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Concerns emerge among farmers

Flash flooding over the last few days has created concerns among area growers whose immature corn and soybean crops have been swamped. But the USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service reports crops before this week's deluge were doing well. As of Sunday, 45 percent of the state's corn crop was silking and 94 percent of the crop was in fair to excellent condition. Meantime, 88 percent of the soybean crop had emerged, with 96 percent of the beans in fair to excellent condition. All but 5 percent of the state's winter wheat has been harvested. Farmers are also watching for a spread of pink eye that has broken out among cattle.

Sturgis biker rally next week

The summer migration of bikers to western Kentucky is about to begin, and organizers of the Sturgis Kentucky Bike Rally are ready for the biggest crowd ever. According to a news release, online sales indicate an increase in first-time attendees and an overall bump in attendance over past years. The rally kicks off next Thursday at the Sturgis fairgrounds and continues through July 17. Thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts from across the country will make their way to the area, many through Crittenden County. This year's headlining act is country artist Colt Ford. No one under 21 is admitted to the rally.

Seasonal gas costs behind 2015

The myth has been busted. Ahead of one of the largest driving holidays of the year, the national average for gas fell for nearly three straight weeks, its longest consecutive decline since February, according to GasBuddy.com. Kentucky saw an 8.7-cent decline versus a week ago, the fifth biggest drop in the nation. Looking at a year ago, gas prices remain lower in all 50 states. Gas prices remain subdued and among their lowest seasonal level since 2005.

Meetings

- **Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce** meets at 8 a.m. today (Thursday) at Marion Tourism Center.
- **Pennyrile Allied Community Services Inc. Board of Directors** will meet at 10 a.m. Monday in the PACS board room at 1100 Clay St. in Hopkinsville. The meeting is open to the public.
- **Crittenden County Schools' Local Planning Committee** will conduct a public meeting at 6 p.m. next Thursday in the Rocket Arena conference room. This is the first in a series of meetings to develop a district facilities plan for Crittenden County Schools.



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Compassion. It's what's for lunch

Community effort extends summer feeding for youth

STAFF REPORT

Concern for hungry children has garnered quick response from citizens and prompted the organization of the Community Summer Food Program in Crittenden County.

Donations and manpower are still needed in an effort to serve lunch to those ages 0-18 between July 11 and Aug. 5. The local program is modeled after the Summer Food Service Program administered by the Kentucky Department of Education School and Community Nutrition which served 60-100 children each weekday during June.

As the Summer Food

Service Program drew to a close last Thursday, educator Karen Nasserri began to worry about the county's children who relied on those lunches.

She called on several churches and educators and within days, plans were set into motion to serve lunch Monday through Friday beginning Monday at seven Crittenden County sites.

"If they were hungry in June, they'll be hungry in July," said volunteer Ruth Harris, who is coordinating St. William Catholic Church's involvement in the

local program.

Nasserri, Director of Special Education for Crittenden County Schools, developed a team of individuals from five churches and solicited volunteers to prepare and deliver meals. With the generosity of Food Giant and Dairy Queen, they will prepare healthy meals for approximately \$3,000.

"I had a huge concern," Nasserri said. "There were six weeks from the time the program ended until school starts. I didn't have a plan, but one day turned on the television and heard them say one in five children is hungry daily and I knew we had to do something about it."

With her quick leader-



Nasserri

Gardens offer produce to supplement local diet

STAFF REPORT

Starting next week, members of the community can begin putting fresh summer produce on their dinner plates for free. Crittenden County Jailor Robbie Kirk says the regular give-aways from the Victory Gardens will begin Friday, July 15.

"It doesn't cost a thing and

is open to anybody and everybody to get vegetables," said Kirk, who oversees the gardens maintained by hand-picked inmates from Crittenden County Detention Center.

Next week's distribution will include a wide assortment of produce, including toma-

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ship, the Community Summer Food Program was developed and will begin thanks to numerous volunteers assisting Marion Baptist Church, Mexico Baptist Church, Cave Springs General Baptist Church, St.

William Catholic Church and Marion United Methodist Church. Seed money for the program was provided by P&H Cattle, Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian

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Senior center offers fun, games



PHOTO BY ALLISON EVANS, THE PRESS

Bingo!

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center offers bingo on most Wednesdays and Fridays, but next Thursday evening, bingo will be on tap at the center's monthly fundraiser. Above, Harley Olson awaits the next number called by Barbara Steele one morning last week. This month's fundraiser for home-delivered meals begins at 5 p.m. next Thursday. The entree will be provided, but guests are asked to bring a side dish. A \$5 donation to benefit the center's home-delivered meals program is requested.

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Late-night celebrations of independence not patriotic

One of the benefits of living in town can be having neighbors in close proximity. However, one of the drawbacks of living in town can be having neighbors in close proximity.

Being a good neighbor requires sacrifice, self-discipline and consideration of others. Those are three traits far too uncommon in today's society. And there's no better reminder than the Fourth of July that the sense of community once a hallmark of life in Marion is fizzling like a spent Roman candle.

With the rockets' red glare and the bombs bursting in air, it can be difficult for some to enjoy our most patriotic of holidays. Over the Independence Day

weekend and continuing well into the week, snaps, crackles and booms pervaded every corner of the serenity of small town life. They started in earnest well before dusk and lasted far beyond midnight, a violation of the city ordinance and common courtesy.

For sure, it happens all over the county, but it's made worse by the concentration of people inside the city.

There is little harm in celebrating our nation's birthday with a spectacle in the sky, but let's keep it within reason. Fireworks at 1:30 a.m. is beyond reasonable.

The city's ordinance restricts the use of fireworks to between June 27 and July 5, which was Tuesday.

But most of us inside the city probably had our peace disturbed more than once Wednesday night. Moreover, the cutoff by law is 10 p.m., except on the actual holiday when the ordinance allows for an extra hour.

You may be forgiven if you didn't know this by heart. After all, the ordinance is not offered in the city's welcome packet or monthly newsletter, nor is it practical to presume every violation can be addressed with a crash-course in civics from a police officer. In a perfect world – even a civil one – an ordinance wouldn't even be necessary. Consideration would see that the show ends by the time the late news signs off.

The loud cracks, sizzles and explosions can be devastating to animals, irritating to peace-loving folk and unnerving to many combat veterans. For them, the thunders and snaps are akin to distant artillery ex-

plosions and small arms fire that were far from celebratory.

Living it up without regard to others is not very neighborly. Marion's growing transient population – people who didn't grow up playing in the yards of city neighborhoods – is partly to blame for this excessive disturbance. Ignorance covers the rest.

Sideshow fireworks displays are often the products of residents who can least afford to shell out a few 10-spots that literally go up in smoke in a matter of minutes. American consumers were expected to spend about \$700 million on fireworks this year. That would buy a lot of diapers, formula and jars of peanut butter.

Ironically, it's certain a good portion of these exhibitions of Chinese handiwork are not rooted in American patriotism at all. National pride is flagging to record lows, only 58 percent

of us know to what year our July 4 commemoration is tied and a quarter of the good citizens have no idea from whom we gained our independence as a nation – 14 percent of teens say France.

Discretion and wisdom offer that it's just as enjoyable – if not more so – and cost effective – if not more so – to leave your back porch and join fellow countrymen in community celebrations of our (1776) declaration of independence (from Great Britain). Tolu certainly proves that each summer.

But if you don't even know your next-door neighbor's name, there's a good chance you simply don't care.

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Bryant

STAFF REPORT

A group of local leaders will be making a key presentation next week to a panel of state specialists as Crittenden County attempts to become a Work Ready Community.

The committee here that has been working toward getting a designation as Work Ready in Progress will meet at Madisonville Community College Tuesday via teleconference with statewide officials who will be judging whether Marion and Crittenden County are worthy of taking the next step.

Kentucky has one of the most rigorous certification programs in the nation to allow communities to demonstrate they are making strides and working with its business, education, workforce and economic development leaders to set and meet common goals that will give the county an economic edge. It is an opportunity to differentiate Crittenden County among others in Kentucky in order to compete for jobs now and in the future, said Mark Bryant, Marion City Administrator and acting director of the Crittenden County Economic Development Corp.

"It would hopefully give us peace of mind that we have a workforce from across the spectrum of areas that would show we are ready to work," Bryant said of certification

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GUEST EDITORIAL

U.S. coal hysteria devastating mining communities from Kentucky to Utah

If anyone doubts the incredible success environmentalists have had in convincing Americans that coal is evil, look no further than Oakland, Calif.

In a move that is as bewildering as it is disappointing, the Oakland City Council voted unanimously (June 27) to bar coal mined in Utah from being loaded on ships for export to Asia.

Council members said the coal would pose a public health risk and a safety hazard to Oakland residents.

Environmentalists have been working for decades to convince Americans that coal is a dastardly, despicable, reprehensible fuel source. So it's little surprise that Oakland has taken the first step to ban the transport, handling and storage of coal. A second vote is required to finalize the ban, but don't look for a different outcome. Coal hysteria has spread like a plague.

Even in Kentucky, where coal is part of everyday life, this kind of hysteria has caught hold.

The fact is environmentalists have undertaken a generational war to annihilate coal, and, from all appearances, they're on the verge of victory.

In Oakland, job-hungry residents in one of the poorest areas of the city pleaded with council members to relent – to no avail. It was quite a show with people on both sides of the issue packed into the council's chamber, cheering and booing as speakers testified. Associated Press Writer Janie Har reported that, at times, it was so hard to hear speakers that the council president had to ask security to remove some people from the room.

Supporters of the export terminal said any environmental impact would be mitigated by transporting coal in covered rail cars that are unloaded underground. Opponents contended there was no way to keep coal dust from escaping into the air, and that rail shipment would worsen the health of children already disadvantaged by poverty and bad air.

In Utah's coal-mining communities, the arguments of these unyielding environmentalists would be amusing if they weren't destroying jobs and devastating families.

The same holds true in Kentucky where far too many coal miners have been sent to unemployment lines.

Environmentalists can pat themselves on their backs for destroying coal with this wild hysteria. But they'll get no thanks from the families in our nation's mining communities who are living with the consequences.

— Kentucky Today, June 29, 2016

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Time to fix Ky. criminal justice

By GOV. MATT BEVIN and SECRETARY JOHN TILLEY

We've reached a critical point in Kentucky – one where our prisons and jails are full, overdose deaths continue to rise and far too many children have parents who are imprisoned.

We can no longer afford to cling to the outdated idea that prison is the only way to effectively hold people accountable for their crimes. Instead, we need to take a smarter, more measured approach to criminal justice.

Punishment is an appropriate and necessary part of the justice system, but if it is the only part, what have we really accomplished? We must continue to hold people accountable for their crimes, but also find ways to cut re-offense rates, improve reentry after incarceration, increase drug treatment and effectively treat mental illness – all while helping victims and improving public safety.

From the very beginning, America has been a land of second chances. That's why we are announcing the formation of the Criminal Justice Policy Assessment

Council. These lawmakers, advocates and policy leaders have volunteered to work together for the next six months to recommend reforms for the 2017 General Assembly. This 23-member panel of dedicated people

from across the Commonwealth will review existing research and data-driven evidence to build a smarter, stronger and better system of justice.

We believe in the importance of supporting basic human dignity. When we hold individuals fully accountable for their actions while treating them with respect in the process, all of society benefits.

On a recent visit with inmates at the Roederer Correctional Complex, men spoke about their struggles

to return to a crime-free life after serving time in prison. Many recognize it was their own bad choices that landed them behind bars. They know those choices will follow them long after they have completed their sentences.

Many of those men want the chance to make better choices in the future – to raise their families, overcome addiction and excel in the



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Tilley

workplace. Sometimes the road back is blocked by barriers that make leading a law-abiding life difficult. That's why we need a continued emphasis on reentry to society. This will help to cut re-offense rates and also help people reclaim their lives.

Kentucky has already received national attention for taking important steps toward criminal justice reform. We have recently modernized our drug laws, strengthened probation and parole, and increased drug treatment in our prisons and communities. We also led the country with our approach to addressing the abuse of prescription and synthetic drugs.

The legislature took another major step forward this year by passing a bill that will provide expungements to some non-violent offenders convicted of certain low-level felonies. This will give them an opportunity to clear their records and make it easier for them to get employment. This is the kind of smart-on-crime legislation that pays dividends for all of our citizens.

