

Alcohol absentee voting under way

The absentee voting machine for the March 22 local alcohol option election in Marion is now available in County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office. Those who will be unable to vote in person on election day may request to vote absentee. Byford's office is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

To cast an absentee ballot, you must already be a voter registered at an address inside the city limits. Registration has now closed.

The exact yes or no question, as posed, will be: "Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink in Marion at restaurants and dining facilities with a seating capacity of at least 50 persons and which derive at least 70 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of food if the alcoholic beverage is purchased in conjunction with a meal?"

Vandals damage Riverview Park

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department is investigating damage at Riverview Park on the Ohio River. Sheriff Wayne Agent said vandals this winter at the former Dam 50 have damaged the children's playground area and have stolen a pedestal grill. The damage is valued at a few hundred dollars, the sheriff said.

There are suspects in the case, he added. It appears that vandals used cross ties and parts from the children's swing set for firewood. They also ripped a wooden bench from its anchors and moved it to another part of the campground.

Agent said the investigation is continuing and anyone with information may call his office at (270) 965-3400.

Meetings

- A public forum will be held at 9 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse to take comments to be filed with Crittenden Fiscal Court's grant application for a boat dock at Riverview Park.

- Marion Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at city hall to consider a zoning change request for 672 S. Main St. from residential to commercial

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet for its monthly working session at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at Rocket Arena.

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet Tuesday for its monthly meeting at the courthouse immediately following a public hearing at 8:30 a.m. on changing the name of Church, First and Walnut streets in Dycusburg. The fiscal court meeting has been changed for the month from the usual third Thursday.

- Salem City Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall.

- Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m. March 21 at Marion City Hall for its monthly meeting.



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County weighs dispatch upgrade cost, liability concerns

STAFF REPORT

Emergency responders and dispatchers have asked Crittenden County to spend about \$5,000 to purchase hardware and software necessary make the 911 dispatching service in Marion a certified National Crime Information Center.

For those unfamiliar with the certification, it's commonly known by its acronym, NCIC, and is a database for wants, warrants and stolen property among other things.

Sara Mink-Taylor, who is

the dispatching supervisor, presented a needs assessment to the county's fiscal court last month. She has worked in dispatching and as a first responder for about 25 years and says Marion is one of the few dispatching centers that does not have the NCIC distinction.

"It puts responders at a disadvantage," Mink-Taylor told county leaders.

Currently, the local dispatching center is able to access the NCIC database by calling Kentucky State

Police's dispatch center in Madisonville. The Marion dispatcher can request information from state police or provide it to them for placement in the database. Mink-Taylor said time is often critical and responders need to know what's in front of them as quickly as possible. She said police making a traffic stop would know before leaving their vehicle if the person driving the car pulled over in front

of them is wanted or if the car is stolen. She explained that firefighters responding to a scene would know what type of hazardous materials might be on site before they get there.

"It's imperative for officer and first-responder safety," Mink-Taylor said.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal was not at the court meeting with Mink-Taylor, but days later he expressed a need for NCIC. He said the

initial cost for computers and applications to operate the system is fairly minimal and the annual license fee is less than \$500.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom expressed some concern about liability that goes along with having an NCIC license. He said if incorrect information is put into the database there can be very stiff fines, in the tens of thousands of dollars in some cases. The judge also

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Crittenden, Kentucky GOP voters pick Trump

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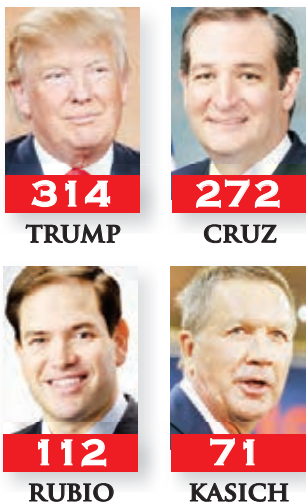


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Almost 800 Crittenden County Republicans turned out to vote Saturday in the party's presidential caucus, and like voters statewide, the majority favored Donald Trump for the GOP presidential nomination. Above, (from left) Sabrina Stubblefield, Carolyn Byford and Sue Padget register voters at the poll as Rachel Collins hands out ballots.

Caucus runs smoothly across state

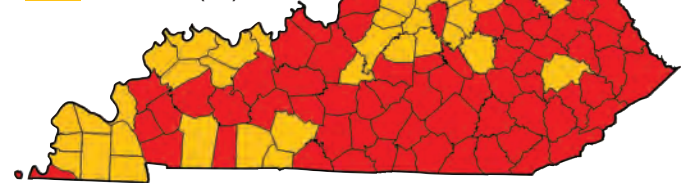
STAFF REPORT

If Crittenden County Republicans have their way, the party's nominee for president will be billionaire real estate mogul and star of "The Apprentice" Donald Trump. And if the last 40 years of local GOP politics holds true, he will be.

Trump came out the victor Saturday in local and statewide voting in Kentucky's first Republican Presidential Caucus. From Fulton County to Pike County, he earned 36 percent of the conservative ballots across the commonwealth, besting his remaining opponents Ted Cruz,

County preference

 Donald Trump (78)
 Ted Cruz (42)



Marco Rubio and John Kasich. He also carried 78 counties and came away with 17 of the 46 available delegates in the Bluegrass State.

In Crittenden County, he bested Cruz by only 42 of the 785 total votes. As with

state results, Rubio finished third, followed by Kasich in fourth.

It was by no means a resounding victory for Trump. Cruz was on his heels all evening as results

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HONEYWELL LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE ACADEMY PHOTO
Audrey Smith, a teenager from Crittenden County participating at the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics in Morehead, Ky., took her educational experience to an even higher level recently. Smith took part in the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., enjoying simulated astronaut training and shuttle missions.

Teen 'blasts' off at elite Ala. space camp

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

The week in February Audrey Smith spent spacing out away from her regular school work may have just changed the course of her life ... for the better.

Recently, the Crittenden County teen returned to her advanced studies at the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics after spending seven days at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. It was more than just space camp. It was the chance of a lifetime to participate in the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy and immerse herself in space science.



"I think it was the best experience of my life."

— Audrey Smith
Crittenden County teen who participated in the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy

Crittenden County High School student Katie Wheeler were invited to participate last August in the prestigious Craft Academy at Morehead State University, where they will finish their secondary education next year while getting a jump on college. But Smith's experience in Huntsville may have been life-altering.

"I was interested in the medical field," Smith said of the career she had planned for herself before arriving

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Chamber Awards

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for:

- Person of the Year
- Unsung Hero
- Community Pride
- Volunteer of the Year
- Customer Service

Deadline is April 11.

Email names and a brief description to Chamber@MarionKentucky.us or drop them by Marion Welcome Center.

Recognition will be given at the Chamber's annual meeting at 6 p.m. on April 28.

Chamber seeks to honor county's best

STAFF REPORT

Know anyone who gives of his or her resources to the community without much fanfare or reward? Is there someone you see donating talents or time without any motivation other than to be helpful?

If so, here's your opportunity to recognize them.

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce has issued its call for nominations for the group's annual awards, which include Unsung Hero, Community Pride, Customer Service and Volunteer of the Year.

The group is also seeking suggestions for its Person of the Year honor.

Susan Alexander, executive director of the civic organization, says the Person of the Year is the most coveted award the Chamber does out each year. Its aim is to recognize a person whose outstanding leadership and community service over a period of time has made a positive and lasting impact on the area and its citizens. Last year's Person of the Year was 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers.

The Community Pride Award, given last year to Beavers Car Wash, targets businesses or groups who have demonstrated pride in their community through improvements made to their own establishment or improvements to a public facility.

The Chamber's Unsung Hero award honors an individual who has made a difference in the community but has neither sought nor received public recognition. This award goes to a person who often

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EDITORIAL

Caucus effective, efficient for GOP

Odds are, Saturday’s Republican Presidential Caucus in Kentucky didn’t go the way you had hoped. After all, the winner received only 36 percent of the votes among a crowded field of candidates.

Ballot tallies aside, the first caucus in the commonwealth since the 1984 Democratic Presidential Caucus appeared to go pretty well. It was met with a measure of disdain and confusion, but we suspect most of the issues for voters prior to the GOP caucus simply come with the territory when a new twist is put on any familiar process.

Having spent several hours at the poll in Marion, we heard no serious complaints as voters made their way out of the multi-purpose room. That time period included the initial two hours when almost 450 ballots were marked – more than three a minute. That’s not to say no one had issues, but certainly, the caucus was not the debacle many had suspected.

Quite the opposite, in fact. On a warm, sunny late winter day when many people began tackling lawn chores and on the same day as a Kentucky basketball game, GOP voters turned out. Perhaps it wasn’t in record numbers like in some states in 2016, but it was above average both statewide and locally for a GOP presidential nomination vote. In Livingston County, where Republicans were forced to vote absentee or drive to Benton, almost 16 percent voted. Dating back to 1996, turnout for them has been no more than 13 percent for a presidential primary.

