the same interest in farming as ever and still nourishes the Kentuckian love for fine horses, some of which he has collected around him.

(Mr. Barnett must have died soon after this article was printed, as he died July 1896 according to his obituary. He was married to Jenette Threlkeld. They are buried in the Barnett Family Cemetery on the original homestead off of the Monroe Westmoland Rd. near Tolu. She has a stone but if he had one it has been destroyed sometime over the years by cattle.)

Dr. R.L. Moore

Dr. Robert L. Moore was born on a farm in Crittenden County, Nov. 16, 1858. His father, the late R. L. Moore, Sr., was likewise a native of this county, and his father Alfred Moore came to what is now Crittenden about the year 1800, from North Carolina. R. L. Moore Sr.'s mother was a sister to Rev. Wm. Love, one of the pioneer ministers of this section.

The subject of this

sketch was reared of the farm and when he had grown old enough to do farm work, he made a hand at whatever there was to do. One day while working in the harvest field at the age of 16, he was overcome by heat, severe illness followed, and the lameness with which he is now afflicted was the result. Having been thus disabled from active farm work, he devoted himself assiduously to study and in a short time was teaching school.

In 1879 he entered the medical college at Louisville, and in 1882 he graduated. He practiced medicine for a few years, achieving success both as a physician and surgeon. About this time his father's health began to fail and the young doctor was asked to take charge of the large business interest that had been built by his father. The young man took hold of these affairs and in devoting himself to them, necessarily curtailed his practice. Finally he and his brother formed a partnership and conducted a large mercantile business at what is now known as Mattoon.

Later he moved to Marion and took a postilion in Marion Bank as assistant cashier, and was later elected vice-president and then president of that well known institution.

He is a good citizen in every particular. Full of county pride, he has joined hands will all enterprises for the county's good.

(Robert L. Moore died Dec. 21, 1943 and is buried in Mapleview Cemetery. He was married to Onie Howerton.)



The Press tours Ireland, Cincinnati museum

The Harrington family of Louisville (left) took The Press to Ireland. They traveled to Christ Church in Dublin. Gail Harrington (center) was born in Marion. Her husband Herman and daughter Kathryn joined her on the visit. At right, Frances Presbyterian Church visited the Creation Museum near Cincinnati. Pictured (from left, back row) are Bill Asbridge, Derek Burris, Kaitlyn Young, Cheyenne Burris, Carrie Peek, Kim Asbridge, Paula Porter, Joe Ann Asbridge, Justin Asbridge, Bro. Butch Gray, Mary Lou Gross and Barbara Gross. Pictured in the front row are Natalie Boone and Miles Asbridge.

Family, marriage conference held July 12, 13

STAFF REPORT
Living Hope Ministries, Inc. is sponsoring a Family Matters/Marriage Matters Conference from 7 to 9 p.m., July 12 and 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., July 13 at the State Fire Training Center, located at 2001 U.S. 62 W. in Princeton.

Topics will include How to

Have an Intentional Marriage; Communication-Working Through the Challenges; Intentional Parenting 1 and 2; Men-Breakout: Changing the Male Leadership Paradigm; Women-Breakout: Redefining Submission; and Guarding your Heart.

The conference will feature George Stahnke, Focus on the Family chaplain, and his wife Linda.

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Gospel Gathering offers aid for senior food services

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Make plans to attend the third annual Gospel Gathering concert at 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 at Fohs Hall. Admission is free and organizers invite the public to enjoy a night of gospel music and testimony. In addition to live performances by area musicians, the concert helps bring awareness to the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center meal delivery program.

Each quarter, local senior centers have to raise a certain amount of money in donations to maintain the home meal delivery program. Gospel Gathering Inc. President Earl Jackson said the concert is a great way for audiences to fellowship together. It also brings awareness to the importance of the senior citizens center's meal delivery program and the individuals the program benefits.

"For a lot of these folks it's the only hot meal they will get in a day.

For many of them, it's the only contact they will have with the outside world. For some of them, the only time someone checks on them is when the PACS driver goes there and takes that meal," Jackson said. "We live in a world where we need to take care of our own. We felt like this was something that would warrant our attention."