Even with our recent progress, more must be done. Kentucky still spent nearly half a billion dollars on corrections last year. Research shows community-based programs are often more effective

than prison. By enrolling and supervising low-level offenders in these programs, we can reduce crime and reduce spending.

Our penal code has become a patchwork of disproportionate laws, resulting in a costly expansion of government with diminishing returns in public safety. The penal code must be revised with an eye toward clarity and simplification, returning to provisions that are rational and consistent.

Across this nation, policymakers are taking a bipartisan approach to criminal justice reform, with more than 30 states passing legislation proven to trim wasteful spending, lower recidivism, cut crime rates and improve public safety.

This is a critical time for Kentucky. One of the inmates we visited last (month) noted that there is a certain, hard-to-stop momentum that exists in both positive and negative choices. Let us continue the positive momentum that comes from making the best choices for Kentucky's criminal justice system.

(Matt Bevin, a Republican, became governor of Kentucky in December. Shortly after taking office, he appointed Democratic state Rep. John Tilley as Secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet

LETTERS

Vet appreciates church luncheon

To the editor

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Sister Lucy Tedrick and the members of Marion Church of God for their kindness and generosity in providing a free meal to honor veterans and spouseS on June 25.

The meal was catered by Conrad's Grocery and members of the church, and it was delicious. In addition to the great meal and fellowship, veterans were provided a copy of the New Testament and a jar of jam.

Again, I would like to say, thank you.

Retired Col. **Barry Gilbert**
Marion, Ky.

Lions Club car show a success

To the editor

On June 25, Crittenden County Lions Club held its second annual car show at the

fairgrounds. We had a total of 24 cars at the event. We appreciate everyone that came out to support this event.

We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who helped sponsor this event.

Marion businesses included Bowtanicals, Cash Express, Conrads, Dairy Queen, Double Take Salon, Farm Bureau, Farmers Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Food Giant, Hodge Outdoor Sports, Liberty Fuels, Louise's Flowers, Marion Tourism, Marion True Value, Napa, Peoples Bank, Personal Finance, Pizza Hut, Shopko, Superior Trophies, Wash and Clean Interior and Danny & Connie Anderson.

Other businesses included Dr. Wilson and Smith of Calvert City; Akridge's, Cole Lumber, NAPA and Shooter's Supply of Eddyville; Akridge's and Wild Hair Beauty Salon of Fredonia; and ABC Finance, Auto Zone, Little Caesar's, Trice Hughes and Walmart of Princeton.

Our fair will start this year

on Thursday, July 28 at Fohs Hall and end on Saturday, Aug. 6 at the fairgrounds.

As always, thank you to the community for all your support.

President **Ronnie Heady**
Crittenden County Lions Club
Marion, Ky.

Sunday behavior not very Christian

To the editor

Did we as Christians forget how we are supposed to act? Did God not give us commandments by which to live?

The one most often abused is to love one another and how to treat each other. We leave church on Sunday after wearing our best and acting our best, then go to town and complain that a place of business is closed or another is slow due to the higher volume. We should, as Christians – or as the Christians we claim to be – applaud those business that take a stand and close their doors in honor of our Lord.

Also before you say, "Well,

we will just drive to another town where a place is open," remember, if we don't support our local business, then we can't expect them to support us when we are at our place of employment. Eventually, if we shop online, on Facebook or go to another town, then the people who work at the local stores and restaurants, post offices and other places will close, leaving them without money to buy your services.

I guess the bottom line is not to be a hypocritical Christian but to live a Christian life in full truth of God's Holy word. Maybe that should include buying gas, food and other services before Saturday at midnight so that everyone could have the Lord's Day off and be able to attend church as we do.

I just hope our actions and attitudes toward them doesn't scare them away from visiting your church because they think all Christians act the way you do.

John L. Robertson
Crayne, Ky.

Southern Baptist Convention's position on Confederate flag disappointing

As a Southern Baptist pastor, graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity), proud member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (Jim Pearce Camp of Princeton) and a lover and student of first-source-based complete history of this nation, I was saddened to the point of disgust by the anti-confederate flag resolution produced by the Southern Baptist Convention recently.

I must take issue with some of the ideas expressed in (President of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention) Russell Moore's (RussellMoore.com) appearing in the June 22 issue of (Princeton) The Times Leader. I was disappointed at how such highly educated men, though well-meaning, could so misrepresent the true meaning behind the Confederate battle flag and turn it into a scapegoat for racism.

In his article, Moore said, "...we cannot dismiss this as just about symbols. Symbols matter." I couldn't agree with that statement more, and the ones who rightly chose and defined these symbols are the ones who used them to create the Confederate battle flag.

This flag, which Moore called "one lingering divisive symbol," actually contains



Mark GIRTEN
Guest columnist
Pastor's Pen

both patriotic and Christian symbolism. That "X" on which 13 stars are fixed represents the Cross of St. Andrew, a Christian symbol. Those 13 stars are reminiscent of our original 13 colonies, and represented the 11 Confederate states plus the exiled Confederate governments of Missouri and Kentucky.

We are mistakenly told that the

flag represents racism and hatred and that Confederate soldiers died for the cause of slavery under this flag. Actually, these states lawfully seceded from the Union when the U.S. Government failed to listen to them and truly represent their interests. This was no different from what the 13 colonies did with Great Britain. Seventy-five percent of Confederate soldiers, who proudly fought under the Confederate Battle Flag, didn't own any slaves. Obviously, they were not fighting under a flag representing slavery or racism.

Moore said, "The Convention recognized what the flag represents, and what it says to our African-American brothers and sisters in Christ." Did it really? I think they got it exactly wrong.

According to Moore, "The flag hearkens back to a day when in order to justify idolatrous mammonism (worshipping wealth), Southern religion wove a counter-biblical folk theology that stood

on the other side of Jesus." Southern religion? What of Northern religion? Slaves came to this nation on ships flying the Stars and Stripes, not the Confederate flag. The two largest slave markets/ports were Boston and New York City. If you want to talk about a, "counter-biblical folk theology that stood on the other side of Jesus" the North had its fair share. Both the North and the South are responsible for the evil of slavery, but we all, as right-thinking Americans, need to disabuse ourselves of this untrue notion of the North as good and noble when it came to the issue of slavery, and the South as evil.

The Confederate battle flag stood for the values this nation was founded upon. Thus we have that very accurate name for the War between the States: The War of Southern Independence. It was Lincoln who, for political advantage, attempted to turn the war into a slavery issue midway through the war. Apparently, Honest Abe wasn't always so honest.

And along those lines, I question the fairness of Moore's statement that "the flag also points to years and years of domestic terrorism against African-Americans, often with threats of physical violence." It's not the Confederate flag that is guilty, but those groups like the KKK that have hijacked and misused that flag that are guilty: By the way, the KKK has also marched with the Stars and Stripes. If it's simply guilt by association, I'm waiting for that SBC resolu-

tion censoring Old Glory. Let's be consistent.

Your article's headline did say that the cross is more important than a flag. While I agree with that statement, I don't see that the two are mutually exclusive. It might interest you to know that one of the Confederate Battle Flag's nicknames is quite appropriately "the Southern Cross." It also might interest you to know that the Confederate Battle Flag is considered by many nations around the world to be a symbol of freedom. It was flown over the destruction of the Berlin Wall, and many Eastern Bloc nations flew it upon regaining their independence from communist oppression.

Dr. Moore, you claim that "the cross and the Confederate flag cannot co-exist without one setting the other on fire." I beg to differ. It was under that flag that tens of thousands of Confederate soldiers turned to Christ or rededicated themselves to Him in a great revival during the war. That is historic fact. American Indians were persecuted and killed under the U.S. flag. Perhaps we need yet another SBC resolution.

Under the Confederate Battle Flag, tens of thousands of American Indians served, including one Indian general, Standie Wattie. And with them served tens of thousands of Orientals, Hispanics and African-Americans. You might say that this flag that you have maligned and slandered is a multicultural banner. Those are historic facts. I believe you chose the wrong flag to

blame for irresponsible racism.

Allow me to share a personal story. A few weeks ago, our church hosted an African-American guest speaker. He's a deacon in his church in Atlanta, Ga., and an evangelist. I hosted him in my home and we had a great time of fellowship. We fly the Confederate flag in our front yard. He had no problem with that flag because he knows what it truly stands for.

Blaming a flag for racism out of ignorance is much like blaming a gun for criminal behavior. Will you be doing yet another resolution to not own guns? You have painted the Confederate flag, "the Southern Cross," as a stumbling block to the Gospel. I guess that's appropriate in a way. Didn't the Apostle Paul call the cross of Christ a stumbling block for some? But it still is true and honorable. I wish I could say the same for that SBC resolution. As I said earlier, I would expect better from highly-educated men and spiritual leaders. In the name of fighting prejudice and discrimination for the Gospels sake, you have prejudged out of ignorance and discriminated. I would not call this the SBC's finest hour, nor does it make me proud to be a Southern Baptist. I will continue to hold up the cross of Christ even as I fly "the Southern Cross," that flag with the Cross of St. Andrew and those 13 stars. The same Jesus who said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" also said "the

truth shall make you free." Those who have brought that resolution on the confederate flag and voted for it have played fast and loose with the truth. Following the news of that resolution brought tears to my eyes, too, but for different reasons.

It was not the confederate flag that caused people to act criminally in Ferguson, Mo., nor was it the Confederate flag that caused a deranged gunman to kill African-American church members in Charleston, S.C. Nor is it the Confederate flag that's responsible for the death of countless African-Americans each year by abortion. It is people's sin and failure to take responsibility for their sin. Our current president and many others have taken every opportunity to support this sort of bad behavior. Are Southern Baptists now going to do the same? Let's place blame where it belongs. The church does a disservice when it tries to fight racism and irresponsible behavior by making excuses for it. Considering the state of our churches and the multitude of sinful behavior in this world, we as pastors need not jump on the politically correct bandwagon but get back to teaching the Gospel, which includes repentance from sin.

(Editor's note: Mark Girten, pastor at Crooked Creek Baptist Church, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. He can be reached at (270) 601-0965. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Program helping participants cope with grief

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

Tucked away in the corner of the 88 Dip each Monday afternoon is a group of ladies who shares a bond they would rather not have in common. But eavesdropping from a nearby table in the close quarters of the restaurant, you might be surprised just how they came together.

"It's just been a blessing," Dorothy Hobbs said of the support and friendships she has gained through her participation in a biblically-based program geared to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. "I couldn't get through anything. Then I found people who understand what I feel and no one else can."

Hobbs' husband Mike died two years ago. Soon after, she found every-day life difficult to muddle through. But those dark days began to clear when she joined the GriefShare program offered by Crooked Creek Baptist Church. No, she's not over the loss, but she and the other women participating in the weekly sessions are learning to better cope with the pain. The Monday meals they share together can get pretty rowdy with a lot of good times.

"It just helps that we learn to laugh again," explained Peggy Ritch, whose husband Jerry died in December 2014. "But with these ladies, they've all been there. They understand."

Ritch said the seven other women currently participating in GriefShare are about the only other people she feels comfortable enough to still cry around over Jerry's death.

"In other settings, you try to hold back," she said.

She explained that crying around their children who also suffered a loss can be difficult for a parent grieving over the death of a longtime companion. The pain is just different.

"I try to hold back, because he was their father," Ritch said, "and they're hurting too."

Of course, GriefShare is not

solely for women. The group led by Donna Girten, the wife of Crooked Creek pastor Mark Girten, just happens to currently have no men enrolled. She said over the course of the year-plus the program has been offered locally, there have been male participants.

It's also not exclusive to losing a spouse. Girten, who suffered at the hands of an abusive husband in a previous marriage, is deeply emotional when she speaks of her late grandmother who helped her through a very difficult period. And a few years ago, Nora Metheny lost a male companion with whom she had built a special relationship.

"No loss is any different," Girten said.

GriefShare meets at the church at 11:30 a.m. Though held at the Baptist church, the Bible-based program is non-denominational. In fact, the eight women who gather at the Dip after sessions to laugh, talk about cooking and hairstyles and maybe even share the latest from the grapevine represent five different community churches of varying denominations.

"It brightens up my Mondays when I'm with this group of women," Metheny offered over the din of a busy lunch crowd.