In some counties, lines and waits were apparently long. In Crittenden County, the line to vote was at least 50 people deep in the first two hours, but each voter was efficiently verified and given a simple ballot to mark. In most cases, the wait at the back of the line was no more than 10 minutes. And there were no known reports of improprieties.

All said, the Crittenden County Republican Party efficiently and effectively delivered the democratic process sought by the Republican Party of Kentucky when it chose to move to an early caucus.

We could easily advocate another presidential caucus, should either party choose a similar process in the future. It brought multiple candidates to the state, gave the commonwealth headlines as returns filtered in and delivered convention delegates to all four Republicans still seeking the presidential nomination. In short, Kentucky voters meant more in this party nomination process than any in generations.

But the voting’s not over. We still have an alcohol option election and candidates to choose in May.

Autograph decorum breached

There lives a child inside us all, but I am absolutely repulsed when the brat comes out.

The rascal appears all too often, but especially when food, money or autographs are at stake.

Really, what is the mystique about a signature? There are some cases when autographs might add value to an item on which it is scrawled. But to me, it’s simply a manifestation of a moment in time – a memory.

One might recall sites, smells, sounds or inner feelings experienced at the time he brushed near a famous or admired person. Other than the metaphysical, there’s little reward in getting an autograph, and I’ve felt that way for as long my memory wraps into the



Chris EVANS
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About Town

past.

Last weekend, the boy and I took a quick trip to Florida’s Atlantic Coast to see our beloved Cardinals open baseball spring training. It’s become something of a pilgrimage. For a baseball fan, it’s the ultimate experience... much better than seeing a game “up north” in a big ballpark with more than 40,000 fans.

Spring training is laid back. The players – although many are fighting for their meal tickets – are much more inclined to visit with fans, sign autographs and even carry on a conversation. The ballparks are quaint, holding no more than 6,000 or 7,000 people. And they’re seldom full.

It’s wonderland for true baseball enthusiasts and a

place where a 12-year-old child can come close to rubbing elbows with his heroes.

Well, that is possible until arrogant grownups start throwing elbows. It sickens me to see adults carelessly push away children who might have a chance to get a signature of their idol. Why would a grown man really care if Yadier Molina signed his game ticket? Moreover, why would they use force to get it at the expense of a kid missing the opportunity?

Come on! That same scenario was played out over and again while we were at the ballparks last weekend. It wasn’t our first rodeo. We knew the playing field. We knew these oversized overzealous babies would be out in force, hovering like gray-headed vultures along the rails where children should be given first chance at getting a signature they might cherish for a lifetime. Certainly, these men –

and women, too – are out to make cash from the signing. Some have three-ring binders with catalogued photos ready to be date stamped by a player’s John Hancock. For them, the darkest corners of hell await when they press aside a child whose eyes were bright with hope before they dashed it with an elbow shiver and hip block.

Makes my stomach hurt button holes every time I see it.

Do you ever watch people at a busy restaurant smorgasbord? They will cut off a kid’s hand to beat them in the pizza line. That same fury plays out along the foul lines of a ballpark and someone should see about creating a law against it. It’s shameful.

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Time short for budget negotiations

The deadline for filing new House bills has passed and more than 600 House bills have been filed with 80 or so passed and sent to the Senate. So far, however, no House bills have made it to the governor’s desk, and only a single Senate bill made it that far.

As I noted in an earlier update, Senate Bill 4, the informed consent bill, was passed by both chambers and is now law, but it remains the only piece of legislation to reach the governor this session. When the gavel fell on Friday, there were only 16 legislative days left before the General Assembly breaks to allow the governor to veto legislation if he so desires. After that break, the General Assembly will reconvene for the final two days of this year’s regular session to consider overriding any gubernatorial vetoes, so much work remains.

I am reasonably sure that the budget will not come out of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee until next week, leaving little time for discussion and vote in the House before going to the Senate for its consideration. The back and forth between the House and Senate never goes smoothly, and with so little time remaining, there will be a push to get it done regardless of the merits of

the bill itself. The budget process and the length of time it takes to get the budget to the floor with the associated short amount of time to actually consider it, is one of the most frustrating things I’ve encountered since first getting elected.

Last week, I spoke about HB 441, the bill approving renovation and expansion of the Lexington Convention Center, and why I voted against it in committee. As you might recall, the bill was supposed to authorize a \$60 million state loan and an additional 2.5

percent room occupancy tax in the Lexington area to fund the \$250 million project. The 2.5 percent additional tax was supposed to have 2 percent going to finance the expansion and 0.5 percent coming back to the state. In addition, the bill, as written, would have allowed the money collected from the tax to pay off bonds issued to finance the last renovation; to manage the convention center; and to finance the renovation and expansion of the convention center, but the tax had no end.

It was my opinion that if the project was going to bring in the revenue its backers claimed, there wasn’t a need to borrow money to manage the convention center, nor should the tax be unending. Therefore, I offered an amendment that



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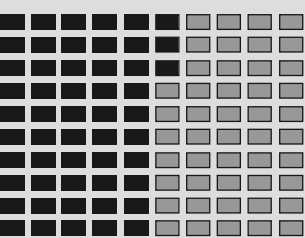
Dems extend House majority

Of Kentucky’s 138 state legislative seats, Republicans now hold a 76-62 advantage over Democrats after four open House seats were filled by special elections Tuesday. Democrats won 3 of the 4 seats, maintaining their slight majority in the House.



Kentucky Senate

■ Republicans - 27
■ Democrats - 11



Kentucky House

■ Democrats - 53
■ Republican - 47

put an end to the tax once the bonds were paid off and the state’s loan was repaid. My amendment also deleted the language that allowed the new tax to pay for managing the center.

After much negotiation with the bill’s sponsor, the bill’s backers, and the governor’s office, agreement was reached and my amendment passed the full house. I, therefore, voted yes on the bill as amended, and the amended bill also passed the full House and was sent to

the Senate for its consideration.

Two bills addressing crime were brought to the full House this past week. HB 137 would put attempt to commit murder of an identifiable on-duty law enforcement officer or firefighter on par with other violent offenses. HB 137 would require those convicted of the crime to serve 85 percent of their sentence before they would be eligible for parole, regardless of whether the officer or firefighter is seriously hurt. The current threshold for parole eligibility in such situations is 20 percent of time served, so this is a major change. The bill passed, and I voted yes.

HB 210 was also considered. It would allow a charge of third-degree assault to be levied against those who recklessly or intentionally cause or attempt to cause physical injury to on-duty local health department employees. Many other professionals in Kentucky, including teachers and social workers, are already afforded this protection in law, and should this bill become law, public health officers and local health department employees will have the same protection. That bill passed, and I voted yes.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives, and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th District.

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Bill would set March 30 as day to recognize Ky. Vietnam veterans

The Kentucky General Assembly crossed another mile marker last week by reaching the deadline for the introduction of new bills in the state Senate.

With this deadline passed, we now have a more complete view of the issues lawmakers will take up this year. The bills address a mix of familiar issues and new problems. Some attempt to assist our citizens with disabilities while others address crimes perpetrated with technology our founding fathers could only imagine. Some measures drew bipartisan support while both parties vigorously debated others.

One bill that passed last week was Senate Bill 179, which works in conjuncture with an act that was passed by the U.S. Congress named the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act. SB 179 would allow tax-exempt savings accounts for disabili-



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ity-related expenses, similar to college saving plans. The account covered by the ABLE Act would be capped at \$100,000 and allows no more than \$14,000 in contributions per year. These accounts would not count against people with disabilities in their eligibility for certain public programs, like Social Security or Medicaid.

Having a disability often requires incurring significant expenses, but many public programs require a certain level of poverty to qualify. It has always been a kind of a catch-

22 for people with disabilities.

Another measure, SB 37, tackles a crime that didn’t exist when Kentucky’s modern statutes were drafted. It attempts to deal with youngsters under the age 18 who are caught sexting – the act of sending sexually explicit photos of themselves or

other minors via mobile phones. The bill would make the first offense a Class B misdemeanor. Subsequent offenses would be Class A misdemeanors. Under current law, minors could be convicted of a felony for sexting and be forced to register as a sex offender.

Other issues taken up in the Senate chamber this week include:

- SB 175 would create a Crime Victim’s Bill of Rights through a constitutional amendment. The protections for crime victims would include the right to be notified of court hearings, the punishment and the release date for the perpetrator. The measure is known as “Marsy’s Law,” named after a murder victim whose parents are leading a national movement. Kentucky is one of 18 states without such a bill of rights. If passed by the state General Assembly, the measure would be put to voters on November’s election ballot.