Gospel Gathering Inc. is a non-profit that solicits donations through local businesses in Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon and Livingston counties that purchase advertising on the program to help fund the concert. The program will be distributed to audience members at the concert. The balance after expenses goes to the home meal delivery program. Jackson said because of the generosity of local businesses, this year the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center home meal delivery program will receive \$1,250.

Alicia McDowell, director of the

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center, said the center greatly appreciates the work of Gospel Gathering Inc. and the individuals, civic organizations and businesses that have made donations toward the program.

"Each quarter, each senior center director has to raise \$1,200 in donations to maintain the home delivery meal program," McDowell said. "We do different kinds of fundraising. We have some churches that donate monthly to the home delivery meal program. The Marion City Council did donate \$1,200 for this past year. In Crittenden County, it's kind of hard for us to meet that amount because we're such a small county."

Among the performers at this year's Gospel Gathering event will



McDowell

be The Crossmen from Butler County, the Childress Family from Madisonville and Devine Mercy. This year's Master of Ceremonies will be Paul Gatewood, a deputy sheriff from Daviess County.

"We'll provide them with good solid Christian music and testimony and hopefully everybody will have a joyful time and will understand that the program is helping people. That's our goal, to get people to understand the program is to help people and to try and help more people with it," Jackson said. "This is something that is near and dear to our hearts, to the churches and donors that are involved. It's not just an ad in a program to a lot of them. It's doing something for the community. That's really what this is all about."

Each year Gospel Gathering, Inc. has seen growth in its effort to help support the meal delivery program. Jackson said this year delivery programs operated through senior cen-

ters in Livingston and Lyon counties will also receive some support because of the donations from local businesses and area churches including Calvary Baptist Church, Cave Springs Baptist Church and Marion Church of God. Individuals who would like to make a tax deductible donation toward helping the meal delivery program can send their contribution to Gospel Gathering Inc. at P.O. Box 92 Crayne, KY 42033.

McDowell said the senior center has begun staying open until 8 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month by organizing such events as dances, bingo and potlucks.

She credits the hard work organizers at Gospel Gathering, Inc. have put forth to help the meal delivery program.

"It's very much appreciated. They gave last year and donated \$500. It's a tremendous help," McDowell said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Unemployment rate up across Kentucky

Unemployment rates in 78 counties, including Crittenden and Livingston counties, rose from May 2012 to May 2013, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training. The jobless rate, too, increased from April of this year to May in Crittenden and Livingston counties.

In April, the unemployment rate was 7.1 percent in Crittenden County. That was up to 7.9 percent in May. In May 2013, the jobless rate was 7.7 percent.

In Livingston County, the 8.3 May 2013 unemployment rate was up 0.2 points from April and 0.8 points from the previous May.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth in May 2013 at 5.8 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate—17.5 percent. It was followed by Fulton County at 17.2 percent.

State families facing new child care crisis

KENTUCKY NEWS CONNECTION

Thousands of Kentucky families are facing a child care crisis as the state drastically reduces the number of children it will help support. Beginning Monday, the income-eligibility cutoff for child care assistance dropped from 150 percent to 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

Jobless rate up in Crittenden in May

Listed below are the jobless rates for select counties listed from the state's lowest in May 2013 to the highest with area counties of interest listed between. Union County had the lowest May 2013 rate in far western Kentucky while Fulton County had the highest.

AREA	MAY 2013	APR. 2013	MAY 2012
Kentucky.....	8.3	7.7	8.2
Pennyrite.....	9.4	8.7	8.7
COUNTIES			
Woodford.....	5.8	5.4	5.2
Union.....	7.2	7.0	6.8
Caldwell.....	7.3	6.4	6.7
Crittenden.....	7.9	7.1	7.7
Lyon.....	8.1	7.3	8.0
Livingston.....	8.3	8.1	7.5
Webster.....	8.4	6.8	8.5
Fulton.....	17.2	15.6	18.1
Magoffin.....	17.5	16.9	16.6

Rates are not seasonally adjusted

The state estimates 8,700 families could lose their child care assistance, cuts which could affect some 14,300 children.