When the cards and flowers have stopped and everyone else seems to be going on with their lives, many are still left with crippling, lingering grief. The aim of GriefShare is to build a network of support among participants and offer paths to getting life back on track.

"It's so much more than a class that meets for 13 weeks," said Girten, adding that new participants can come in at any time and repeat enrollees are always welcome. "I can't imagine being without these ladies."

There is a \$30 cost for materials, but Girten said there are scholarships available. She added that no one in need of GriefShare, a worldwide



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Participants in the GriefShare program at Crooked Creek Baptist Church enjoy a discussion before settling in for a lunch at 88 Dip last week. The women meet each Monday morning at the church for their support group, and they typically meet for dinner afterward to unwind and for a little fellowship at the Marion restaurant. Pictured clockwise from left are participants Peggy Ritch, Linda Cook, Nora Metheny, Dorothy Hobbs, Mabel Campbell and Reta Conger.

support group, will be turned away if they simply cannot afford the fees. They will find a way to cover the cost, she said.

For those just joining GriefShare, the first meeting is the most difficult.

"The first time you go, you are forced to face reality," said Linda Cook, who thought she was coping well with the loss last year of her husband Virgil until the days apart grew to be too much. "Many just cry the first time, the whole time."

Girten said walking through the door for the initial gathering, indeed, is the hardest step.

The women who share such similarities on the surface, each take away something different every Monday. There is no single recipe for dealing with grief.

"Every individual has to cope in their own way," Cook said.

At meetings, the group watches a video and discusses a different issue or challenge.

"It's about sharing experiences, and it's helped me out more than I expected," said Reta Conger, still fresh off of losing her husband Pat in March. "I wondered, does the way I'm feeling just happen to me, does it happen to anyone else. I've learned, yes, it does."

Last week was a particularly emotional session to get through.

"We each struggled today," Girten said while waiting for lunch to arrive at the table, "and they need to understand this is going to happen."

"I still have bad days," said Linda Morris, hurting over her husband Joe who died almost

four years ago.

In 2007, Mabel Campbell lost her husband Archie. Just months ago, she thought she was simply volunteering to help Girten organize GriefShare, but she fast became a member of the group.

"I thought I was over it, but I wasn't," she said. "It's helped me to express my feelings by being around other people with the same experience."

The support participants share goes far beyond Mondays. Each woman said she feels like she can pick up the phone and call any one of the other women when they need an ear.

"Everybody cares about everyone else," Campbell said. "I think we've built a family," Girten added.

GriefShare even travels together. Recently, Girten, Mor-

ris and Conger returned from a mission trip to Fort Worth, Texas. While there, they returned a favor to Springdale Baptist Church who had sent their own mission team months ago to help renovate Crooked Creek Church.

Reaching out for help can be difficult at first. After rejecting repeated invitations to join GriefShare from her friend Ritch, Cook finally relented. Now, she cannot imagine life without the sorority that has emerged.

"We all believe in the love Jesus has given us, and we're all here to help others," Cook said. "We all rely on each other, right ladies?"

Around the table, seven heads nodded yes in unison.

To join or learn more about GriefShare, contact Girten at (270) 969-8553.

NEWS BRIEFS

KSP Post 2 monthly activity

The following is a monthly activity report for Kentucky State Police Post 2 in Madisonville, reflecting information from June 2016. The data is provided by Capt. Brent White, post commander. Post 2 serves Crittenden, Caldwell, Webster, Christian, Todd, Muhlenberg and Hopkins counties.

ACTIVITY	TOTAL
DUI arrests	10
Citations issued.....	1,094
Speeding citation	513
Seatbelt citation.....	119
Child restraint citation.....	6
Courtesy notices	421
Crashes investigated	53
Motorist assists	177
Calls for service.....	637
Criminal cases opened.....	42
Criminal arrests.....	81

Highway fatalities

There were three fatal crashes in the district that resulted in four deaths. Through June 2016, there were 18 fatal crashes resulting in 20 deaths in the seven-county district, compared to 15 people killed 13 crashes in the first six months of 2015.

Wednesday record wet day in county

A year of weather extremes continues in Crittenden County. A hot, dry June was followed up with an unseasonably cool and record wet first few days of July.

In fact, the 5.37 inches of rain that fell from noon to midnight Wednesday, according to the Kentucky Mesonet climate station in Repton, was the biggest one-day total since the site began recording weather data in June 2009. Monday's 3.19 inches was the third highest total. Those two days alone account for more precipitation than any single month this year.

Heavy winds that accompanied Wednesday's deluge downed trees, knocked out power and created minor damage at some homes.

While last month may have seemed like one of the hottest Junes in memory, the 86-degree average high was 1.4 degrees cooler than June 2012 and 2010 averages, according to Kentucky Mesonet.

Webster gets new judge-executive

Gov. Matt Bevin has appointed a Republican to replace Webster County's Democratic judge-executive who resigned his office effective last Thursday.

Jobless rate drops in Crittenden

Unemployment rates fell in 91 Kentucky counties between May 2015 and May 2016, including Crittenden and Livingston counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training. Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's lowest in May to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between.

AREA	MAY 2016	APRIL 2016	MAY 2015
Kentucky.....	4.9	4.7	5.4
Pennyrile	5.8	5.5	6.3
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1)	3.3	2.9	3.9
Crittenden.....	5.1	4.9	5.7
Caldwell.....	5.4	5.4	5.7
Webster.....	5.5	5.3	5.5
Lyon.....	5.8	5.8	5.4
Livingston	6.6	6.3	6.9
Union	6.8	6.3	7.1
Magoffin (120).....	15.6	16.0	13.4

Unemployment figures do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

tive last Thursday.

Stephen R. Henry of Providence started his role as the county's top official Friday. He takes over from James R. Townsend, who resigned to run against state Rep. Jim Gooch (R-Providence) in November.

A 1986 graduate of Webster County High School and lifelong resident of the county, Henry became the first 911 coordinator for Webster County while working for the fiscal court. In 1994, he began

working in the coal mining industry, where he has been a manager for the past 10 years. Additionally, Henry has been a member of the Warrior Coal Mine Rescue Team.

"I've known Steve Henry for many years, and he will be a strong asset to Webster County," said Gooch. "In welcoming Steve as our new judge-executive, I also want to thank outgoing Judge James Townsend for his past service and wish him the best in retirement."

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History of local Guard armory, unit a rich one

(Author's note: The following formation came from Kentucky National Guard history and The Crittenden Press articles and is not intended to be a comprehensive history of the local armory and units.)



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Military organizations have a long history in Marion, with the first unit of record being the Marion Rifle Battalion of the Kentucky State Guard, or-ganized in August 1860 (just five months after the State Guard was created). Two companies made up the battalion, known as the "Marion Rifles."

Men from Crittenden County and other western Kentucky counties served with the Union Army in the Civil War as part of the 48th Kentucky Volunteer Mounted Infantry Regiment. Records reveal that there was a military unit in Marion from 1860 to 1880, although records from several of those years are missing.

Some men from Crittenden County served in the Spanish-American War at the turn of the century, and it is known that an infantry company was present in Marion in the early 1900s. This unit was organized as Company K, 3rd Infantry Regiment in March 1908. In 1907, some companies in the regiment were called out to suppress the Night Riders in western Kentucky, and some men from Marion may have been involved.

Early 20th century

In March 1925, Company I was transferred from Pikeville to Marion and re-organized as Company C, 149th Infantry, and mustered into federal service. The company was changed from Company C back to Company I, 149th Infantry on June 6, 1926.

In their first few years of organization, the Guard participated in several state active duties. In July 1925, they were called out for seven days to assist in the rescue work for seven men trapped in the Hudson Mine, a zinc mine located near Salem. They were also called several times to help in escorting prisoners to and from prisons and penitentiaries and helping with flood duty in Ballard and Hickman counties.

In the 1930s, the Marion unit was activated for duty during a coal strike in Harlan. They were on duty during labor disturbances in Hopkins, Christian and Union counties, and they were activated for flood duty in Paducah during the flood of 1937.

Greatest Generation

In January 1941, the Marion Guard was called up for active duty in World War II. Sixty men left Marion by train for Camp Shelby, Miss., where they received infantry training. After training, Company I left for overseas duty in January 1944, first stopping in Hawaii and then proceeding to the South Pacific, where they participated in campaigns in New Guinea, Mindanao, the Philippines and Luzon, before returning to the Philippines. There were casualties, including five men killed, and some men received battlefield commendations. When the company returned, the unit was disbanded and would not be reorganized until 1955.

In 1955, Carson G. Davidson, who was not a member of the unit when it began in 1925, was contacted by the Adjutant General about reorganizing the National Guard in Marion. In order to have federal recognition for the unit, there had to be a company commander and at least 13 people. The Guard was re-organized with 18 people and a commander and was designated Battery C of the 640th Field Artillery Observation Battalion.

The activation ceremonies for Marion's new National Guard unit were held on Sunday, June 26, 1955, in the lot on East Bellville Street next to the former Marion City Hall. The unit would be commanded by Capt. Edward Runyan of Marion and the executive officer would be Lt. Charles Brockmeyer of Fredonia. The temporary meeting place of the two officers and 30 enlisted men would be in the Legion Hall on East Carlisle Street.

The unit is a highly specialized organization carrying higher non-commissioned officer ratings than most other military units. It offers, in



Marion's National Guard armory, shown as it looks today, was completed and dedicated in April 1964. On Sept 14, 2002, the armory was named in honor of "Mr. National Guard," Carson G. Davidson (inset). Davidson was credited with the unit's growth, the new facility and for his work ethic, patriotism and dedication to the Kentucky National Guard.

addition to high pay, educational advantages in the field of radio, radar, survey, sound and flash equipment and the normal fields of supply administration.

The Sixties

In the early 1960s, the Guard was activated for duty because of the Berlin Crisis. The men trained at Fort Knox, but were never sent overseas. Retired 1st Sgt. Carson Davidson remembered that the men from the National Guard were harassed by the regular Army while they were at Fort Knox, but their unit was recognized by Maj. Gen. Baston, commander of Fort Knox, for superior service during tank training while they were there.

During the 1950s and early 1960s, the men attended summer camp and had annual training at Camp Breckinridge. Over the next several years, the National Guard units in Marion were reorganized as companies C and D, 123rd Armor, (Medium Tank Battalion), and in 1968, they were organized as Company A, 1st Battalion, 123rd Armor, which they remained until June 1995, when they were reorganized as Company B, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor, with headquarters in Bowling Green.

New armory built

The current National Guard Armory was completed in 1963 after obtaining 8 acres of land from the

Crittenden County Board of Education. At one time, this land was used as the Crittenden County Fairgrounds. At the time the land was acquired by the Guard, it was a baseball complex for Little League.

The state supplied a quarter of the money for the armory, while the federal government supplied the balance of the funding. Fundraisers were held to

tory speaker. A 19-gun salute from five of the company's M-46 Patton tanks greeted the congressman and other dignitaries on their arrival.

Current armory

The current armory is the only one built in Marion with help from state and federal funds, plus local fundraisers. In 1926, A.M. Shelby had a new building built for the National Guard located on West Bellville Street. The building was of cream-faced brick, beautiful large plate glass windows and of ample size for the requirements of the company in drilling and for indoor games as well. The building was modern throughout, hot and cold running water and everything. (This building was the one torn down to build the new fire station.) Two other buildings also served as a home for the National Guard since its beginnings in Marion in 1925. One was a county-owned maintenance garage located near the entrance of the city, and it was also housed in

a concrete block building on Walker Street that is now used by the city maintenance department.

The National Guard was not active in Marion for 10 years after World War II (1945-55), but when the Guard was reorganized in 1955, they were housed in another leased building. In August of 1963, the Guard moved into an existing two-bay gas station located on Gum Street (former Tabor's



raise the money for the armory's construction.

The armory, a one-story square building with attached two-story drill hall, sits on approximately 8 acres in a residential area. The land for the armory was sold to the National Guard by the Crittenden County School Board for \$1,500.

The new armory was dedicated on April 19th, 1964. Congressman Frank Stubblefield was the dedica-

Fredonia society offers walk through history

STAFF REPORT

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will meet at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Fredonia Lions Club building. The program for the evening will be an encore performance of "A Walk Through Fredonia's Past," featuring characters from the community. The public is invited.

All characters are veterans or family members of veterans.