- SB 193, also known as Noah’s Law, would expand insurance coverage for amino acid based elemental formula for children and adults suffering from food protein allergies, eosinophilic disorders and short-bowel

syndrome. The bill was named for Noah Greenhill, a 9-year-old Pike County boy with food protein allergies who has been denied this health benefit. There are 200 other Kentucky children who would also benefit from this measure. The bill contains an emergency clause so that the law would go into effect immediately upon the governor’s signature.

- SB 178 would establish March 30 each year as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in Kentucky. There are more than 125,000 Vietnam veterans in the commonwealth. Designating this day is a way to honor the Kentuckians who served this nation so courageously and unselfishly during the Vietnam War.

- SB 188 is a continuation of efforts to modernize Kentucky oil and gas regulations. It would make test wells subject to current oil and gas permitting, reporting and construction standards. Current regulations surrounding test wells are deficient. It would also allow oil and gas prospectors to keep the results from their test wells secret in certain situations to protect their claims. Despite depressed prices, Kentucky’s oil and

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gas industry is a billion-dollar business with about 3,000 employees.

- SB 106 would permit public schools to sponsor artistic or theatrical programs that advance students’ knowledge or society’s cultural and religious heritage and traditions. SB 106 was in response to a school’s prohibition of scripture readings in a public school’s stage adaptation of “A Charlie Brown Christmas.”

- SB 89 seeks to lift a long-standing moratorium on nuclear power plants in the state. It would require energy companies to have a plan to store nuclear waste instead of the current, and more rigid, requirement that facilities have means of permanent disposal. It would also eliminate several other obstacles to the construction and maintenance of nuclear facilities.

- SB 152 would change the informed consent process required prior to an abortion in Kentucky. The bill calls for a woman seeking an abortion to receive an ultrasound and be given the option to view the ultrasound image. Doctors violating SB 152 could be fined up to \$100,000 on the first violation and \$250,000 for subsequent violations.

All the bills that passed the Senate last week are now before the state House of Representatives for further consideration.

You can stay up-to-date on all these bills, and other legislative actions, throughout the session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at LRC.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free bill status line at (866) 840-2835.



PHOTO BY ALLISON EVANS, THE PRESS
Fourth-grade students in Heather Bloodworth’s class are serving as study buddies for students learning English at Grace English School in Chimaltenango, Guatemala. Here, Bloodworth facilitates the first online session between her class and someone studying English at the Guatemalan school.

CCES shares education with Guatemalan peers

By ALLISON EVANS
STAFF WRITER

Two weeks ago, students in Heather Bloodworth’s fourth-grade class would have had a hard time pronouncing Chimaltenango, Guatemala, or finding it on a world map. Today, the Crittenden County students are making friends there and fulfilling a state curriculum requirement.

Bloodworth’s students are serving as Study Buddies through a pilot program linking local children via FaceTime with Guatemalan students learning English as a second language at Grace English School in Chimaltenango.

It’s a win-win for students in both countries. For the Guatemalan students, it provides time to practice conversational English they are learning in their Central American school. For the American students, it fulfills a key component to the state’s Global Competency and World Language curriculum by providing opportunities to learn Spanish from native speakers.

Through the Study Buddies pilot program, Bloodworth sets aside 30 minutes a week for her students to connect face-to-face via the Internet with students at Grace English School, which was established by Bill Minihan and his wife Sara, who manage the Badgett Playhouse in Grand Rivers.

Bill and retired Lyon County teacher Denise Johnson shared information about the needs of Guatemalan students and the importance of them learning English during a visit to Bloodworth’s class last week. By the end of their visit, Bloodworth’s fourth-graders had their first Study Buddy experience with students in Chimaltenango.

Grace English School is a private school with 43 students who attend after their normal school day with the sole intent of improving their knowledge of the English language. Their English instruction is provided by a native Guatemalan who studied in the United States and returned home.

Learning Spanish and Central American culture has been part of CCES’ recently-implemented World Language and Global Competency requirement. This is the first year teachers are required to incorporate the mandate into their curriculum. Next year, World Language and Global Competency will be part of the school’s accountability testing, just like practical living, arts and humanities and writing is today.

“Our primary language focus is Spanish due to the high school requirements our students have and the area’s increasing Hispanic population,” Bloodworth explained. “With my Spanish language background and the proficiency expectations of World Language program review, we are engaging all students at CCES in Spanish language lessons weekly.”

“My students have really taken interest in learning the language, therefore, when (the opportunity for the Study Buddies program) came up, I knew it would be

incomparable.”

Bloodworth said learning English makes Guatemalan teens more marketable, more employable in Latin American resorts or places like Antigua in the Caribbean. Knowing English can help them avoid the cycle of poverty and other serious social ills, the educators say.

Bill Minihan explains that the road to Bloodworth’s classroom involved a series of twists and turns. In fact, a day trip he and his wife took to Guatemala while on a cruise in 2009 began paving the road for the partnership between the local elementary school and Grace English School.

“We went into Guatemala and couldn’t believe what we were seeing; it overwhelmed me emotionally,” said Minihan, who has used Badgett Playhouse as a platform to promote Guatemalan missions, which have included construction projects in several communities – all of which ultimately focused on education.

To date, the Minihans, who recently established ProjectGuat, have raised \$160,000 to support projects in Guatemala.

The organization is still in its infancy, but just since CCES began the Study Buddy program, new opportunities are developing for ProjectGuat. His goal is for the Grace English School to become a full-time private school in 2017 with a Christian-based curriculum focused on English. Today, the project relies entirely on private U.S. donations; however, Minihan hopes it will become self-sustaining based on tuition from students.

Denise Johnson, who accompanied Minihan on a recent trip to Guatemala, connected with Bloodworth’s students last week by showing them a slide show of her mission team’s trip to help build a two-room school in Chutinamit in central Guatemala.

The students hung onto Johnson’s every word as she described a two-room school in Chutinamit where older students assist younger ones and half-day attendance allows students to go home and work.

They stared in awe as they heard about the town “president,” or mayor, having keys to all the village’s houses and how students keep toothbrushes and their own face towels on hooks at their school so they can practice good hygiene.

The project Johnson participated in included building 22 one-room houses out of concrete blocks for families who had lived three years in government-issued plastic tents on a soccer field after a hurricane devastated their village.

“The project was coordinated through a company from Guatemala known as ConstruCasa,” said Minihan, who made several trips to assist with the construction.

Through ConstruCasa and ProjectGuat, Bloodworth’s students are expanding their knowledge of the Guatemalan culture while also doing their part to help expand a small group of Guatemalan children’s knowledge of the English language.

More information about the initiatives with which Minihan is involved can be found at BadgettPlayhouse.com, Facebook.com/GraceEnglishSchoolGuatemala and ConstruCasa.com.

Benefits of Alcohol?

\$249 billion is spent on alcoholism annually.

Alcohol is the third most common cause of preventable death in the US, more than 85,000 deaths a year occurring either directly or indirectly due to drinking.

Each year, among 18-24 year olds, more than 1,800 die due to alcohol-related injuries, and more than 97,000 are the victim of a sexual assault in which alcohol was a factor.

Number of alcoholic liver disease deaths: 18,146

Number of alcohol-induced deaths, excluding accidents and homicides: 29,001

UNDERAGE DRINKING STATS

Nearly 1/3 of all drunk driving deaths happen to people ages 16-20.

There are about 10.8 million underage drinkers in the United States.

One in six teens binge drink.

Only 1 in 100 parents believes his or her teen binge drinks.

10.8 MILLION UNDER 21

100 PARENTS

VOTE NO

March 22

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1/3 of all traffic-related deaths involve alcohol-impaired driving

Over 50% of all fatal highway crashes involving two or more cars are alcohol related.

Over 65% of all fatal single car crashes are alcohol related.

*Data compiled from the Center for Disease Control & Prevention. U.S. Dept. of Transportation and Department of Safety & Community Alcohol Information Program, Inc.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center
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Prospect, Buzzard Roost schools recalled fondly

Two of our old one-room schools that not much history is known about are Prospect School and Buzzard Roost. Both of these schools were in the Cave Spring area of the county. What little history we know was shared by Mana Crowell Little.

Prospect School
Prospect was located in southeastern Crittenden County. The ground on which the school building was built was given by Marian "Kit" Clark. It was a log building.

The earliest record found was from 1891, and Sarah Carmen was given as the name of the teacher.

Schools in the early days were of short duration, meeting only three months in the fall, usually beginning about October and continuing until the end of December. Sometimes in the spring there was a term of six weeks.

There was running water in a little branch on each side of the schoolyard. We had one water bucket and two dippers, not one bucket for girls and one for boys. Whoever got to the bucket first drank.

By the time dinner hour was over, we needed fresh clean water. After a few years, the children who had school paper to do their homework on learned how to make a paper cup to hold water. This was thought of as a more sanitary way to drink. We carried water from a well a few yards from the building. A spring a few hundred yards away was used when water got low in the well.

We played games of town ball, baseball, wol and chicken and jump the rope. All were simple games and not expensive.