According to the executive director of Kentucky Youth Advocates, Terry Brooks, with the cuts, Kentucky now has the lowest eligibility rate in the nation.

"They're bad for kids, they're bad for families and the real untold story is that in the long term they're going to be bad for Kentucky's budget," he said of the cuts. "So, it's a classic lose, lose, lose situation."

Gov. Steve Beshear said the child-care cuts, which amount to nearly \$87 million, were made after exhausting all available options. He said

comprehensive tax reform is needed to help Kentucky's children and their education.

The tougher eligibility standards come on top of a three-month freeze on adding any new families to the child care assistance rolls. That alone affected some 1,600 families a month.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, a story in last week's issue of The Crittenden Press incorrectly identified Mike McConnell as the chief of Mattoon Volunteer Fire Department. Buddy Chandler is the fire chief. McConnell is the department's treasurer.

Sec. Grimes warns of solicitation scam

Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes reissued a warning about a confusing and official-looking solicitation reportedly received by some Kentucky businesses.

The mailing from an entity called Corporate Records Service asks recipients to provide information on shareholders, corporate directors and officers for a "2013 Annual Minutes Form" and instructs them to pay a \$125 fee.

Corporate Records Service is not registered, affiliated or



Grimes

associated with the Secretary of State, Grimes said.

"Businesses should exercise caution before providing information or payment to Corporate Records Service, or any other entity that makes misleading requests," Grimes said.

One key indicator that the solicitation is a scam is its return address is listed at "Frankfurt," incorrectly spelling the name of the state capital.

State's property tax rate to remain same

The Kentucky Department of Revenue has set the 2013 state real property tax rate at 12.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Kentucky Revised Statute 132.020 requires the Department of Revenue to set the real property rate no later than July 1 of each year.

This rate is based on the revenue generated from the increase in taxable real prop-

erty assessments from 2012 to 2013. If the assessment increase is more than four percent after the exclusion of new property added to the tax roll during 2013, then the prior year rate must be reduced. Because the assessment increase for 2013 is

estimated at 1.32 percent, the state rate will remain the same as the 2012 rate, 12.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

All of the revenue generated from the state property tax rate will go into the state's general fund.

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ORDINANCE NO. (\$ / 1
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CIT OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013. (\$ THROUGH 2014.) (0 B ESTIMATING
REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE
OPERATION OF CIT GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of Commissioners has adopted the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MARION COUNTY COUNCIL,

That the following resolution be adopted:

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Deadlines loom for farm reports

The Farm Service Agency office will be closed today (Thursday) in observance of Independence Day. We hope that everyone has a happy and safe Fourth of July.

This time of the year gets extremely busy and with July 15 right around the corner, please remember to file your crop report. We are strongly encouraging everyone to file their crop report as soon as possible. With all the late planting because of the rain, the last few weeks to certify will be extremely busy. As soon as you get your crops planted, please call for an appointment.

DCP Reminders

The final day to sign your Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Contract (DCP) is Aug. 2. If you normally participate in the DCP program and have not signed your contract this year, please contact our office and we will get your contract to you or set up a time for you to come in.

Many individuals are probably planning on doing this the same time they turn

Laura Kessler
Executive Director
Salem USDA FSA



Around the Farm

in their crop reports. If this is the case for you, please call ahead of time and share with us if you have any changes.

With our new computer system, changes sometimes do not update immediately and could possibly take overnight to update. If we know you have taken on a new farm or let one go, we can complete these changes the day before and when you come in, all of your records will be ready to be signed up.

COC election

The last day to submit a county committee (COC) nomination is Aug. 1. This year, Local Administrative Area (LAA) 1 is up for election. The area that is up for

election is located in Crittenden County south of U.S. 60.

In order to serve on the county committee, the candidate must be associated with the LAA. To be associated with the LAA, you must own or operate a farm located in the designated area.

If you would like to nominate someone, or would be interested in running for the county committee yourself, please obtain a form FSA-699A. We will have them available at the office or we will be happy to e-mail, mail or fax one to you.

We appreciate your participation in this election. Please return your nominations by mail or drop them off in the office by Aug. 1.