Denny Brasher will portray John Wombleduff, a veteran of World War I. He was said to be one of Gen. John Pershing's select, hand-picked soldiers. Somewhere along the way during his military service, his eyes were permanently damaged by tear gas. After the war, he hauled spar from the Mexico Mines.

Robert Ward will portray Abraham "Abe" Deboe, a Union soldier during the Civil War. He was said to be a staunch Republican and was said to have "fought the war for the rest of his life." He was one of the earliest members of the First Baptist Church of Fredonia.

Linda Ward will portray Gladys Deboe Walker, a "Rosie Riveter" during World War II. Walker moved with her family to Michigan during the Depression and worked at Ford Motor Co., which was retro-fitted to make bombers in the war.

Maggie Gammon will portray Annie Roche Crider. Crider was the mother of eight children. Four of her five sons served during World War II. Two were killed in action.

Cindy and Joe Kemp will

portray Cindy's parents, Raymond "Dommer" and Willine Fraliex. Willine was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. After the war, he returned to Fredonia and raised a large family, many who still live in the Fredonia Valley.

Rodney Paris will portray Franklin S. "Daddy" Loyd. He was a Civil War veteran who fought for the Union, achieving the rank of first lieutenant. After the war he engaged in farming and milling. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He died in 1938, one month shy of his 100th birthday, the last Civil War veteran of Caldwell County.

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

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

The society is in the process of compiling its third publication, featuring veterans from the Fredonia Valley. Although the compilation is already in progress, it is still not too late to submit a biography and photograph of an area veteran, whether they served during war or peacetime. Photos and bios may be emailed to PamFaughn @att.net.

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Birth

Weldon
Jason and Stephanie Weldon of Eddyville announce the birth of a daughter, Amelia RayAnn Weldon, June 16, 2016. Amelia weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces and was 19.5 inches.
Maternal grandparents are David and Betty Williams and Steve and Laura Tinsley, all of Marion. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Toni Weldon of Marion.
Maternal great-grandparents are Reba Kersey of Crayne, Steve and Diane Jones of Salem, Bonnie Holloway of Princeton and Russ Claypoole of Florida.
Paternal great-grandmother is Margaret Weldon of Marion.

Calendar
- **American Legion Post 217 and Auxiliary Unit 217** has their monthly meeting Friday at the post located in Burna beside Livingston County Middle School on U.S. 60. All members and potential members are invited to gather for a meal beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow.
- **Mustang Mafia of Western Ky.** is having a cruise-in from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at Casey's General store in Sturgis. There will be dash plaques, door prizes and music. Awards will be given at 8:30 p.m. For more information please contact Leigh Elsey at elsey.leigh@gmail.com
- **The Crittenden County Genealogy Society** will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the meeting room at the Library. The program will be "Why did people not smile in old pictures." Everyone is invited to bring an old 'unsmiling' family photo to share with the group. Everyone is invited to come to the meetings.
- **Crittenden County Health Center** will be hosting a back-to-school clinic on July 27. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins will be welcomed. All children must have an exam and up-to-date immunization certificate before moving into kindergarten or sixth grade. To make an appointment, call (270) 965-5215.

6th graders can JumpStart in July
Parents of incoming sixth graders at Crittenden County Elementary School are encouraged to sign up their children this month for JumpStart.
Dates for the program are July 18-19 and July 25-26. Parents may choose either day, and sessions run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Through JumpStart, students will receive their schedules and locker assignments. The program is administered through Bridgeway Learning Center.
Registration is requested by contacting Melissa Shewcraft at (270) 965-5221 or (270) 704-1499.

Greenwell honored at KBA meeting
Marion attorney William S. Greenwell was honored as a 2016 Senior Counselor during the Kentucky Bar Association's annual convention in Louisville in May. This year the KBA honored 165 senior counselors.
Greenwell was presented a certificate commemorating his service to the bar by KBA president Douglass Farnsley at a reception honoring the 2016 honorees.
Greenwell received his law degree from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law in 1968 and maintained a private practice in Marion through the 1990s. Today, he is a counselor for the Frazer & Massey Law Firm in Marion.



Greenwell

Quilt club makes stops in Benton, Murray

Meetings resume in September

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Quilt Club members enjoyed a great day around western Kentucky June 23. Despite the heat and humidity, six members and guests met and traveled to the Murray Sewing Center and The Singer Store both located in Murray. Murray Sewing Center offers quite an array

of fabrics including upholstery fabric. It also has a nice selection of buttons and other notions. The Singer Store offers a very nice selection of sewing machines and replacement and additional parts and pieces.
After the first two stops were under their belt, they enjoyed lunch at Dumplin's in Murray, featuring soups, salads, sandwiches and quiche. After lunch it was on to Backyard Fabrics located in between Mayfield and Murray, which sells an

array of fabric, batting, backing, notions and tools. On the way back to Marion they made a quick stop in at the Odds & Ends Fabric & Gifts in Benton.
Those in attendance agreed it is was a wonderful day, well worth the trip and a good time of comradery and friendship.
The Quilt Club does not meet during the summer, but will resume its monthly meetings in September. This club is open to all inter-

ested in quilting.
The club hosts monthly meetings, featuring guest speakers and lessons and Q&A time on any of projects.
If you are interested in quilting, are a beginner or an advanced quilter, you are invited to attend these great informational meetings. Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Office, the fourth Monday of each month, September-May.



Martha Davis looks through quilting notions during a recent Quilt Club outing.

Cozart attends CHFS training

STAFF REPORT
Angela Cozart of Marion from the Department for Community Based Services recently participated in Operation Field to Frankfort, a Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) project that brought together over 120 agency employees to establish a central command center for benefits processing.
The project addressed the backlog of cases that resulted when CHFS launched a new system known as benefind in late February. These efforts made it possible to process approximately 28,500 cases in a two-week time period.
Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton stopped by during the day to visit with the employees and thank them for their hard work and dedication.
"The success of Operation Field to Frankfort could not have been achieved without the individuals who volunteered to help address the backlog of cases," said Health and Family Services Cabinet Sec. Vickie Yates Brown Glisson. "In order to assist their fellow Kentuck-

ians, people came from all across the state, and many spent time away from their homes and loved ones. Their hard work should be acknowledged."
Benefind, which was fully engineered by the previous administration and was launched exactly as it was designed, is an application hub for all public assistance benefits in Kentucky, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps), Medicaid, and the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP).
"The implementation of benefind has been a tremendous undertaking for our cabinet as we work to create a state-of-the-art application system for Kentuckians," said CHFS Deputy Sec. Judge Timothy Feeley. "As we worked through the implementation, numerous individuals and families were affected and swift action was needed."
With benefind, customers can still apply for services by phone, by visiting their local DCBS office or submitting paper applications.



Crittenden County participants of the Kentucky Youth Seminar are (from left) Jonas Duncan, Gage Moore, Jayden Willis, Bristen Holeman and Travis Fitzgerald.

Five youth earn NICE trip to national events

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County youth participated in the Kentucky Youth Seminar June 22-24.
Participants include Jonas Duncan, Gage Moore, Jayden Willis, Bristen Holeman and Travis Fitzgerald.
Jonas Duncan was awarded the top college scholarship worth \$1,200.
Other cash awards for the

overall test were as follows:
Duncan, 1st place; Bristen Holeman, 3rd place; and Gage Moore, 3rd place.
Board case cash awards were given to Holeman, 1st place cooperative; and Duncan, 3rd place corporations.
Individual board case cash awards went to Duncan, 1st place; Travis Fitzgerald, junior leader.

Junior Leader placings and cash awards were given to Jayden Willis, 8th place; and Travis Fitzgerald, 4th place.
All five earned an all-expense paid trip to the NICE (National Institute of Cooperative Education) Conference in July.



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Crittenden County educators and Campbellsville representatives are (from left) Dr. Shane Garrison, dean of online education at Campbellsville University; Dr. Donna Hedgepath, vice president for academic affairs; Suzanne Lee Brown, Crittenden County Elementary School; Shawna Collins Sharp, Crittenden County Middle School; Melissa Quertermous, Crittenden County High School; Dr. Beverly Ennis, dean of the Campbellsville University School of Education; Melissa Tabor, principal of Crittenden Elementary School; and Tonya Driver, supervisor of instruction in the Crittenden County School District.

Marion educators honored at Campbellsville

STAFF REPORT
Campbellsville University recently honored 199 teachers throughout 70 Kentucky school districts for excellence in teaching at its 30th annual ceremony.
The Excellence in Teaching Award recipients include the following with their superintendent listed first:
Crittenden County teachers honored were Suzanne Brown, Crittenden County Elementary School; Shawna Sharp, Crittenden County Middle School; and Melissa Quertermous, Crittenden County High School.
Brown teaches arts and humanities in kindergarten through fifth grade at Crittenden County Elementary School where she has taught since 1999. She is a 1991 graduate of Caldwell County High School in Princeton in 1991. She received her bachelor of science degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1996 from Eastern Kentucky University. She earned her master of arts degree in 2008 from Murray State University.
Brown is married to Bruce Brown. She is the daughter of Amy and Harold Woodlee of Pelham, Tenn.

Sharp is a special education teacher for grades six through eight at Crittenden County Middle School where she has taught since 2005.
She graduated in 1994 from Crittenden County High School. She received her bachelor of science degree in 1999 and her master of arts degree in 2003, both from Murray State University.
Sharp is married to Philip Sharp. They have two children, Tucker and Turner Sharp. Her parents are Tony and Pat Collins of Marion.
Quertermous teaches 12th grade English at Crittenden County High School where she has taught since 2000.
She graduated from Livingston Central High School in 1995. She received her bachelor of arts degree in 2000 and her master of arts degree in 2004, both from Murray State University. She is an Ed.D. student in P-20 educational leadership at Murray State.
Quertermous is married to James Quertermous. They have two children, McKenzie and Levi. Her parents are Bill and Faye Baker of Salem.

The university also announced the development of its 'Pay It Forward' Scholarship totaling nearly \$200,000.
Dr. Shane Garrison, dean of online education, said Campbellsville University will be offering a \$1,000 scholarship to each award recipient to be used toward any online master's degree program at Campbellsville University for a total of nearly \$200,000.
In addition, Campbellsville will allow this scholarship offer to be shared with others. Award recipients can recommend a fellow teacher, colleague, family member or friend for a \$1,000 "Pay It Forward" scholarship. Principals and superintendents of honored teachers can also recommend someone for the scholarship.
The deadline to apply for the scholarship is July 29, and students must begin their academic coursework either in August or October of this year. More information can be found at online.campbellsville.edu/excellenceinteaching.
Campbellsville University is a widely acclaimed Ken-

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Selecting right hospital can cut risk of avoidable death in half

STAFF REPORT

A national leader and advocate in hospital transparency in April announced the Spring 2016 Hospital Safety Score update, assigning letter grades to more than 2,500 U.S. hospitals, assessing medical errors, accidents, injuries and infections.

The report did not include Crittenden Health Systems, but scored regional hospitals in western Kentucky and neighboring states.

Alongside the update, The Leapfrog Group contracted with Johns Hopkins Medicine's Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality on a new report estimating the number of avoidable deaths at hospitals in each grade level. The analysis finds that despite considerable improvement in the

safety of hospital care since the Score's launch in 2012, avoidable deaths remain high. Findings point to a 9 percent higher risk of avoidable death in B hospitals, 35 percent higher in C hospitals, and 50 percent higher in D and F hospitals, than in A hospitals.

The analysis was led by Matt Austin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality and the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at John Hopkins University School of Medicine. In total, the analysis showed an estimated 206,021 avoidable deaths occur in U.S. hospitals each year, a figure described as an underestimate in the analysis because the measure only accounts for a subset of avoidable harms patients may encounter in the

hospital.

Of the 200,000-plus avoidable deaths occurring in all hospitals, 162,117 occur in B, C, D, and F hospitals. The analysis concluded an estimated 33,439 lives could be saved each year if all hospitals had the same performance as those receiving an A.

The April 2016 update highlights newly-added patient experience measures shown in the research to have a relationship to improved patient safety outcomes. These include results of patient surveys about: communication about medicines, communication about discharge, nurse communication, doctor communication, and responsiveness of hospital staff.

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Policy please

Seniors want candidates to take stand on Social Security

STAFF REPORT

The latest federal report on Social Security's future projects fund reserves to be depleted in 18 years, and today's seniors are concerned about that future as well as today.