There was a high bluff east of the school building. Teachers would take the children on a tour of the bluff on a Friday afternoon or two during the school term, which was six months for a number of years.

The first term of seven months at Prospect was in 1916-17, and I was the teacher. My salary was \$210 for the seven months, an average of \$30 per month.

The log school building was torn down and a new one built that was all wood. It was one room and was erected on the same site. It was of weatherboard painted white with a shingle roof. Its dimensions were approximately 30 by 40 feet and had two front doors.

The schoolyard was a good size, but lay rolling on each side. The ball diamond was along the front of the building, about 25 or 30 feet from the building to first base of the diamond.

Many programs were given on the last day of school. Children and parents always looked forward to that time. Parents would bring big boxes and baskets of food to be served at the noon hour which was served from the stage.

We also had at least one box supper during the term, selling boxes from 45 cents to \$4 to \$5 per box. With this money, books, pictures or an American flag was purchased.

There was no parent-teacher association, but several parents visited during "books," as classes were

called. They would advise teachers to correct their children and really gave permission to enforce good behavior.

During lunch hour in the fall of the year, children would gather huckleberries, persimmons, hickory nuts and walnuts. The small girls liked to find a big flat rock and gather moss to cover it. That was a sofa. They would break a bushy limb from a large bush for a broom to sweep off a place around the sofa for a room or play-

house.

Some of the teachers were Rev. James F. Price, Rev. Monroe Travis, E. Jeffrey Travis, Jimmie Canada, W.K. Powell, Joseph Samuels, Frank Newcom, Cordelia Wheeler, Velda Nichols, Susie Orr, Mana Crowell Little, Aliena Hinchee, Wilbur Horning, Agnes Easley and Stella Dean.

Buzzard Roost School
The school of Buzzard Roost was located a little north of Pigeon Roost Creek in the southeastern part of Crittenden County. The school was located on the Henry Brantley farm off of Fish Trap Road and Barthel Crowell Road. There were no census records of this school, as they somehow got destroyed over the years.

The log school building had one room and a huge fireplace in which logs were burned. The building had a roof of boards, which was made by hand. The doors

were also handmade. Benches for the children were made by splitting a log in half and trimming some of the splinters off the flat side. Round pegs

were driven in holes for legs and to support the bench.

There were no desks on which to put writing materials, which was only a slate in a wooden frame. The slates also served as a blackboard. Blackboards were unheard of at that time, as were tablets, notebooks and paper.

School lunches were cold, fixed by mothers at home and placed in a tin pail or small basket. Lunch was usually wrapped in an old newspaper after we began having one newspaper each week. Ants also enjoyed our lunches with us. Drinks were water or a bottle of milk brought from home. There was no running water, only what was in branches nearby.

Bathrooms were also unheard of in our area, but the woods were always a refuge. Children walked through rain, snow, ice and sometimes a distance of one to three miles.

A few of the children who attended Buzzard Roost were from the families of Hugh Givens, John Tosh, Henry Brantley, Hugh McKee, Evans Crowell, James Edward Crowell, Bob Edwards, Cebe Canada, Bird Ashley, Field Brantley, William Chandler, Marian Clark and John Price.

Some of the teachers were John A. Reynolds, M.D.; Rev. W.C.M. Travis; Jimmie Canada; Rev. James F. Price; and James Harvey Travis.

Teaching application
To be chosen to teach a school in the early 1900s, the person interested in the position would have to write



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
The Prospect School sat nestled up against the woods in the eastern part of the county in the Cave Spring-Nunn Switch area. The children enjoyed playing on the rocks behind the school during play time. The discovery of making a paper drinking cup (inset) from their school paper was a wonderful thing for those fortunate enough to have school paper.

to the trustee of the school and ask for the position. The following three interesting letters were sent to the trustee of Prospect School in 1916-17, Mr. Ewin Alvan Crowell, asking for the teaching position.

**Feb. 15, 1916
Marion, Ky.**

Dear Sir: Wishing to secure a school for the coming session. I consulted our County Superintendent, Mr. E.J. Travis, about the matter, and he advised that I make an application for Prospect.

I have attended the Marion Graded and High School seven years and am now in my Senior year. I have never taught, but will endeavor to make your school a success if entrusted to my care.

I am J.D. Asher's daughter. For recommendation, see Mr. E.J. Travis.

Thanking you in advance for consideration of my application.

I am yours respectfully,
Naoma Asher

**March 8, 1916
Marion, Ky.**

Dear Sir: Before going away to school this summer, I thought I would look around a little for a school for another year.

I am the daughter of Mr. G.W. Perry. Doubtless, you knew my father well, as he was connected with the school interests of the county for a score of years.

I have had two years of actual experience. Besides I have had a term in the State Normal at Bowling Green. I have a first-class certificate. You may inquire of Mr. W.B.

Yandell, Supt. Travis or Judge Blue as to my morals. I should be glad to hear from you soon. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your convenience. Yours respectfully,
Irma Perry

**April 24, 1917
Piney, Ky.**

Mr. Crowell: I have been told that your daughter was not intending to teach this year, and I have decided that I will teach again provided I can secure a school that will pay.

Have you promised your school to any one yet? I know I am late, but I had thought that I would not teach in Crittenden this year. How many does your district number?

Please let me hear from you soon. Respect,
Mary Towery

Thanks to Arlena Maroney Fowler for sharing these letters with us. They belonged to her step-grandmother, Mana Crowell Little, who was Mr. Alvan Crowell's daughter. They are in excellent condition to be 100 years old.

(Editor's note: Brenda Underdown is a Crittenden County historian, genealogist, chair of the Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found on her blog at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com.)



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Religion

The Crittenden Press

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it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.
— Romans 12:8

What are you trading heaven for?

America is swiftly being infiltrated and encircled by the butchering ISIS because too many have traded heaven for a short life of sin here. We desperately need God to defeat them, but God has promised every nation on earth destruction by brutal invaders when those nations forsake Him.

America has forsaken God by trading a life of lust, sin and disobedience for a home in heaven as well as losing their life and home here. Just ask the French, who have forsaken church and righteous living for years.



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK
Guest columnist
Religious Views

No politician, regardless of how right they might be, will save us. Only a great host of Americans forsaking and naming their sins to God will ever turn God away from His promised destruction and cause him to bless us again.

This has to be done by each individual who is not truly born again. Truly born-again Christians live a godly life like the Bible tells us to, not what someone has deceived us into thinking – that we can sin here and there and get by.

Those kinds of lives are

bringing God's wrath down upon the world. May God speak to those who have traded their souls for a mess of pottage.

What have you profited if you gain the whole world and lose your own soul?

Every person in the world who is not truly born again – changed by the power of God that causes revulsion for sin – is trading their eternal home in heaven for something. Regardless of what that something is, it cannot be taken to hell with them.

Jesus asked in Matthew 16:26, "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

You see, we lose everything we've traded for our souls when we face God,

therefore we have nothing to exchange for our souls. Our souls were worth something to God at Calvary. He bought us from Satan with His Son's life.

But when we trade our souls for this world's goods or pleasures, which end at the grave, we are bankrupt and have nothing to bargain with.

Moses found pleasure in sin, but for a season. Oh, I wish that all would find out that all sin has a season and leaves us desolate in our lives and souls. Sin of any and all kinds leaves sores, pain, guilt, shame, sorrows, wrecked lives, broken hearts and hopelessness.

Every news cycle attests to this. Every broken life tells the same sad story. We chose our ways over God's, and

then our only hope is God.

The prodigal son took all his dad had paid for, wasting it all for worldly pleasure, and ended up eating in the pignen of life. That is where we all are when in sin, eating from the devil's stinking slop bucket that iS full of rejected rotten garbage.

The prodigal son came to his senses and returned to his father, and the father not only graciously forgave him, but was so happy to see him that he ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

That is the kind of Heavenly Father we have, if we come to our senses in time and go to God in true confession of our sins, naming them as the son did and accepting His forgiveness. We must also do as He says: "Come unto me, all you that

labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden in light."

Thank God, I have found it so by trading my sins, guilt, ignorance and shame for His forgiveness, peace and fellowship. Him using me in His work is greater than a million worlds of sin and pleasures that sure are only for a season.

(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.)

First commandment is to love God with whole heart, soul, mind, strength

By FELTY YODER
GUEST COLUMNIST

One day, while Jesus was teaching and conferring with the Sadducees, a certain scribe was listening in and taking a keen interest in the discussion. He took the opportunity to ask Jesus which is the first commandment of all.

Jesus answered by pointing out to him that our God is one Lord, and we are to love Him with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. And the second commandment is like the first, you shall love your neighbor as yourself, for there are no greater commandments than these.