Primary nesting season

Primary nesting season this year ends Aug. 1. With almost a month left in nesting season, producers may want to start making arrangements to complete their mid-contract management activities that were scheduled for 2013.

Once nesting season is

over, you will have from Aug. 2 until Sept. 30 to complete any remaining practices that were scheduled for 2013, unless prohibited by procedure. Producers who were scheduled to plant introduced grasses in 2013 and have been unable to, still have a "fall" window to do so.

Strip disking can still be done during this time as well.

Upcoming

- Today: The FSA office will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

- July 15: Last day to file a crop report.

- Aug. 1: Last day to turn in nominations for LAA 1 COC election.

- Aug. 2: Primary nesting season is over

- Aug. 2: Last day to sign up for 2013 DCP.

(Laura Kessler is the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency county executive director at the Salem service center, which serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties. She can be reached at 988-2180.)



PHOTO BY NATALIE PARISH
The winter wheat harvest is under way in Crittenden County and across the state. Above tractor operator Todd Duncan of Ed-dyville and combine operator Bobby Williams of Sturgis reap wheat June 26 from a field near Fredonia for P & H Farms of Crittenden County. Though the crop accounts for less than 2 percent of the nation's wheat harvest, winter wheat production in the county and state has grown steadily over the last 10 years.

Farmers continue winter wheat harvest

FROM STAFF AND REPORTS

The local harvest of winter wheat continues in Crittenden County and Kentucky after delays due to inclement weather. As of Monday, only 66 percent of the grain crop had been reaped in the Blue-grass State. That is behind last year's pace when 99 percent had been harvested by the same date. The five-year average by the end of June is 84 percent.

Winter wheat production in the state is forecast at 39.2 million bushels, up 35 percent from last year's harvest. The forecast comes from the National Agricultural Statistics Service's field office in Kentucky.

Wheat yield in Kentucky is forecast at 70 bushels per acre, up eight bushels an acre from last year's output.

"The yeilds are extremely high this year from reports

we've heard," said Laura Kessler, executive director at the Farm Service Agency in Salem that serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties.

Kentucky's winter wheat harvest accounts for only about 1.5 percent of the nation's production of the crop, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, the grain's popularity in Crittenden County has grown

steadily over the last decade. In fact, last year, an estimated 320,000 bushels were harvested in the county, almost double the previous 10-year average of 165,000 bushels.

The crop is typically planted in late September or early October, and harvest begins in June. Once harvested in June or July, farmers can double-crop the fields, generally planting soybeans for fall harvest.

Fireworks shows this week

- Today:** Tolu Community Center at dusk
- Today:** Ameribration Celebration at Calvert City
- Today:** Downtown Paducah riverfront at dusk
- Today:** Fireworks over Ohio River at Smithland at dusk
- Today:** "Blast over Kuttawa Harbor" at 9 p.m.
- Today:** Lake Barkley State Resort Park near Cadiz at dusk
- Today:** Kentucky Dam Marina at 9:10 p.m.
- Friday:** Prizer-Point Marina near Cadiz at dusk
- Saturday:** "Thunder over Eddy Bay" at Eddy Creek Marina near Eddyville at dusk.

Some information taken from The Paducah Sun

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Board of ed now owns state's first propane bus

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County is officially the first school district in the state to own a propane bus for transporting students. The new bus is now on-site at the board of education's transportation garage. It will be unveiled publicly at 1 p.m. July 19 at Rocket Arena.

A 2014-model school bus powered by propane autogas will replace one 1992-model diesel school bus. Propane autogas burns cleaner than diesel, producing fewer smog-producing hydrocarbons, virtually eliminating emissions of particulate matter.

The propane bus is expected to run on one of the longer routes in the district.

At the June 25 Crittenden County Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Dr. Rachael Yarbrough said work was under way to pour the concrete slab for placement of the propane fuel tank for the bus.

Earlier this year, board members approved the bid

from River Region Propane Gas as the district's vendor for propane for the 2013-14 school year. The company offered to put in a fueling station on skids at no cost. The company will lock in a price at \$1.289 per gallon for propane for the year without a prepay option.

Typically, propane-powered buses are less fuel-efficient than their diesel counterparts, but because fuel costs are much lower, the bus is expected to save the district money.