In an AARP survey released in April, 8 in 10 say that taking a stand on Social Security is a basic threshold for Presidential leadership. The

Seniors still undecided on who can best offer a plan for Social Security



survey of likely voters age 50-plus also shows nearly 40 percent are dissatisfied with their retirement savings and nearly half of voters worry they won't be able to achieve their financial goals over the next five years (49 percent). 4 in 10 (40 percent) still don't know for certain which party's presidential candidate they'll choose in the 2016 general election.

"Almost every American voter aged 50-plus said leadership is a very important quality in a president," said AARP Executive Vice

President Nancy LeMond. "Laying out a plan to make Social Security financially sound and adequate is a test of how the candidates will lead. With so many older voters undecided, candidates who fail to tell voters where they stand on Social Security do so at their own risk."

In an annual financial review released June 22, the Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees said Social Security's retirement and disability programs have dedicated resources sufficient to cover benefits for nearly two decades, until 2034. After trust fund depletion, annual revenues from the dedicated payroll tax and taxation of Social Security benefits will be sufficient to

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Some drug, dietary supplement combos can be deadly

KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

The number of older Americans at risk of potentially life-threatening drug interactions almost doubled between 2005 and 2011, according to a study from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"One in six older adults now regularly use potentially deadly combinations of prescription and over-the-counter medications and dietary supplements, a two-fold increase over a five year period," says the release.

More than half the potentially deadly interactions in-

volved a non-prescription medication or dietary supplement such as a vitamin. The study found that older adults have increased their use of vitamins and supplements, despite limited evidence of their clinical benefit.

The study, published in JAMA Internal Medicine, examined changes in medication use in more than 2,000 adults aged 62 to 85 between 2005 and 2011.

Fifteen potentially life-threatening drug combinations of the most commonly used medications and supplements

were identified, and the study found nearly 15 percent of older adults in 2011 used at least one of these dangerous combinations, up from 8 percent in 2005.

The study found that older adults have grown more fond of non-prescription medications and supplements: 63.7 percent of older adults used them in 2011, up from 51.8 percent in 2005. Older adults using at least five prescription medications increased to 35.8 percent from 30.6 percent in the same time period.

The most common life-

threatening interaction identified by the study was cholesterol-lowering drugs (statins), drugs used to prevent blood clots (anti-platelet drugs) and omega-3 fish oil supplements.

"Many older patients seeking to improve their cardiovascular health are also regularly using interacting drug combinations that may worsen cardiovascular risk," one of the researchers said in a news release.

The researchers encourage health-care providers to carefully consider adverse effects of

combining prescription and nonprescription medications when treating older adults, and to counsel patients about the risks. Older adults should also ask their pharmacists about potential drug interactions.

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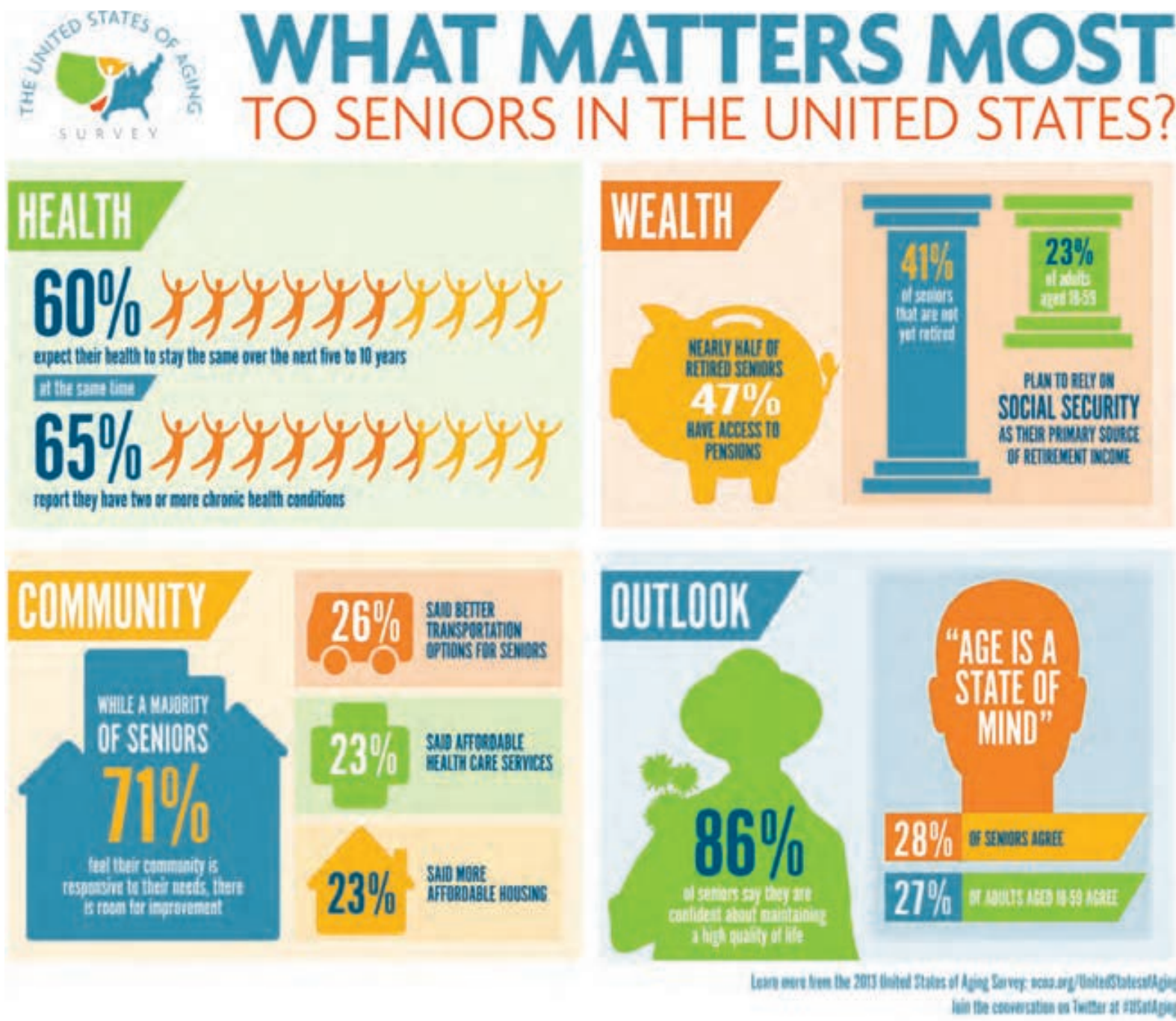
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Upcoming activities and menu include:
- Today: Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli salad, whole wheat bread stick and apple crisp.

- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is franks and kraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread and peach cobbler.

- Monday: Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. In Harmony massage therapy is available at 10:30 a.m. Menu is meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole wheat biscuit and pears.

- Tuesday: A nutrition lesson will begin at 10 a.m. Menu is sweet and sour chicken, brown rice, spring roll, seasoned peas, chocolate pudding and fortune cookie.

- Wednesday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, whole wheat bread stick and Mandarin oranges.

- Next Thursday: Menu is ham and bean soup, hot spiced beets, buttered spinach, cornbread and pear crisp. The monthly fundraiser begins at 5 p.m. and features bingo.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. The center is located at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information. The center is a service of Pennyryle Allied Community Services.

RISK

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Additionally, for the first time, the Score includes two new infection measures, MRSA Bacteremia and C.difficile.

"It is time for every hospital in America to put patient safety at the top of their priority list, because tens of thousands of lives are stake," said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "The Hospital Safety Score alerts consumers to the dangers, but as this analysis shows, even A hospitals are not perfectly safe."

The report highlights include:

- Of the 2,571 hospitals issued a Hospital Safety Score, 798 earned an A, 639 earned a B, 957 earned a C, 162 earned a D and 15 earned an F.

- Additionally, 153 hospitals earned the "Straight A" since 2013 designation, which calls attention to hospitals who have consistently received an A grade for safety in the last three years of Hospital Safety Scores.

Maine, which has had the highest percentage of A hospitals for the last four rounds of the Score, dipped to second behind Vermont, where 83 percent of its hospitals achieved an A. This is the first time Vermont has claimed the number-one spot.

Alternatively, for the third year, zero hospitals in the District of Columbia received an A grade. Similarly, Arkansas and Wyoming had no hospitals with an A grade.

Rankings for area hospitals included several top scores, while all Nashville, Tenn., hospitals graded received an A or B. Meantime, Evansville, Ind., facilities both rated a C.

Kentucky

- Baptist Health Madisonville: A.
- Methodist Hospital of Henderson: A.
- Murray-Calloway County Hospital: A.

- Baptist Health Paducah: B.
- Jackson Purchase Medical Center (Mayfield): C.
- Lourdes (Paducah): C.
- Owensboro Health: C.

- UK HealthCare Good Samaritan Hospital: C.
- University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital: C.
- University of Louisville Hospital: D.

Nashville, Tenn.

- Vanderbilt University Hospital: A.
- St. Thomas Midtown Hospital: A.
- TriStar Centennial

Medical Center: A.
- TriStar Southern Hills Medical Center: A.
- TriStar Skyline Medical Center: B.
- St. Thomas West Hospital: B.

Clarksville, Tenn.

- Gateway Medical Center: C.

Evansville, Ind.

- St. Mary's Medical Center of Evansville: C.
- Deaconess Hospital: C.

For more information about the Hospital Safety Score or to view the list of rankings, visit **Hospital SafetyScore.org**.

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Knowing signals may help families identify Alzheimer’s

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Few families are fortunate enough to say they have not been impacted by Alzheimer's disease. A progressive, degenerative disease of the brain, Alzheimer's impairs thinking and memory, accounting for 50 to 80 percent of dementia cases according to the Alzheimer's Association.



Summitt

Though many people's experiences with Alzheimer's disease involves an elderly relative, the disease is not exclusive to the elderly. Up to 5 percent of people with the disease have early-onset Alzheimer's, which most often appears when someone is in their 40s and 50s.

In 2011, Pat Summitt, the all-time winningest coach in NCAA basketball history and a beloved figure on the campus of the University of Tennessee, revealed that she had been diagnosed with early-onset dementia, Alzheimer's type. That announcement opened the eyes of men and women across the country, who might otherwise never have known that dementia could strike so early or to someone who seemed as healthy as Summitt, who vowed to continue coaching despite the diagnosis. She died last week from complications related to the disease.

Because it can strike men and women even if they aren't elderly, it's important to know these 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's, courtesy of the Alzheimer's Association and the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life: Memory loss is one of the most common signs of Alzheimer's. This is especially so if men and women forget things that happened very recently, which can negatively impact

their daily lives. Additional signs include forgetting important dates and events; asking for the same information over and over again; or relying on memory aides such as reminder notes or even family members for things individuals could once remember on their own.

2. Difficulty planning: Some people might start to exhibit difficulty following a plan or working with numbers, be it following a recipe or paying the monthly bills. Concentration is often difficult for those exhibiting symptoms of Alzheimer's.

3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks: Daily tasks such as driving to work or remembering the rules of a familiar game will prove difficult for people with Alzheimer's.

4. Disorientation with regards to time and/or place: Nearly everyone has had momentary lapses where they forget what time it is or what day it is. But such lapses are not momentary for people with Alzheimer's, who might even get lost on their own street and not remember how to get home.

5. Trouble understanding images and spatial relationships: Some people with Alzheimer's have difficulty reading, judging distance or determining color or contrast. For example, a person with Alzheimer's might walk past a mirror and not realize he or she is the person in the mirror.

6. New problems with words in speaking or writing: People with Alzheimer's might experience trouble holding or joining a conversa-

tion. An example is stopping in the middle of a conversation and having no idea how to continue. They might also struggle with vocabulary, often having trouble finding the right word to express what they're thinking.

7. Misplacing things: People with Alzheimer's might put things in unusual places and then experience difficulty retracing their steps to find those items. This tends to occur more frequently over time, and they often accuse others of stealing items they simply can't find.

8. Decreased or poor judgement: Poor judgement, such as not visiting the doctor or mishandling finances, is another warning sign for Alzheimer's. These poor decisions can extend to personal grooming, which men and women with Alzheimer's might neglect.

9. Withdrawal from society: Men and women with Alzheimer's might start to withdraw from society, removing themselves from social activities, projects at work or hobbies. Avid sports fans might no longer be able to follow their favorite team, while social butterflies might grow reclusive.