The scribe was deeply impressed with the truthful answer Jesus gave him. He understood such a perfect love is better than any kind of offerings or sacrifices. When Jesus recognized the wisdom the scribe showed in the matter, he told him in Matthew 12-34, "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

We find that the main theme of Jesus teaching was on the Kingdom of God. He asks us to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto

you." Hereby, we learn that when one adheres to the greatest commandment – and is seriously seeking the kingdom of God and his righteousness – he has found the Way, the Truth and the Life, which is the Lord Jesus.

Can we believe that when these kingdom principles of the great commandment of love and seeking of the kingdom of God and his righteousness were expounded upon from the pulpit that it would have a profound impact on humanity?

We do hear an abundance of encouragement on passages such as Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." And we have many verses that bear likewise messages.

The question is, saved from what?

I assume most everyone is agreed it is saying we are saved from hell fire. And I certainly would not deny that it is so. What we want to consider and remember is that nowhere do we read that Jesus came to save His people from hell fire. We do read in Matthew 1:21, "He shall save His people from their sins."

A lot has been written

about love. It is spoken about, sung and preached every Sunday. Yet there probably are few things that people have misunderstood, misinterpreted and seen so little of as a true love.

This is in a large part due to the fact that most people are in the flesh. Therefore, they interpret the nature of love according to their human reasonings and to the spirit of the times. The result is a human love that permits the flesh to live as long as it fits in with what is considered reasonable.

The angel to the church of Ephesus had left his first love. If we leave our first love, we also leave the light of revelation in the Spirit. Then we are left with empty human opinions.

As long as our hearts burn with the love for Christ, we will desire to be filled with the fullness that dwells in Him. We see the virtues of Christ more clearly and increasingly glorious. We put them on and proclaim them.

This is our task as a royal priesthood.

(Editor's note: Felty Yoder, of the Salem area, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

CHURCH NOTES

- Marion Second Baptist Church on East Depot Street will be histing a Easter egg hunt at noon on March 26. There will be prizes, food and the resurrection story will be shared.

Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Ky. 506 in Crittenden County is hosting "Gilligan's Island" Seven Deadly Sins Wednesday night Bible study through March 23. The program starts at 6 p.m.

- Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church on Ky. 723 in Crittenden County will be hosting revival beginning March 21 at 7 p.m. nightly. Bro. Tony Perryman will be the evangelist.

- Maranatha General Baptist Church on Cedar Grove Road in Salem will be hosting revival April 7-10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. each night.

- 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.

- Unity Fredonia Baptist Church's free clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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.

(Editor's note: Send us your announcement of upcoming activities or special services or a photo of events happening at your church. Don't forget to let the community know of upcoming

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Area Deaths

Harris

Allen “Pee Wee” Harris, 71, of Marion died at his home Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Surviving are his wife, Sherri Harris; a son, Allen (Amanda) Harris of Marion; a daughter, Shyral (Joe) Estes of Marion; a brother, Bill Harris of Cordin, Ind.; a sister, Thelma Sizemore of Paducah; and three grandchildren, Joseph, Amanda and Jase.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Monroe and Alice Harris; a brother; and a sister.

Funeral services were Saturday March 5 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Fredonia Cemetery.


Jackson

M a r y a n n Jackson, 56, of Hampton died T h u r s d a y, March 3, 2016, at the Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

She was a member of Hampton United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Stacy Wallace (Doug) of Marion; son, Travis Taylor (Whitney) of Tiline; parents, James and Maryevelyn Jackson of Hampton; sister, Jonna Jackson of Hampton; and four grandchildren, Lane Wallace, Shelby Wallace, Weslee Taylor and Georgia Taylor.

Services were Monday, March 7 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. E. J. Saint officiating. Burial was at Good Hope Cemetery.



Hodge

Alpha Ophelia Hodge, 88, of Marion died Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

She was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church.

Surviving are six sons, Mike Hodge (Vicki) of Florida, Paul Hodge (Jeannie) of Indiana, Reg Hodge, Tim Hodge (Hope) and Greg Hodge (Carol), all of Marion; and Mark Hodge (Christine) of Frances; four daughters, Alfreda Wheeler (Wayne) and Henrietta Ellington, both of Marion, Mildred Hodge of Benton and Brenda Farrow (Tom) of Pennsylvania; a sister, Lillian Stefanko of Indiana; 27 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold H. Hodge; parents, Lawrence Houston Fuller and Jennie Brannam; a daughter, Wanda Hodge; two brothers; and a sister.

Services were Saturday, March 5 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Chaplain Brent Easton officiating. Burial was at Owen Cemetery.



Bozeman

Palestine Bozeman, 73, of Louisville, formerly of Salem, died Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Hosparus Inpatient Hospital Care in Louisville.

Surviving are a sister, Wanda Yvonne Bowen; and four brothers, Charles Bozeman, Terry Lee Bozeman, Curtis Lane Bozeman and Keith Wayne Bozeman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Lee Bozeman and Edna Willene Cash.

Services were Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was at Tyner’s Chapel Cemetery.

Thomas

Mary Thomas, 85, died Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Caldwell County Medical Center.

Surviving are a son, Donald Thomas of Marion; a daughter, Ruth “Sissy” Gardner of Marion; a sister, Glinna Danks of Dade City, Fla.; and a grandchild, Janice Nesbitt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion Thomas; and eight brothers and sisters.

Services were Sunday, March 6 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Marion.

Myrick

James A. Myrick, 87, of the Lola community died Friday, March 4, 2016, at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a retired farmer and a member of Salem Masonic Lodge #81.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years Jacqueline Myrick; a niece; a nephew; and a daughter.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Myrick; and his parents, Alvin Irvin and Pearl Kimsey Myrick.

Graveside services were Monday, March 7 at Lola Cemetery. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Mary Hall Ruddiman Animal Shelter; Gideon Bibles; or the charity of your choice.

Roberts


Robert Franklin Roberts, 77, of Marion died Sunday March 6, 2016 at his residence.

He was a member of Marion Baptist Church and worked as a butcher. He also had served in the National Guard.

Surviving are his significant other, Shirleen Dahl, of Marion; a son, David (Misty) Roberts of Marion; a grandson Dustin Roberts; a granddaughter, Megan Roberts; six step-children; 18 step-grandchildren; a brother, Gary Roberts, San Antonio, Texas; five sisters, Carolyn Dooms of Marion, Sharon Richardson of Hanson, Dorothy Mann of Lakeland, Fla., Wanda Gal of Calhoun, Ga., and Nell Johnson of DeSoto, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Lucy Wesmoland Roberts; wife, Clara Katherine Roberts; and three sisters.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m., Thursday, March 10 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery. Visitation was scheduled for 5-8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.



Hosick

Hazel Bea Hosick, 89, of Benton, Ky., died Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

Born September 17, 1926 in Benton Mo., she was the daughter of the late Herman and Myrtle Binkley. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, caregiver and wife. She was of the Pentecostal faith.

Hosick is survived by her husband of 72 years, Allen W. Hosick; a son, Roger Hosick (Diana) of Marion; two daughters, Shirley Loveless (David) of Benton, Ky., and Sandra Curry (Maurice) of Calvert City, Ky.; a sister, Betty Griffiths of Ft. Myers Fla.; eight grandchildren, Darren Loveless and (Tara) of Chapel Hill, Tenn., Damian Loveless (Sarah) of Murray, Kevin Hosick (Rita) of Grand Rivers, Karen Dale and (Wesley) of Grand Rivers, Pam Williford (Paul) of Calvert City, David Curry (Stacee) of Delta, Colo., Heath Hosick (Sarah) of Evansville, Ind., and Ty Hosick of Marion; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Myrtle Ramage Binkley; two brothers, Jewell Binkley and Forest Binkley; two sisters, Mina Wieland and Pauline Aczel; and a son, Ronald W. Hosick.

Services were Saturday, March 5 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremations Services with Bro. Doug Stevens officiating. Burial was at Loveless Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Loveless Chapel Cemetery Fund, 2028 US Highway 60 E, Salem KY 42078.

Kloke

Oscar F. Kloke, 86, of Henderson died Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at his home under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice.

Surviving are two daughters, Joyce Burdon (Tim) of Marion and Vicki Kloke-Smith (Allen); two sons, Robert “Robby” Kloke (Susan) and John (Betsy) Kloke; a daughter-in-law, Donna Kloke; 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; a cherished friend, Jean Odom; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Margaret Hollifield Kloke; wife Marilyn Bennett Kloke; sons, Donald “Butch” Kloke and Steve Kloke; granddaughter, Myranda Lynn Kloke; sisters, Louise Slaughters, Claire Sutton Mattingly and Sally Courtney; and brothers, George “Georgie” Kloke, Julius Kloke, Henry “Hotshot” Kloke, Charlie Kloke and Jesse Kloke.

Services were Saturday, March 5 at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home in Henderson with Rev. Todd Linn, Rev. Jason Johns and Rev. David Schill officiating. Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson.

Memorials may be made to The Gideons International.