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Obamacare mandate for employers delayed to 2015

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a major concession to business groups, the Obama administration Tuesday unexpectedly announced a one-year delay, until after the 2014 elections, in a central requirement of the new health-care law that companies provide coverage for their workers or face fines.

The move sacrificed timely implementation of President Barack Obama's signature legislation but may help the administration politically by blunting an election-year line of attack Republicans were planning to use. The employer requirements are among the most complex parts of the health-care law, which is designed to expand coverage for uninsured Americans.

"We have heard concerns about the complexity of the requirements and the need for more time to implement them effectively," Treasury Assistant Secretary Mark Mazur said in a blog post. "We have listened to your feedback and we are taking action."

Business groups were jubilant. "A pleasant surprise," said Randy Johnson, senior vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. There was no inking in advance of the admin-


istration's action, he said.

"We commend the administration's wise move," said Neil Trautwein, a vice president of the National Retail Federation.

The delay could undermine the law's main goal of covering the nearly 50 million Americans without health insurance. Already, Republican resistance in the states will deny access to a planned Medicaid expansion—at least for next year—to millions of low-income people.

Under the health law, companies with 50 or more workers must provide affordable coverage to their full-time employees or risk a series of escalating tax penalties. Originally, that requirement was supposed to take effect Jan. 1. It will now be delayed to 2015.

Ironically, on Monday—the beginning of the 2013-14 fiscal year—Crittenden Fiscal Court began offering insurance to employees for the first time ever in anticipation of the now-delayed Obamacare mandate. Instead of potentially facing upward of \$110,000 in fines if it did not offer coverage to workers, the fiscal court opted to become the last county in Kentucky to offer health insurance to employees. The first-year cost to the county will be around \$160,000.



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Dove	Nov. 28 - Dec. 6
Dove	Dec. 28 - Jan. 3

Some dates subject to legislative approval.

LBL quota deer hunts

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

SWIMMING

Graham, Newcom, Tabor lead Stingrays' scoring

Marion's Stingrays swim team has participated in three meets so far this season with two more to go later this month. The Stingrays lost 460-153 to Greenville and 553-496 Calvert City, however, the team beat Calvert City 614-406 their last meeting. The leading scorers for the Stingrays so far this season are Kaylee Graham, Micah Newcom and Xander Tabor. The team as a whole is improving and in need of volunteers for this season and next, says coach Sherry Frazer. "We are also taking donations to purchase solar blankets for the country club pool to enable us to swim longer in the season so that we may be more competitive with the teams that have indoor facilities," she said. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating can call Michelle McKinney at 704-1839, Frazer at 704-0768 or Michelle Reddick at 875-8276. The team's final meets will be July 11 at home against Greenville and July 18 at Madisonville YMCA. Home meets are at Marion Country Club.

FOOTBALL

Youth camp Wednesday

Crittenden County Youth Football Camp will be held Wednesday through Friday next week at Rocket Arena. Registration forms have been published the last two weeks or can be picked up at The Crittenden Press or Myers Auto Parts.

Signs at Rocket Stadium

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

GOLF

Benefit golf tournament

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

QB Club golf tourney

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

SOFTBALL

12u Lady Rocket champs

The 12u Lady Rockets traveling softball team finished their spring regular season last Wednesday night with a win over Marshall County Magic 19-3 in the WKBSA league. The win cemented the local team as the No. 1 seed in the upcoming post-season tournament. The girls were first out of 11 teams in their division and have a first-round bye in the tourney that starts next week. The

Undisputed Champs

Crittenden County's 8u Lady Wildcats softball team won the league championship and the post-season tournament this season. The girls beat the Caldwell County A's 9-3 last Tuesday the knocked off the Caldwell White Sox 15-3 for the tournament championship Thursday at Princeton. The girls finished the regular season with an 11-1 record and won two in postseason for an overall 13-1 mark. Team members are (front from left) Shayla Jones, Aubrey Conyer, Riley Smith, Macie Hunt, (second row) Emily Mattingly, Cailyn Stokes, Callie Dempsey, Alyssa Woodall, Karson Shouse, (back) coaches Michael Hunt, Stephen Smith and Mandy Hunt.