10. Changes in mood and personality: People with Alzheimer's might experience mood swings for no apparent reason and can become anxious, confused, depressed, fearful, or suspicious. Acting out of character might also be indicative of Alzheimer's.

More information about Alzheimer's disease is available at alz.org and Alzheimer.ca.

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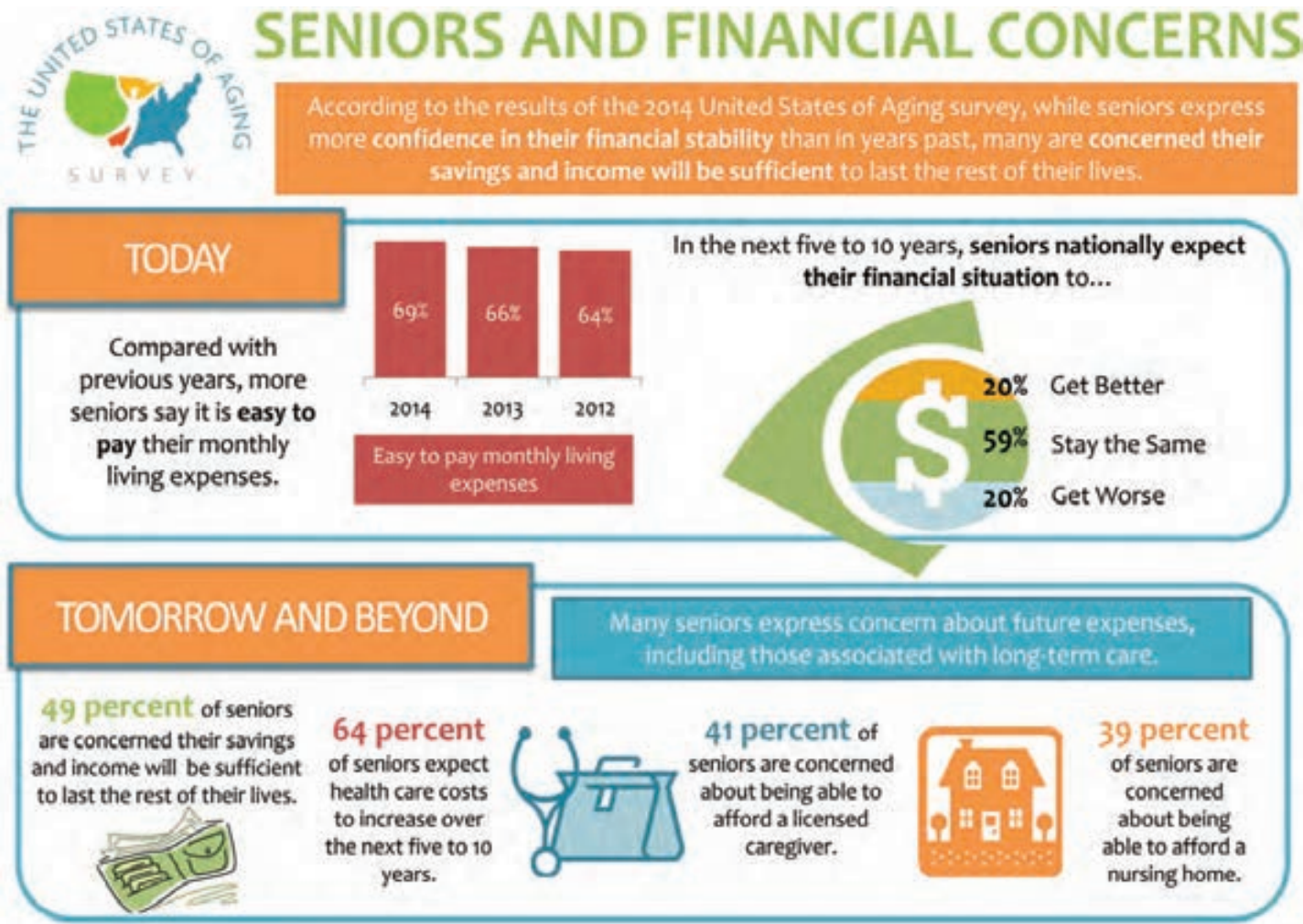
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fund about three-quarters of scheduled benefits through 2090.

"Social Security remains the foundation of a secure retirement for millions of Americans who have paid in over a lifetime of hard work," said AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins in reaction to the trustees' report.

Voters say leadership is a very important quality in a presidential candidate (86 percent) and having a plan for Social Security is a basic threshold for presidential leadership (82 percent). Nearly 8 in 10 (77 percent) also think it is very important that presidential candidates lay out their plans to update Social Security for future generations. This was true across party lines as 78 percent of Democrats, 76 percent of Republicans, and 77 percent of Independent voters want to see a plan. Additionally, voters said it was very important that the government take action on Social Security (83 percent).

"We must ask our Presidential candidates to commit to action on So-



cial Security's future, and also ask the same of those running for Congress and the Senate," said Jenkins.

Economic anxiety ahead

More than half of voters surveyed have economic anxiety, rating the national economy as per-

forming poorly (55 percent). At home, just a quarter of voters are very satisfied (26 percent) with their financial situation, while nearly 3 in 10 (29 percent) are very or somewhat dissatisfied with their financial situation. Less than a quarter

(22 percent) are very satisfied with their retirement savings and nearly 4 in 10 (37 percent) are somewhat or very dissatisfied with their retirement savings. Meantime, 6 in 10 (62 percent) feel that gridlock in Washington has had an impact on their personal

financial situation.

"Dissatisfaction with the level of retirement savings only increases the importance of presidential candidates taking a stand on Social Security," added LeaMond. "If our leaders fail to act, future retirees could lose up to

\$10,000 per year in Social Security benefits."

Late last year before the Presidential primaries, AARP launched Take a Stand, a national accountability campaign demanding on behalf of all voters that presidential candidates take a stand on their plans to update Social Security. AARP expects every presidential candidate to lay out their plans to make Social Security financially sound and adequate so current and future generations can receive the benefits they've earned.

"AARP launched Take a Stand in the early days of this Presidential campaign season to demand plans from those seeking the White House and while the election season may have seen many twists and turns so far, one thing the remaining Presidential candidates agree on is that we must continue to keep Social Security strong for future generations," Jenkins explained. "Throughout the 2016 election, we'll continue to push candidates to take action if elected."

For more information, visit 2016takeastand.org. For complete results of AARP voter surveys, visit AARP.org/50plusvoter.

Social Security COLAs lag behind inflation for senior goods, services

STAFF REPORT

For the third time in seven years, seniors received no raise in Social Security benefits in 2016.

Social Security Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) are tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for urban workers, not that for seniors. Since 1975, COLAs have kept pace with the cost increase for goods and services ... from those urban samplings. However, what seniors are typically paying day to day, particularly for health care, is increasing at a faster rate.

But don't blame the President. The formula that has set COLAs since 1975 was set by Congress.

Since 1982, seniors have been losing purchasing power of about 0.2 percent each year. To illustrate, \$5,000 in 1982 Social Security benefits would have purchased \$5,000 worth of goods and services. But \$5,000 in benefits today is worth only \$4,660 in goods using the CPI for seniors

Looks can be deceiving

While the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) appears to be keeping pace with the fed's cost of living measure, looks can be deceiving. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' measure of the cost of goods and services, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), is based on urban sampling. COLAs are awarded to keep up with the CPI, but the collective cost of goods and services for seniors, particularly health care, are rising at a faster rate than those the fed uses to measure CPI.

YEAR	COLA	CPI
1975	8.0	9.1
1976	6.4	5.8
1977	5.9	6.5
1978	6.5	7.6
1979	9.9	11.3
1980	14.3	13.5
1981	11.2	10.3
1982	7.4	6.2
1984	3.5	4.3
1985	3.5	3.6
1986	3.1	1.9
1987	1.3	3.6
1988	4.2	4.1
1989	4.0	4.8
1990	4.7	5.4
1991	5.4	4.2
1992	3.7	3.0
1993	3.0	3.0
1994	2.6	2.6
1995	2.8	2.8
1996	2.6	3.0
1997	2.9	2.3

YEAR	COLA	CPI
1998	2.1	1.6
1999	1.3	2.2
2000	2.5	3.4
2001	3.5	2.8
2002	2.6	1.6
2003	1.4	2.3
2004	2.1	2.7
2005	2.7	3.4
2006	4.1	3.2
2007	3.3	2.8
2008	2.3	3.8
2009	5.8	0.4
2010	0.0	1.6
2011	0.0	3.2
2012	3.6	2.1
2013	1.7	1.5
2014	1.5	1.6
2015	1.7	0.1
2016	0.0	1.4*

*Through May 2016
There was no COLA between July 1982 and January 1984

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Downpours damage several county roads

STAFF REPORT

Heavy rains in nearly every part of the county last week-end left road maintenance crews without much of a holiday. The overtime continued after Wednesday flooding that kept workers out well past dark and deep into the night.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said crews spent the better part of their July 4 holiday repairing roads washed out and damaged by the downpour.

"Six inches of rain is a lot of water," said County Road Foreman Audi Maraman.

Rain totals matched or eclipsed that Wednesday, sending crews back to some of the same spots they had just addressed. Maraman said culverts and creek crossings were stopped up and/or badly damaged throughout the county and many gravel and chip seal roads suffered major erosion.

Lloyd Road in southern Crittenden County was closed this week as crews worked to repair a creek crossing at Cruce Branch. The road was expected to reopen by today

(Thursday), but it was unclear at press time if Wednesday's flooding would alter plans. Otherwise, most roads that were temporarily closed right after Monday's rain were re-opened by Tuesday morning, said Newcom.

Major roads were not immune from the affects of heavy rain. Two state highways – Ky. 855 and Ky. 902 – were closed for several hours on the Fourth of July. U.S. 60 and Ky. 365 in the northeastern part of Crittenden County were closed Wednesday night due to flooding .

Dawn today was expected to reveal other necessary closures on county roads.

"We encourage motorists to continue to use caution," Newcom said, "because there are places where small cars might encounter some trouble."

Although most roads were passable by Tuesday, Newcom said it will be several more days before permanent fixes restore county roads to acceptable conditions.

"There could still be some issues through the weekend," the county judge warned.



PHOTO COURTESY OF WEST KENTUCKY CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX

The LEASH program at West Kentucky Correctional Complex is making shelter dogs a hot commodity. The program utilizes dogs from the Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter to be trained by inmates at WKCC. Above, shelter manager Kristi Beavers (far right) and correctional officer Beth Sparks (standing, left) are pictured with the first class of graduates trained by female inmates.

LEASH training pairs inmates, dogs

STAFF REPORT

Never have a set of dogs been such a hot ticket as some of the latest graduates from the LEASH program at West Kentucky Correctional Complex near Fredonia.

The second graduating class from the WKCC program, which pairs canines from the Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter with voluntary inmates, got such high marks that the facility is expanding class size from eight to 12, and eventually 16 dogs this month.

Kristi Beavers, manager of the Mary Hall Shelter, said adoption applications for a set of Aussie/German Shepherd puppies were received from 13 states including Kentucky

and as far away as Alaska.

"We've never had so many applications from so many different places before," Beavers said.

The dogs trained through the LEASH (Leading Each Animal Safely Home) program stay 12 weeks with inmates, and organizers say it's a positive situation for everyone involved.

Beth Sparks heads the LEASH program at the correctional complex. She said inmates benefit by showing humility, empathy and compassion to the animals.

"We do not express love nor is love openly expressed among the inmates," Sparks said. "This makes prison an emotionally harsh environ-

ment, and yet prison is a place where the effects of love can be beneficial to the people incarcerated here."

Each inmate involved in training the canine teaches common commands such as sit, stay, down and come. They share living space with the animals and are responsible for the dogs' health and well-being for 90 days.

Sparks said the program teaches responsibility, discipline, work ethic and skill.

"We are focusing on building the qualities that lie underneath the surface – love," Sparks said. "The past six months of dealing with this program, I have experienced a joy like giving a child the perfect gift on Christmas. To



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Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom (right) and County Road Foreman Audi Maraman inspect damage from holiday flooding to Loyd Road at Cruce Branch near Crayne.

FEEDING

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and Cave Springs General Baptist churches.