Middleton

Betty Joyce Middleton, 72, of Lebanon, Ky., formerly of Marion, died Monday, March 7, 2016 at Kindred Hospital in Louisville.

She was a housewife.

Surviving are four daughters, Robin Martin, Lampasas, Texas; Tracy Moss, Marion; Debbie Jean Durham and Shannon Johnson, both of Louisville; son, Todd Wilson of Lebanon; 18 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and a brother, Douglas Meredith of Washington, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Betty Highbaugh Meredith.

Services are at 11 a.m., Friday, March 11 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery. Visitation is from 9 a.m., until the funeral hour on Friday.

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The National Ag Day program believes that every American should:

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- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.

- Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

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The U.S. has \$175.57 billion in ag exports each year, according to the World Trade Organization ... twice the second-leading exporter, Brazil with \$90.66 billion. The top five agricultural commodities are cattle and calves, dairy products, poultry, corn and soybeans. Only 15 percent of America's food is imported, and Americans spend only 6 percent of their income on food, less than any other nation.

American farms are an important part of the economy

America's farms contributed \$177.2 billion to the U.S. economy in 2014. The United States sells more food and fiber to world markets than we import, creating a positive agricultural trade balance.

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American farms put millions to work

More than 21 million American workers (15 percent of the total U.S. workforce) produce, process and sell the nation's food and fiber. Farm and ranch families comprise just 2 percent of the U.S. population.

Small farms drive Kentucky agriculture

There are 76,500 farms in Kentucky, ranking it fifth in the U.S. in number of farms. Almost 60 percent of those are small, family farms.

U.S. farms cover more land than any European nation

Forty-one percent of U.S. total land area is farmland. The 938.28 million acres of farmland in America would make a nation that ranks 19th in world in area ... just behind Mongolia. That's more square miles than the entire area of any European nation.

Cattle receipts rank Kentucky 4th

Poultry is the top farm commodity in Kentucky, but beef cattle is close behind, totaling \$835.8 million in cash receipts in 2013. There are more cattle in Kentucky than any state east of the Mississippi, and the state ranks fourth overall in cattle and calf cash receipts. In Crittenden County, there are more cows than people.

Soybeans are king in Kentucky

Soybeans rank as Kentucky's top cash crop – corn is second – and the amount of land planted in soybeans is more than the entire state of Delaware's footprint. Kentucky ranks 14th nationally in both soybean and corn production. U.S. farmers produce 46 percent of the world's soybeans, and 41 percent of the world's corn.

Kentucky 4-H Foundation asks farmers to back Ag Tag program through \$10 donations in March

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is asking farmers to make the \$10 Ag Tag donation in the month of March as they renew their farm license plates at their county clerk's office. When Kentucky farmers make their donations they are providing Kentucky 4-Hers in every county opportunities to develop leadership, citizenship and life skills.

With the continued support from Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture, Ryan Quarles, the donation is divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for promotional programs such as Kentucky Proud.

"A great way to celebrate being a Kentucky farmer is to donate \$10 to the Ag Tag Fund when you purchase

your Kentucky Farm License Plate," Commissioner Quarles said. "Make the donation – and support the future of Kentucky agriculture!"



Quarles

More than 279,000 youth or 35 percent of the K-12 grade population participate in Kentucky 4-H programs in all 120 counties. Kentucky continually ranks in the top 10 in several 4-H enrollment categories nationwide. Through the Ag Tag donation all 120 counties in Kentucky will receive 50 percent of the 4-H share donated in their county. Last year Kentucky 4-H received \$180,119 as its portion of the donations; which was split between the county where the funds originated and the Kentucky 4-H Foundation.

"We are excited to have the support of Commissioner Quarles and county clerks across the Commonwealth,"

said Melissa G. Miller, interim executive director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "Through the support of the Commissioner's office, since 2012, the Ag Tag program has raised over \$1.8 million for 4-H, FFA and the Kentucky Proud Program." Kentucky 4-H has received during that period, \$632,001; this has made a tremendous impact on 4-H programs across the Commonwealth. This year, we ask that you continue to make your \$10 donation for your farm vehicle, helping 4-H grow strong leaders for tomorrow, advance agricultural education in Kentucky and promote Kentucky farm products.

Through your donation as a Kentucky farmer, that means you are giving back to your local county 4-H council. These funds are providing programs and activities that teach children and teens about leadership, citizenship,

science, technology, communications, public speaking, agriculture and more. The Kentucky 4-H Foundation uses its share to support statewide 4-H programs including engineering events, the Issues Conference, the Performing Arts Troupe, the 4-H Summit, and state officer scholarships. These funds are ensuring that 4-H remains a vital center of excellence in the Commonwealth.

Making the \$10 Ag Tag donation is an excellent opportunity for Kentucky's farmers to support the youth of their community and help fund the programs that can make a lasting difference in the lives of 4-H members across the Commonwealth.

Last year, more than 186,000 farm license plates were bought or renewed. With the support of Kentucky farmers, significant funds can again be generated to help Kentucky 4-H Grow!

USDA offers protections for crops against weather losses

By **JOHN W. McCAULEY**
KENTUCKY FSA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In agriculture, opportunity is often created from overcoming challenges. So when I hear people say "work for the best and prepare for the worst," it is the American farmers and

ranchers who come to mind because they characterize the optimism and resilience of the very concept, especially when it comes to overcoming severe weather.

And although many farmers and ranchers carry insurance on their crops and livestock, insurance isn't always available for everything that can be grown or produced. For example, with many specialty crops, like vegetables and fruits, or floriculture, nursery, or livestock forage, private insurance for losses from weather damage may not be available.

That's why the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers help to producers through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), which provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented plantings occur due to natural disasters.

NAP has existed for 21 years; for the majority of that time, it provided only catastrophic coverage for losses of more than 50 percent of expected production. That catastrophic coverage – still available – pays 55 percent of the average market price.

Today, not only does NAP provide a safety-net for specialty crop producers working to make healthy fruits and vegetables available to more consumers, the program also covers aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup – and even organic and energy crops. Higher levels of coverage are available for losses up to 65 percent of production and 100 percent of the average market price.

Basic coverage fees are \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, whichever is less. No producer pays more than \$1,875. In fact, for beginning, traditionally underserved, or limited resource producers, the catastrophic coverage is free, and premiums for higher levels of protection are discounted by 50 percent.

For spring planted crops in Kentucky, the deadline to apply is March 15. I encourage farmers of all types to visit an FSA office to learn more about the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

(For more information, visit the Salem FSA office at 2027 U.S.60 East or call (270) 988-2180.)

Kentucky farm income fell \$500 million in 2015

LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER

Due to bad weather and unfavorable foreign exchange rates, Kentucky farm income fell in 2015 by about \$500 million. But at almost \$6 billion, this was the third-highest year on record for state farmers.

University of Kentucky agricultural economists have said the outlook for this year is slightly worse, with gross cash receipts predicted to slip slightly to \$5.9 billion.

The 8 percent decline in gross receipts will mean about a 20 percent drop in net farm income, which will dip below \$2 billion. In 2016, net farm income – profits – will slide even further, to about \$1.5 billion, according to UK estimates.

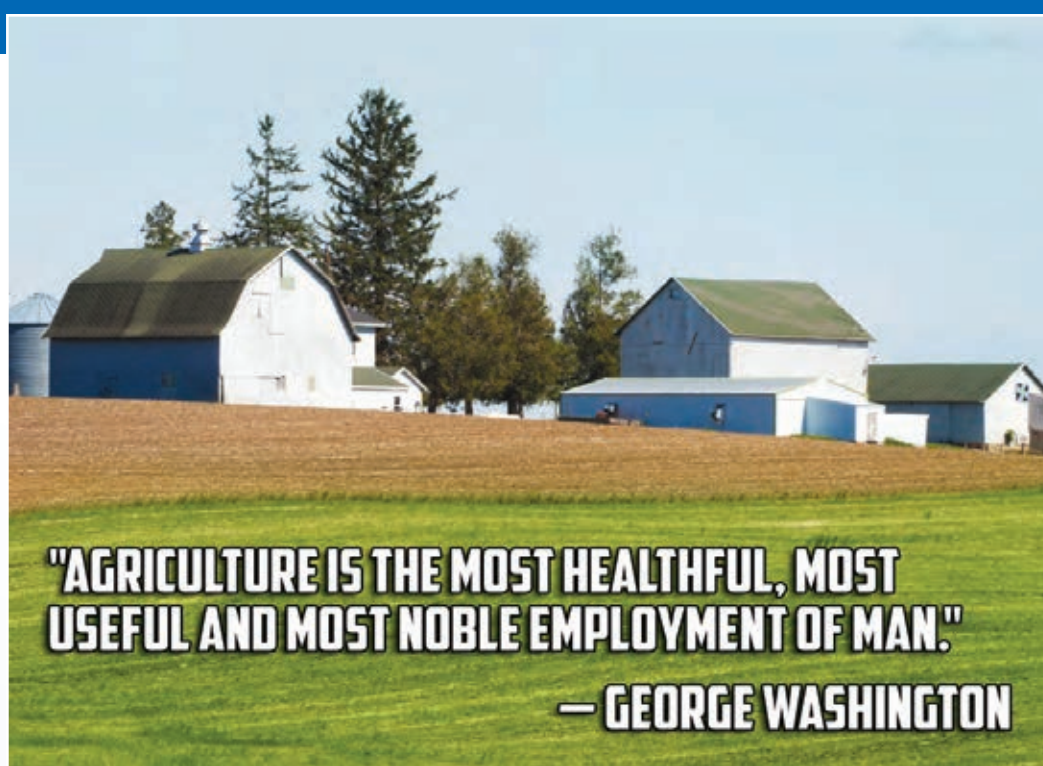
Although bad weather hurt some crops last year, a big drag on farm sales continues

to be the decline in exports because of the strong dollar, UK economist Will Snell said.