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Dawson Braves	6	6	5
Crittenden Cardinals	5	7	6
Caldwell Rays	3	9	8
Caldwell A's	2	10	9



10u Stars

Crittenden County's 9-10 year old all stars competed in a tournament at Lyon County last week-end. The team lost all three of its games, including 5-1 to Caldwell in the semifinals. Pictured are team members (front from left) Tanner Beverly, Hayden Jones, Tucker Sharp, Jarrett Belt, (back) Lathan Easley, Ben Evans, Daley Deboe, Jasper Morrison, Maddox Carlson, Tate Roberts (back) coaches Chris Evans, Donny Beverly and Kevin Carlson.

Ricky Elder of Marion called in this young female coyote at 1:30 p.m., on a recent afternoon. He used a pup distress call to lure the canine within rifle range. Coyote season is year round in Kentucky.



Club pool open
Tuesday, Thursday

Marion Country Club's swimming pool is open to the public every Tuesday and Thursday through Labor Day. The hours are 10 a.m., until 4 p.m., for public access to the otherwise private facility. Admission is \$7.

The club also offers memberships for families, which includes golf course and pool access.

ORDINANCE # 13-06

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PAY PLAN FOR CLASSIFIED CITY EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SETTING COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, AND ADOPTING THE PAY PLAN FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, desires to adopt a pay plan and set compensation for classified city employees, non-elected officials, and elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MARION CITY COUNCIL

Section One: That the pay plan attached hereto as EXHIBIT A shall govern the compensation of all classified city employees, including non-elected officials, full time employees, and employees in categories of employment other than full time, for services rendered on and after July 1, 2013, until amended by ordinance.

Section Two: That all part time employees working between 35 and 39 hours per week are entitled to benefits as provided in Chapter 35 of the Marion Code of Ordinances.

Section Three: That the pay for elected officials attached hereto as EXHIBIT B shall govern the compensation of city elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.

Section Four: That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Donald Arlack	YES
Frank Pierce	YES
Jared Byford	YES
Michael Byford	YES
Dwight Sherer	YES
Greg West	YES

It appearing that 6 Council Members voted for the adoption of the ordinance, and 0 voted against, with0 abstaining, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

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May 21, 2012

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An ordinance amending the Crittenden County budget for fiscal year 2012/2013, to include anticipated receipts from Evercom Commission in the amount of \$1,835.49 and increasing expenditures in the area of miscellaneous in the jail fund was adopted by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on June 28, 2013. A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at

the office of the county judge-executive during normal business hours. (1t-52-c)

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Bid Notice
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Bid Notice
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Legal Notice
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-CI-00165
FARMERS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, INC. PLAINTIFF
vs.
JAMES WILLIAM BELT;
BILLIE ANN BELT;
EDDIE DEAN BELT;
MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC;
CRITTENDEN COUNTY,
KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the MARCH 25, 2013, I will on Friday, JULY 19, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Two certain small lots or parcels of ground near the Mexico School House and Mexico Baptist church,

and on the South side of the old Salem to Fredonia Road in Crittenden County, Kentucky, bounded and described as follows:

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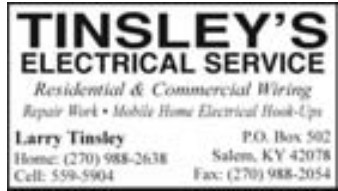
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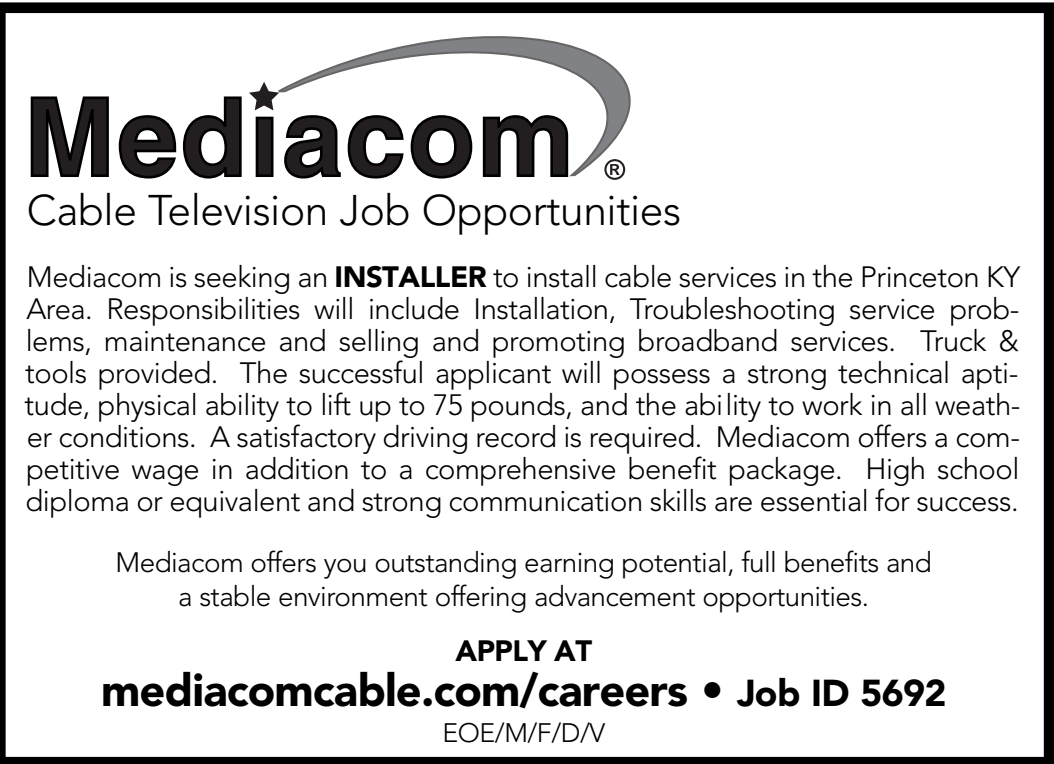
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Livingston Fiscal Court to discuss dog regs

FROM AP AND STAFF REPORTS

Livingston Fiscal Court plans to discuss a proposal that would regulate certain dog breeds. Judge-Executive Chris Lasher told The Paducah Sun that the proposal stems from a recent dog attack.

Lasher said a pit bull attacked a 5-year-old boy and his mother in May while on the way to a court hearing for previous attacks.

"That was the straw that broke the camel's back," Lasher said. "Dangerous, vicious animals have always been a problem in Livingston County. It has been a constant issue, and it has just gotten worse and worse."

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the issue has not come before the fiscal court in this county during his term, though dog attacks from ag-

Law in Crittenden, Livingston seeking missing pit bull, owner

STAFF REPORT

Law enforcement in both Crittenden and Livingston counties is searching for a pit bull and his owner. Authorities say Wesley Woolridge has gone missing since Crittenden County Animal Shelter was broken into and his dog taken.

The dog was impounded after attacking a boy and his mother in Ledbetter on May 9.

Just days before the pit bull was to be euthanized, the animal was taken from the county animal shelter in Marion, which houses animals from Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties. A padlock was cut at the facility to free the dog.

Since that time, both the dog and Woolridge have been missing. He is charged with harboring a vicious animal.

gressive breeds have been a problem inside the City of Marion.

"We have had two instances where aggressive dogs have been an issue in the recent past," Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant said, citing an incident with a mailman and with Marion

Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

"I do not recall ever receiving a complaint about a vicious dog other than pit bulls," Bryant added.

Meantime, Lasher says a proposed ordinance in Livingston County would require owners of "restricted dogs" to register the animal

and take out a \$50,000 insurance policy to cover an injury it may cause. It would also require owners to vaccinate and microchip the dogs and have them spayed or neutered.

The Sun reports that restricted breeds in Livingston County would include American Staffordshire terriers, bull terriers, pit bulls and Rottweilers should the ordinance become law.

Officials there plan to discuss the proposal on July 12.

"Safety outrides everything," Lasher said. "Most everyone with small children and animals would agree with me. We get three to 10 calls per week about these dogs chasing people or livestock or killing other dogs. The people who are responsible will comply, those who aren't are who we are targeting with the ordinance."