Donations are still needed to cover the cost of meals, which are estimated at \$1.50 per child per day. Children will receive a sandwich, fruit, vegetables, chips, water and shelf milk.

Monetary donations may be placed in an account established at Farmers Bank in Marion. Nasserri stresses that every penny collected will be used to feed children.

"If there is extra money, we will feed them on fall break, Christmas break or spring break," she said.

Anyone who would like to assist in preparing or delivering meals for the weeks specified should contact the following individuals:

- July 11-15: Todd Merrick, Marion Baptist Church, (270) 704-0778

Summer feeding locations

Community Summer Food Program meals will be served at 11:30 a.m. at the following locations July 11-Aug. 5:

- Crittenden County Public Library.
- Brookcliff Mobile Home Park.
- Bellville Manor Apartments.
- Williams' Mobile Home Park.
- Frances Presbyterian Church.
- Dycusburg United Methodist Church.
- Tolu Community Center.

Locations will be marked with official Community Summer Food Program signage.

- July 18-22: Carol Harrison, Mexico Baptist Church, (270) 601-0503

- July 25-29: Sandy Martin, Cave Springs, (270) 836-6328

- Aug. 1-5 Ruth Harris, St. William, (270) 704-0791 and Phyllis Sykes, Marion United Methodist Church, (270) 704-0039.

Nasserri said the program will involve more than simply handing out a sack lunch and walking away.

"These volunteers are being

asked to take a blanket and some books and will give the children an extra bit of attention, letting them know people care and they can trust them," Nasserri said.

Sandy Martin said her church youth plan to assist in the distribution of meals and offer enrichment activities such as sharing VBS activities and crafts.

To volunteer, contact the representative for any of the churches listed previously.

Local Planning Committee Orientation/ Training Meeting

The Crittenden County Schools' Local Planning Committee (LPC) will conduct a PUBLIC MEETING on July 14, 2016 at 6 p.m., at the Crittenden County Schools, 601 West Elm Street in the Rocket Arena Conference Room, Marion, Ky. 42064. This is the first in a series of meetings to develop a District Facilities Plan for Crittenden County Schools. The Kentucky Department of Education will be conducting a training session for LPC members at the first meeting. These meetings and future meetings will be informal gatherings to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Crittenden County School District.

The public is welcome and invited to this series of meetings.

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GARDENS

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toes, green beans, squash, okra and cabbage. Kirk stresses that the food is not restricted to the underprivileged; anyone wanting a taste of summer is welcome to come out starting at 9 a.m. Distribution will continue each Friday at 9 a.m. until the gardens are depleted.

Sweet corn should be available beginning at some point this month. Other vegetables that Kirk wanted to offer succumbed to Mother Nature, particularly from the cool and rainy days in May.

"I bet we've replanted the gardens 14 times," Kirk said.

"Plants just rotted early on. We've really struggled with it."

The produce that made it through the spring suffered at the hand of scalding, dry days in June. But the holiday weekend rains perked up the gardens.

"From Friday to this morning, it has shown a tremendous improvement," Kirk said Tuesday.

Fruit trees and berries were planted last year, but will not be ready to produce in 2016. Kirk said there are six 200-foot rows of blackberries planted. Blueberries are also being planned.

"We have no fruit (from trees) yet, but UK (Extension

services) gave us a good report," the jailer explained.

"We're probably about a year and a half away."

Kirk said the garden helps two groups of people, the community and the inmates who work the soil. He said the jail tries to select work release prisoners for labor at the gardens who may have never planted a thing in their life. The purpose is to give them new experiences and a fresh perspective that can help translate into successful rehabilitation once released.

"You would not believe what they get out of it," Kirk said.



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CHAPEL HILL...3 BR, 2 BA home. Features: open kitchen w/dining, living room w/fireplace, utility room, 2 car garage and a large covered carport and pond. Hud & Sage Aq

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How ready are you to see the Lamb’s wrath

So, so sad, we have heard mostly about the love of Jesus the past 30 years but who tells us about His wrath that St. John saw?

Speaking of the end of this world and the lost facing their judgment, the kings of the earth and all those who had failed God, “cried for the mountains and rocks to fall on them and hide them from the face of Him that sat on the Throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” Rev 6:15-17.

So many do not know that God was in Christ when He was here, and when judgment comes, we will see Him as God Almighty. “Wherefore God also has highly exalted Him... that at the name of Jesus every knee would bow... and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is LORD.” Phil. 2:9-11.

Paul said: “For it is written, As I live, said the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” Romans 14:11-12.

None of us know what minute we will be called into the presence of the Living God and will give an account of our time on earth to Him without our having never again even a second to change anything.

“For we know Him that has said, Vengeance belongs unto Me, I will recompense, said the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge His people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God.” Hebrews 10:30,31.

As Peter said: “And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” 1st Peter 4:18.

Jesus is reiterating today’s world news that would come to pass at the end of the world.

We would have to be blind, deaf and illiterate to not see all Jesus told us would come to pass is on us. “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in various places.

“All these are the beginning of sorrows. “Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake.”

Isn’t all of this in the daily news of Christians being slaughtered around the world?

“And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.” Aren’t we experiencing this very thing in America?

“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. “And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” Matt. 24:7-14.

All of this prophecy has and is being fulfilled daily.

The whole world has the Bible, and that is why Satan’s imps are so angry at Christians, here and around the world.

Satan and his imps have tried to take all real history away from us so to keep us ignorant.

All who have studied the Bible know Israel was once blessed by God because they obeyed Him.

When they left God and did what America is doing, and most of the rest of the world has already done, He let unmitigated suffering come upon them before He sent enemies to destroy them.

“Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of His sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. Also Judah kept not the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. And the Lord rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until He had cast them out of His sight.” 2nd Kings 17:18-20.

There is no way God is going to exempt America with all her evil being flung in His face. This is a nation He allowed to sacrifice thousands of its men and women because it had been established as a nation named after His Son, and He has blessed it over and above all as He did for ancient Israel in King Solomon’s time.

So I beg all to do as one of the old Gospel songs we sing in our congregation, “Be ready, be ready, be ready when He comes.”

He comes to “tread the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.” Rev. 19:15.

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



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK
Guest columnist
Religious Views

CHURCH NOTES

- Seven Springs Baptist Church will host revival services beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 24 and continuing Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29 at 7 p.m. nightly. A homecoming potluck meal will follow the July 24 morning service. After the meal, there will be singing and preaching will begin at 3 p.m.
- LaNell Bell is asking anyone with pictures related to Mount Zion Church and Cemetery that they would like to share to send them to P.O. Box 344, Cadiz, KY 42211.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday at the church’s Family Life Center.

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Attorney General says Davis violated Open Records Act

Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear says a county clerk who went to jail for refusing to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples has violated the state's Open Records Act.

In an opinion released this week, the attorney general's office said Kim Davis, the Rowan County Clerk, violated the act by refusing to produce documents related to the gay marriage battle.

The Lexington Herald-Leader newspaper said the nonprofit Campaign for Accountability requested records between Davis and her attorneys, Liberty Counsel, on March 1.

Liberty Counsel refused, saying the documents were preliminary and private. The Campaign for Accountability then filed a complaint with the Kentucky Attorney General.

The Open Records Act provides for costs and attorney's fees to be awarded in some cases as well as up to \$25 per day for each day the person is denied access to the record. Liberty Counsel can appeal the opinion.

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Area Deaths

Caraway

Gail M. (Richter) Caraway, 76, of Caldwell County died Saturday July 2, 2016 at her home after a long illness. She was a homemaker and a member of Chapel Hill Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Perry (Karen) Caraway of Caldwell County; three daughters, Shannon Carl of Caldwell County, Trudy (Tim) Cox of Marion and Brooke (Jesse) Sherrill of Caldwell County; three brothers, John Richter of Fort Myers, Fla., Charles “Bud” Richter of Fort Myers, Fla., and Kevin Richter of McHenry, Ill.; four sisters, Sharon Trambly of Kirkland, Ill., Mary Lou Gordon of Virginia Beach, Va., Megan Richter of Belvedere, Ill., Heidi Dosantos of Virginia Beach, Va.; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Wilburn “Bub” Caraway; her parents, Elmer and Norma Richter; a brother, Chris Richter; a daughter, Pamela Rushing; a grandson, Christopher Caraway; and a great-grandchild, Emily Caraway.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m., Thursday, July 7 at Morgan’s Funeral Home in Princeton. Funeral services are at 11 a.m., Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Lester Watson officiating. Burial will follow at Morse Cemetery in Princeton.

Boone

Samuel Lynn Boone, 58, of Burna died Monday, July 4, 2016 at Livingston Hospital in Salem.

He was a former employee of the Livingston County Road Department and of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are his wife of 22 years, Beverly Lanham Boone of Burna; a son, Keith Tramble; his mother, June Edna Rudd; brothers, Pat Boone of Smyrna, Tenn., and Mark Boone of Smithland; and grandchildren, Maddie Tramble, Addison Tramble and Tate Quettermous.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ashley Nicole Boone; and his father, Harold Payne Boone.

A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date.

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Belt

Edwina E. Belt, 88, of St. Louis, Mo., formally of Marion died Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at her Home.

Surviving are daughters, Marilyn B. Smith and Carol (Doug) Belt Niemuth; a brother H.B. Phillips; grand-daughter, Jennifer S. (Will) Weltman; great-grandsons, Paul Thomas and Samual Dorsey Weltman; and others.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Harold Belt; and parents, Henry and Mary Bertha Phillips.

Services are at 10 a.m., Friday, July 8 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, July 7 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Love Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Love Cemetery or Hurricane Cemetery.

Binkley

James Corbett Binkley Jr., 83, died Sunday, July 3, 2016 at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver, Colo.

He was born in 1932 to James Corbett and Sallie E. (Ramage) Binkley in Livingston County.

He was retired from Gates Rubber Company in Denver.

Binkley was a U.S. Navy veteran having served during the Korean War.

Surviving are two children, Gregory Binkley and Sally Elaine (Matthew) Cushing; three grandchildren, Joshua James, Jordan Elizabeth and Justin Matthew Cushing; sisters, Dorothy Doris (Paul) Moffett, Mary Lou Girardot and Vanda Engler; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, preceding him in death were brothers, James Charles Binkley and Douglas Don Binkley; sisters, Helen Louise, Opal Lee, Virginia Dean Binkley and Linda Marie Binkley.

Services are at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 7 at Olinger Funeral Chapel in Wheat Ridge, Colo. Burial will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery.



Russell

Carroll Raymond Russell, 68, of Marion died June 21, 2016 at his home.

Surviving are his wife, Sheila Russell of Marion; sons, Cody Russell of Salem and Travis McCord of Marion; daughter, Abbey Tinsley of Marion; sisters, Joyce Groves of Marion and Vahonna Russell of Louisiana; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Nathan Russell; parents, Morris and Grace Russell; and two brothers.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Brantley

Marie Annette Brantley, 56, of Marion died Monday, July 4, 2016 at Crittenden Hospital.

She was a member of Enon Baptist Church.

Surviving are her son, Barry Brantley of Marion; brothers, Karl Brantley of Marion, Terry Brantley of Marion and Duane Brantley of Salem; sister, Brenda Fowler of Cadiz and mother, Joyce Faye Brantley of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her father, Nathan Brantley Jr.

Services are at 2 p.m., Friday July 8 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Rosebud Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time Friday at the funeral home.

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Newcom named to coal-mineral coalition

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom has been named to the board of directors for the Kentucky Coal and Mineral County Coalition.

Newcom said his appointment is largely to represent counties where rare minerals are located, but also because Crittenden County is in close proximity to coal-producing counties.

Newcom has also been nominated for the treasurer’s post with the Pennyrite Area Development District. Newcom and City Administrator Mark Bryant are on the PADD board and so are local at-large members Roger Simpson and Bart Frazer.



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FOOTBALL

MS registration, equipment
Crittenden County Middle School football team will be gearing up for the season later this month. There will be a team meeting for registration and equipment issuing at 6 p.m., Friday, July 29 at the middle school gym. Practice will begin on Monday, Aug. 1. Players must have a physical before they may practice. An approved physical form can be found online at <http://khsaa.org/forms/CombinedMS01andPPEForm.pdf>. It is also available at local clinics offering physicals. The middle school football season will begin in late August.