"Ag always cycles. We have some good years and some challenging years. It does appear that the more we become globally connected, the wider these swings have become," Snell said. "The question we all have is, how long will this downward spiral continue? We've certainly had a very sunny outlook the last few years, ... but storm clouds have settled in and we have some challenges."

Crops were hit harder than livestock last year.

Poultry and dairy, wheat and hay are expected to gain ground in 2016, while beef cattle, corn and soybeans are expected to be down, according to the economic forecast.



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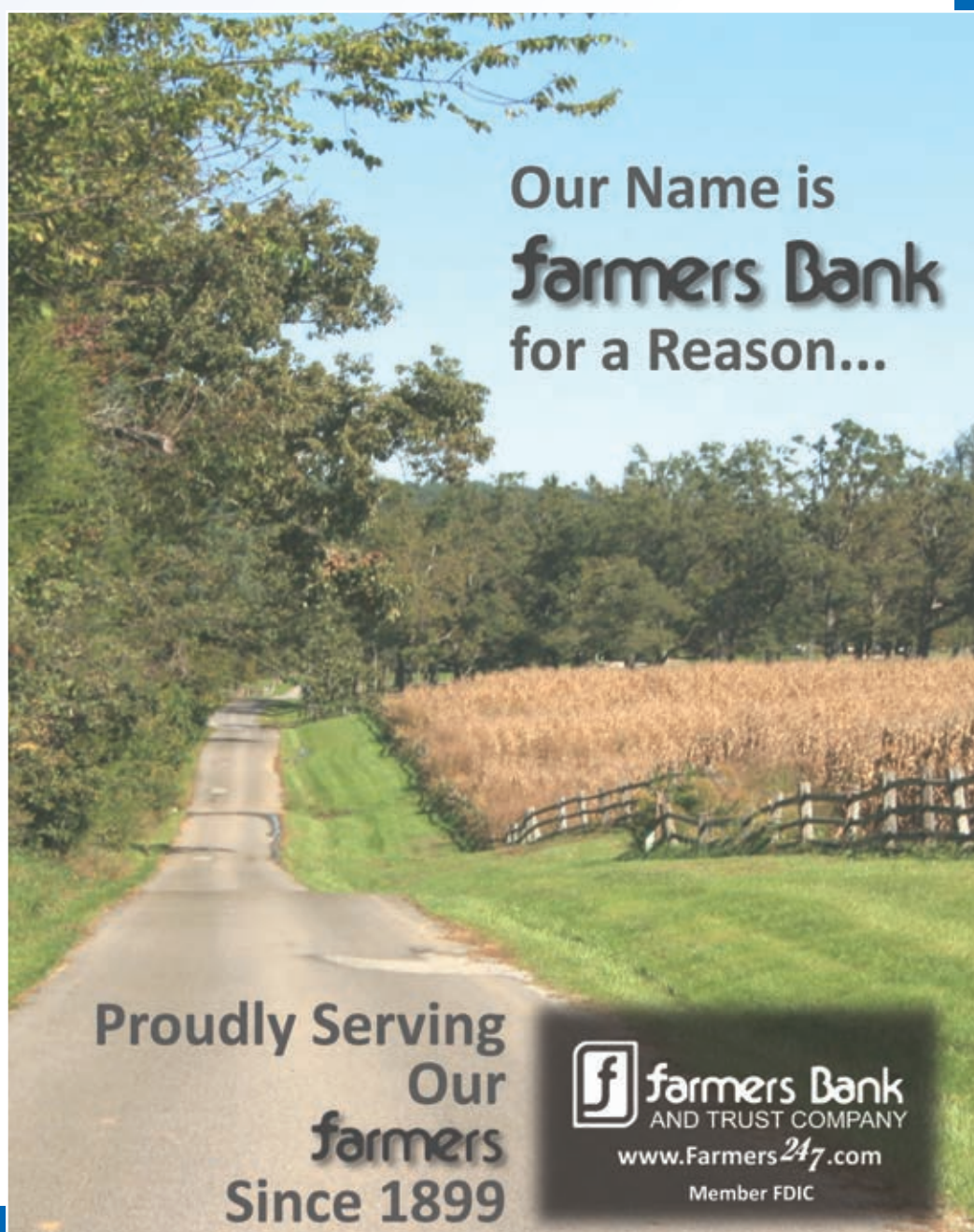
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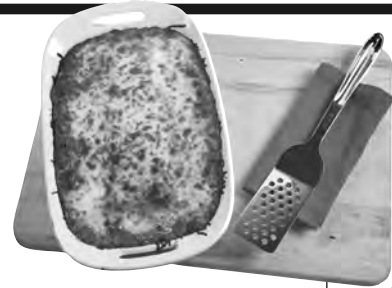
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Senior center meal set for this evening

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center's monthly fundraising meal is today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. It will be a St. Patrick's Day-themed event, so wear green. Conrad's Food Store in Marion has donated lasagna for the entree, but guests are asked to bring a side dish. Music will be provided. A \$5 donation is requested for the center's home-delivered meals program.

Community events scheduled for week

- 4-H Pinterest Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.
- Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at Crittenden County Public Library. Everyone is to bring a legal document, such as a will, deed, military documents, marriage license, etc., that they have acquired during their research and tell how it helped them in their genealogy.
- Morning Glories Extension Homemakers will meet at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. New are members are welcome.
- 4-H Council will meet at 5:15 p.m. Monday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.
- 4-H Tractor Club will meet Tuesday at Hutson on Hopkinsville Street in Princeton.
- After Hours Extension Homemakers will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. New members welcome.
- Crochet Corner will meet at noon next Wednesday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. New members welcome. Contact Becky Zahrtz at (270) 965-5236 for more information.
- Evening Belles Extension Homemakers will meet at 12:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. New members welcome.
- Crittenden County Retired Teachers Meeting will be at 4 p.m. next Thursday at Marion United Methodist Church.
- Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. March 18 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. Kelly Dawes from the Pennyrile Health Department will be speaking to the group on a continuous glucose monitor.
- Crayne Cemetery clean-up day is set for 9 a.m. March 19 at the cemetery. The rain day will be March 26.
- 4-H Dog Club will meet at 3:30 p.m. March 21 at the fairgrounds in Marion.
- 4-H Run through the Clovers 5K registration begins at 8 a.m. March 26 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Participants may pre-register at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.
- Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. March 28 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. New members are always welcome, as the club is open to the curious, beginners or advanced quilters.
- 4-H Communications Day will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 29 at Crittenden County Middle School.
- 4-H Homeschool Club will meet at 2 p.m. March 30 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

Submit your calendar item
Community calendar is designed for individuals, non-profit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events that may be of interest to the community. The Crittenden Press reserves the right edit or reject any announcement. To submit your item, call (270) 965-3191, email pressnews@the-press.com or stop by our office at 125 E. Bellville St.

Writing contest winner will win B&B

STAFF REPORT
Grace House Bed and Breakfast in Marion is on the market, and prospective buyers can snag the property and business for just \$126 and a few cleverly worded paragraphs.
That's right. The new owners could win the 5,685-square-foot bed and breakfast and its well-established business for about the same cost for a family of four to enjoy a day at the zoo. But the catch is, you have 200 words or less to tell a panel of judges what owning Grace House would mean to you.
Owners Karen Woodall and Steve Spillman wanted to find a creative way to downsize responsibilities and transition out of the business. The method may sound unique, but Woodall said she got the idea from a woman in Maine who did the same thing.
"I sometimes like to consider

myself a creative person, and I value the creativity in others," Woodall, who owns a private law practice in Marion, says to open the contest on its own website, BedandBreakfastContest.com.
"Grace House Essay Contest" even has its own Facebook page.
The contest began Christmas Day and will run through June 25. With a \$126 entry fee and the short essay, contestants are entered to win the turn-key business, property, including living space and four guest rooms, and enough furnishings to seamlessly take over the business without even closing the doors. If a minimum number of entries are received, the winner as judged by a third party panel will be announced July 25.
"They'll come in with the business all ready to go," Woodall said recently. "And by winning, if they want to make changes, they will have collateral and not have a

mortgage to pay."
Woodall and Spillman, a retired policeman, will continue operating the business that was built from the ground up until the new owner steps in.
"We're pretty excited about it," Woodall said.
Summer is the busiest time for the bed and breakfast, but it also stays very busy during fall hunting seasons and around the holidays. People in the area for everything from reunions to biker rallies have stayed, and guests have come from all over – Africa, Japan and even Uzbekistan.
"I believe it has been an asset to the community, and we hope to keep it that way," Woodall explained. "By doing this, it allows the new owners to come in without debt."
The couple plans to stay in Marion after moving out of the bed and breakfast business.