GARDEN

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ardly of becoming overwhelmed by Mother Nature.

"We have no more inmates to help maintain the garden," said Kirk. "Jailer Rick Riley has done everything in his power to help us and we appreciate his efforts, but there are just no qualifying inmates available."

Kirk said the garden work has now fallen on church and community members who are interested in the project. Several groups, including Scouts, have volunteered their time, but Kirk says the garden's demands are daily and without more help they will last perhaps another month.

With ample assistance from the community, Kirk thinks the project could continue into the fall as it did last year when inmate labor was plentiful.

Although the project was initially conceived and supported by several churches, Kirk says the busy lives of the people in those congregations make it virtually impossible to schedule routine work days. The project grew considerably because inmate labor was available last year and now that it's gone, the project may have to be scaled back.

Churchgoers are providing gardeners on Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and Kirk says they will also help pick starting at 6 a.m., Tuesday until the distribution hour.

"We need all the volunteers we can get," he said.

Additionally, anyone from the community who wants to assist at the garden may offer their aid weekdays. Kirk hopes to find someone to help coordinate the volunteer effort.

"We have 400 tomato plants," Kirk said. "They need tending or weeds will take over everything within four or five weeks."

At next weeks' distribution, tomatoes, green peppers, onions, cucumbers, squash, peas and beans will be available for anyone who wants fresh garden fare. There is no cost for the produce.



Produce handout

The first distribution of produce from the Community Victory Garden will be 9-11 a.m. Tuesday at the garden.

Fire dues opt-out cut-off July 15

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County property owners have just more than a week to opt out of \$30 fire dues to be placed on county tax bills this fall.

Opting out of the new, voluntary fire department membership fees on tax bills will not mean that firefighters will not respond in the event of a fire. To the contrary, local leaders say, if there is a fire, volunteers will come to your property and make every attempt to put it out in order to protect property in immediate peril and property belonging to neighbors that could be affected if

the fire is not contained.

Crittenden Fiscal Court passed a new ordinance last year giving volunteer fire departments a new way to collect fire dues. In the past, departments asked residents to pay the dues voluntarily, usually by sending them a notice or letter each year. The new plan is aimed at consolidating the notification and collection process, taking the burden off fire departments by putting the fee notice on tax bills that come from the county clerk and are paid to the sheriff.

Firefighters believe new fire dues on tax bills will bet-

ter fund the six volunteer departments that serve the county.

Local leaders say that although the fee notice is on the tax bill, it will not be mandatory. However, in order for a taxpayer to avoid payment liability, he or she must sign an Opt-Out Request Form at the judge-executive's office each year prior to July 15.

Fire dues will not appear on the tax bills for property inside the City of Marion. Residents with multiple properties outside the city will be responsible for only one \$30 fire fee.

Rogers adds counsel for Webster County Board of Ed to resume

By CHRIS MCGEE

STAFF WRITER

Marion attorney Brandi Rogers added a new job to her resume Monday when she began as legal counsel to the board of education in Webster County.

Rogers already has more than six years of experience in that area of law. She has served as legal counsel for Crittenden County Board of Education since January 2007. She will now serve in that role for both school districts.

Rogers is very excited to begin her responsibilities with Webster County's school board. She was left with a good feeling after her first meeting with the board.

"When I went in for the interview, I got the impression that they really care about the schools in the community and wanted to make them better," Rogers said. "I want to help them do that."

Rogers, a partner with Frazer, Rogers & Peek law firm in Marion, said her love of practicing school law is one of the main reasons she decided

to put herself in the running for the Webster County job while continuing to serve in the position in Crittenden County.

Rogers already has a familiarity with Webster County.

"I don't know everyone...but I do have friends there and they are good people," she said.

Representing two school districts is not a conflict of interest, Rogers explained. In fact, because there are relatively few attorneys in the area experienced in education counsel, serving two boards is quite normal.

"There aren't many people who practice strictly school law," Rogers said.

She is eager to begin adding to her experience.


"I believe my years of practicing law, especially school law, have helped me to provide better legal service each year," she said.



Rogers



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