OUTDOORS
Hunting seasons

Bullfrog	May 20- Oct. 31
Squirrel	Aug. 20 - Nov. 11
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7
Deer Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Turkey Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Wood Duck	Sept. 17-21
Teal	Sept. 17-25
Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Crossbow Deer	Oct. 1 - Oct. 16
Crossbow Turkey	Oct. 1 - Oct. 16
Deer Youth	Oct. 8 - 9
Muzzleloader	Oct. 15 - 16
Turkey gun	Oct. 22-28
Woodcock	Oct. 22 - Nov. 11
Crossbow Turkey	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Crossbow Deer	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunt/Trap	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Rifle Deer	Nov. 12 - Nov. 27
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 14 - Feb. 10
Woodcock	Nov. 14 - Dec. 7
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 26 - Feb. 28
Dove	Nov. 24 - Dec. 4
Duck	Nov. 24-27
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Snow Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Turkey gun	Dec. 3-9
Dove	Dec. 17 - Jan. 8
Duck	Dec. 5 - Jan. 29
Muzzleloader	Dec. 10 - Dec. 18
Deer Late Youth	Dec. 31 - Jan. 1
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 4-5
Goose Conservation	Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

New LBL quota info
Hunters may apply for the annual Quota Deer Hunts from July 1-31. There are a number of changes to seasons and bag limits at LBL this year because of a decline in the deer herd. The archery season has changed and no longer are deer taken at LBL "bonus" deer. They now count toward a hunter's statewide bag limit. Hunters may apply online at LBL.org or call (270) 924-2065. The drawing is Aug. 22. Hunters must have a statewide license and LBL Hunter Use permit before hunting.

GOLF
Heritage Tournaments

The Heritage at Marion County Club has four golf tournaments remaining on the summer and fall schedule. All of the events are open to the public except the Club Championship in September, which is available for members only. Here are this season's remaining events:
July 16 4-Person G.Hardin Mem.
July 23-24 2-Man Scramble
July 27 P.Hardin QB Club 4-Man
Aug. 27-28 Sycamore Hills
Sept. 10-11 Club Championship

Edwards is finalist for wildlife commission post

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County shooting preserve owner Russell Edwards is a finalist for the First District Wildlife Commission seat that will be filled next month.
Edwards was the top vote-getter out of seven nominees vying for the spot last week during a meeting of First District wildlife enthusiasts at Kentucky Dam Convention Center.
Edwards, 53, has operated a hunting and outfitting business in eastern Crittenden County for

16 years. He received 49 votes during balloting last Tuesday.
The next most votes went to Dr. Harry Carlross of Paducah. He received 30. The other finalists are Jeff Holland, John Cradick and Vernon Anderson.
The names of the top five vote-getters from last week's First District balloting have been sent to Gov. Matt Bevin, who will make the final selection. The governor will not be given the vote totals.

The First District seat on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission is up for grabs because current commissioner Terry Teitloff is completing his second four-year term. By statute, a commissioner may serve only two terms.
The commission makes recommendations to the Kentucky Legislature regarding fishing and wildlife regulations.



Edwards



Riley

Riley named new CCHS soccer skipper

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County High School will have a new varsity soccer coach this fall. Summer Courtney Riley, 23, has been hired as a third-grade teacher and will take over the reigns of a soccer program that has been improving in the recent years.
Riley is replacing Ken Geary, who had won 14 games over the previous three seasons as the soccer skipper, following a winless season in 2012 under previous coach Juan Gonzalez.

Although Riley didn't play soccer in high school, she was a decorated basketball player having been part of the Lady Rockets Sweet 16 berth in 2011.
Riley believes her competitive nature and athletic background will help create a robust environment for the soccer team to

continue its improvements.
Crittenden won the Fifth District Tournament last fall in a shootout over Trigg County before falling 3-2 to Union County in the Second Region Tournament. The girls were 6-16 last year.
Riley said the squad will be participating in team camp later this month and will have a rigorous preseason workout schedule for conditioning and technical skills.

Barrels of Fun
Area riders qualify for national racing championships

STAFF REPORT
Four local girls are heading to Georgia later this month to compete for prize money and other rewards at the National Barrel Horse Association Youth World Championships.
Rainey Gibbs, Caitlyn Lynch, Addie Kirby and Macie Hunt range in ages from 12 to 16 and have become highly competitive in barrel racing.
The girls spend numerous weekends from spring to fall working their horses around the barrels at qualifying events throughout western Kentucky and beyond.

The girls are mounted on their own stock, generally quarter horses or a mix between thoroughbreds and quarter horses.
"They're racing stock," said Michael Hunt, the father of one of the girls. "It's really amazing what goes on, how much these girls work at gaining an edge."
Each of them work individually on their own time to perfect their racing skills. They put their horses through special exercises in order to have them in optimum condition come race day. Most of the girls also take private lessons.
When they're not racing barrels, the girls find enjoyment in running poles and flags, too.



Among the local barrel racers are (from left) Macie Hunt, Caitlyn Lynch and Addie Kirby.

Horse show back as county fair event

STAFF REPORT
A resurgence in interest for barrel racing and other horseback sports has prompted the Crittenden County Lions Club to bring back a horse show as part of this year's county fair. The event will be held on Friday, July 29 at the fairgrounds.
Broken W Farms in Princeton and instructor-trainer Jessica Watson will be orchestrating the NBHA-sanctioned event, which will include barrel racing and pole bending.
A number of local riders are expected to participate including, Macie and Haylie Hunt, Addie and Riley Kirby, Karson and Presley Potter, Caitlyn Lynch, Hailey and Terran McCann and Jordyn Hodge.
Riders may register at the event. Practice begins at 4:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m.
Mandy Hunt, who is helping organize the show, said

volunteers have been preparing the fairgrounds track for its first horse show in more than 10 years. She anticipates around 50 entries, but said the show could grow to 100 entries based on the appeal of \$1,250 in added money provided by local sponsors.
"It will be nice for the families of these riders to be able to see them at a local event," Hunt said. She said most of the shows are a long drive away and they start relatively late in the evening so the weather is cooler for the horses.
There will be divisions for peewee, youth and open.
"We're going to just keep it simple this first year," Hunt said. "If things go well, we can add more fun games next year. It's exciting to have a show at the fair because there are so many kids around here participating in horse shows right now. Because this is the first one we've had here in a long time, we really don't know what to expect."

TRAVEL BALL



The Massac Flamez won the 18-under Elite Classic softball tournament last weekend at Mike Miller Park in Draffenville. They are a travel team that consists of girls from Illinois and Kentucky. Two local girls are on the team. They are Jenna Potter and Courtney Beverly, who are pictured above.

DUGOUT CLUB SOFTBALL TEAMS



Pictured are the 8-under softball Royals (front from left) Riley Kirby, Shelby Belt, Kyndal Shouse, Addison Wood, Taryn McCann, (middle) Braelyn Merrill, Olivia Hinchee, Taylor Haire, Laykin Gilchrist, Georgia Holeman, (back) coaches Robert Kirby and Shawn Holeman. Not pictured, Morgan Stewart.



Pictured are the 8-under softball Braves (front from left) Cheyenne Camp, Lexi Lester, Cheyenne Starkey, Dixie Hunter, Morgan Piper, Elle McDaniel (middle) Sophia Holliman, Anna Boone, Aalina Henry, Andrea Federico, Karli Beavers, (back) coaches Amanda Hunter and Tommy Harris.



Pictured are the 10-under softball Cardinals, CCDL regular-season champion. They are (front from left) Jaylee Champion, Riley Smith, Elliot Evans, Elle McDaniel, Anna Boone, Katie Perryman, (back) Aubrey Conyer, Brylee Conyer, Emily Mattingly, coach Stephen Smith, Layla Winn and Alex Jones.



Pictured are the 10-under softball Royals (front from left) Hannah Mott, Kayleigh Weathers, Jaycee Champion, (middle) Sierra Patrick, Alyssa Woodall, Callie Dempsey, Hailey McCann, Addison Mundy, (back) coaches Jeremy Dempsey and Jason Champion.



Pictured are the 12-under softball Cardinals (front from left) Hadley Rich, Isabella Holliman, Karsen Shouse, Jessie Potter, Callie Brown, (back) coach Joey Rich, coach Clint Hayes, Raylee Belt, Lilli Hayes, Belle Minton, Lilly Perryman, Kate Keller, Mckenzie Quertermous and coach Chad Perryman.

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Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-01-c)

Notice is hereby given that on June 8, 2016, Donald Martin of 1701 Enon Church Road, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executor of Doris E. Martin, deceased, whose address was 1701 Enon Church Road, Marion, Ky. 42064. Robert B. Frazer, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor on or before the 9th day of November, 2016 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

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SENIOR GAMES



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Garey Duncan takes his turn at the pool table at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center as Charles Brantley (left) and Kenneth Beavers await their turn. Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. For more information on what the center offers seniors, call director Jenny Sosh at (270) 965-5229 for further information.

8 in 10 seniors: Rx prices too high

AARP NEWS RELEASE

The vast majority (81 percent) of adults age 50-plus say prescription drug prices are too high and nearly 9 in 10 (87 percent) want politicians to support efforts to make them more affordable, according to a new AARP Public Policy Institute consumer survey.

"This survey confirms what we expected: People want more affordable prescription drugs," said AARP Chief Advocacy and Engagement Officer Nancy LeaMond. "The public is making it increasingly clear that profiteering by drug companies at the expense of Americans is unacceptable. People are worried about high drug prices and many are struggling because they can't afford their medications."

AARP's "2015 Survey on Prescription Drugs" polled Americans age 50-plus to understand their prescription drug usage and opinions regarding their cost, as well to understand their views on various proposals to help keep drug prices affordable.

The survey found that 3 out of 4 adults age 50-plus take at least one prescription medication on a regular basis. More than 8 in 10 (86 percent) of seniors age 65-plus regularly take prescription drugs; 53 percent take four or more regular medications.

"We're talking about millions of people who are impacted by high drug prices every single day," said LeaMond.

Survey highlights:

- 98** percent say it's important to be able to compare the safety and effectiveness of prescription drugs
- 87** percent say it's important for politicians – especially those running for president – to support efforts to reduce prescription drug costs.
- 76** percent say the government should be doing more about prescription drug prices
- 84** percent say drug companies should publicly explain how they price their products.
- 93** percent support allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower drug costs.

Over half (55 percent) of the survey respondents who reported not filling a prescription in the past two years said that cost was a factor. In general, prescription drug affordability concerns were greater among those in poor health, as well as those with lower incomes and lower levels of education. "No one should have to go without the medications they need because of cost," said LeaMond.

Drug, alcohol problems booming in older adults

AARP NEWS RELEASE

Statistics show 17 percent of older adults ages 60 and up have an alcohol or drug problem, compared with 10 percent of the overall population. By 2020, the number of addicted older adults is expected to double to 6 million, says Harry Haroutunian, M.D., in his new book, "Not As Prescribed: Recognizing and Facing Alcohol and Drug Misuse in Older Adults."

With an increasing population of aging Baby Boomers, Dr. Haroutunian is addressing the problem at a critical time. Many adults over the age of 50 experience life changes, both large and small. When combined with the additional pressures that may come from loneliness or depression, these can create circumstances that make it easier for seniors to overindulge in alcohol or misuse medications prescribed to them by doctors.

In "Not As Prescribed," Dr. Haroutunian discusses challenges individuals 50 and older may face. He explains how they can develop problems from substance misuse and what caregivers and loved ones should look for to stop a pattern from developing into a serious addiction.

The book is a guide for people who struggling with drugs or alcohol as well as those who want to help their loved ones. Topics the doctor covers are:


- The distinction between the symptoms of aging, the use of four or more medications by a patient and addiction.
- Which prescription drugs and medical conditions can mimic dementia.
- The difference between misuse and addiction.
- Why a senior may turn to drugs and alcohol.
- The relationship between prescription painkillers and addiction.
- Tips to help caregivers talk with an older adult's doctor about the proper use of prescriptions.
- Tips on how and where to find treatment for seniors and recommendations to help them stay on track in recovery.

"Not As Prescribed" outlines a condition that could become an epidemic among older adults. Filled with anecdotes and stories from older adults who have achieved recovery, statistics and facts about drug and alcohol use in this demographic, and a wealth of useful information for caregivers who want to take helpful action, the book is a vital resource that will save lives and families.

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