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS
Karen Woodall and Steve Spillman will be giving away Grace House Bed and Breakfast in Marion to the winner of a writing contest.

Schedule for senior menu set

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those 60 and older or \$5 for those under 60. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. Upcoming activities and menu include:
- Today: Menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, seasoned cabbage, whole wheat roll and peach crisp.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. A tax preparer will be on hand Fridays in March to answer questions related to filing 2015 taxes. Call to make an appointment. Wear blue for Colon Cancer Awareness Month. Menu is catfish, navy beans, cole slaw, ambrosia and cornbread.
- Monday: Ladies' exercises will be led at 9:45 a.m. by Full Body Fitness Studio. Nutrition basics and recipes will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Menu is franks and kraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread and fruit cobbler.
- Tuesday: A legal aid will be on hand at 10 a.m. A nutrition lesson will be provided at 10 a.m. Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli salad, whole wheat garlic breadstick and peach crisp.
- Wednesday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Sign-ups will be taken for transportation to the grocery and other appointments. Menu is turkey roast with gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes and cranberry salad.
- Next Thursday: Menu is hasbrown casserole with ham, lima beans, whole wheat roll and snickerdoodle.
All menu items are subject to change based on availability. Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information. The center is a service of Pennyrile Allied Community Services. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.



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Reading across America



Elementary students in Crittenden County participated last week in the National Education Association's Read Across America character day contest. Read Across America is the annual celebration of reading that honors the March 2 birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, known as Dr. Seuss. This year marks the 19th national Read Across America celebration in partnership with Dr. Seuss Enterprises and includes a six-city reading tour. The program engages an estimated 45 million educators, parents and students nationwide with school and community celebrations coast to coast. Local contest winners pictured are (top left) afternoon preschool winners Miley Hayes and Jett Champion; (above, from left) P-2 winners Trace Bonds, who was the top winner, Creea Whitfield and Gavin Grimes; and 3-5 winners (top right) Carson Brown, who was the top winner, Kaiden Travis and Mya Moore. Other P-2 winners were Drake Young, Grace Vinson, Taryn McCann, Gavin Grimes, Coby LaRue, Cameron Nesbitt, Charlie Rogers, Presley Potter, Colt Belt, Creea Whitfield, Layken Gilchrist, Kodi Stoner, Brodi Rich, Lilah Sherer, Braelyn Merrill, Trace Bonds, Quinn Summers, Kylee Stallins and Elijah Stallins. Additional 3-5 winners were Hattie Hatfield, Christian Coleman, Kaiden Travis, Seth Henry, Lanie Greenwell, McKenna Myers, Natalie Boone, Katie Perryman, Macie Hunt, Carson Brown, Aria Kirk, Mya Moore, Hannah Long, Brylee Conyer, Allyson Bradham, Rylee Remus and Chase Conyer. Zack Sizemore portrayed Seuss' Cat in the Hat for students.

Native American art on agenda for Homemakers at their council meeting

STAFF REPORT
Barbara Gillihan, an Extension Homemaker member, gave a presentation on Native American art forms at last Thursday's Crittenden County Extension Homemaker Council meeting as a part of the Extension Cultural Arts & Heritage program encouraging members to preserve and support all Native American art forms.
She and her husband are owners of Skywalker Flutes, where they make and sell Native American-style items. She shared the meaning of five art forms, the Lakota pouch, dream catcher, six-hole cedar flute, medicine wheel and a version of a ghost dancer shirt.

The council consists of the presidents from the five clubs and county offices and chairmen. County officers include Sarah Ford, president; Kathy Bechler, vice president; Micki Crider, secretary; and Barbara Myers, treasurer. Club presidents are Darl Henley, After Hours Club; Nancy Lanham, Challengers Club; Dot Boone and Kay Long, Crooked Creek Club; Pat Carter, Evening Belles Club; and Sharon Giltz and Barbara Gillihan, Morning Glories Club.
For further information on Extension Homemakers, call Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at (270) 965 5236.



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Crittenden County Extension Homemaker Barbara Gillihan speaks last Thursday during a presentation on Native American art forms at an Extension Homemakers Council meeting.

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School district vaults past readiness goal

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County School District has been recognized along with 110 others by the Kentucky Department of Education for making good on a pledge made five years ago to improve the college- and career-readiness (CCR) of high school graduates by 2015.

The local high school sent 75 percent of its students, based on certain benchmarks met, out into the world last year ready to tackle higher education or enter the job market. That exceeded the goal set in 2011 by 13 points.

"According to these data figures, we ranked No. 18 in the state in terms of percentage exceeding our goal," said CCHS Principal Curtis Brown, who took over that role in 2014. "This is absolutely the result of multiple years of work by our school leadership and teaching team, and we're seeing the benefits of this emphasis on CCR readiness every year now."

"We hope to have strong numbers again this year."

All of the state's 169 P-12 school district superintendents and local board of education chairs signed the pledge – known as the Commonwealth Commitment to College and Career Readiness – in 2011. (In Kentucky, five public school districts do not have high schools). Each of the districts had a unique goal to reach based on increasing its 2010 college- and career-readiness rate by 50 percent by 2015.

"We value our students being college- and career-ready," Brown continued. "When you walk into our school, one of the first things you'll see is pictures displayed on our walls of our CCR students. Our students have

Brown

bought into the importance of meeting this goal, and they work hard to achieve it. Every month, I have students come up to me in the hallways and tell me immediately when they've made it, so our students know its importance."

Livingston County graduated 68.8 percent of its seniors last year as college- and career-ready, up from its goal of 61 percent.

Based on data collected in 2009-10, 34 percent of Kentucky's high school graduates were considered ready for college and careers. In 2015, that rate jumped to 66.8 percent, based on Unbridled Learning assessment and accountability results released in the fall.

"Through hard work and dedication to their students' needs and futures, the majority of Kentucky's public schools met the commitment they signed in 2011," said Education Commissioner Stephen Pruitt, who recognized

Districts meet college, career goals

Last year, 111 Kentucky public school districts made good on a pledge they made five years ago to improve the college- and career-readiness of their high school graduates. In 2015, Crittenden County had 75 percent of its students achieve readiness, far exceeding the goal of 62 percent set five years ago. Below are districts of interest:

DISTRICT	2015 RATE	GOAL
Caldwell County.....	78.8.....	64.0
Crittenden County	75.0.....	62.0
Livingston County.....	68.8.....	61.0
Lyon County.....	76.8.....	68.0
Webster County.....	75.7.....	66.0
Union County did not achieve goal		

districts that met their goals at the Kentucky School Boards Association conference in Louisville on Feb. 27. "The impact of this cannot be understated. As a result of the commitment being met, at least 15,000 more students have graduated ready to take

the next step into postsecondary opportunities. This is tremendous, and puts the Commonwealth on the right track as we look to build on the accomplishments of the past 25 years and provide each and every child with a world-class education that will lead them

to success in their postsecondary endeavors, in the job market and life."

The Commonwealth Commitment was tied to the passage of Senate Bill 1 (2009), which required that P-12 and postsecondary education leaders produce a plan to reduce remediation of high school graduates entering college by 50 percent.

In September 2010, campus presidents from Kentucky's colleges and universities signed a resolution pledging their commitment to be full partners with the Kentucky Department of Education in preparing high school graduates to be college- and career-ready.

SB1 also mandated a new state accountability system for public schools that includes a college- and career-ready measure to emphasize the importance of schools focusing on marked improvement in this area.

Annual Chamber award recipients from history

Person of the Year

2015: Brandi Rogers
2014: Regina Merrick
2013: Terry Bunnell
2012: Mona Manley
2011: Chris Cook
2010: Joe Yarbrough
2009: Chris Evans
2008: Judy Winn
2007: Gareth Hardin
2006: Fred Brown
2005: Zac Greenwell
2004: Rose Crider
2003: Steve Davidson
2002: Barry Gilbert
2001: J. Wade Berry
2000: Jim Hatfield
1999: Dulcie Hardin
1998: Nancy Hunt
1997: Lois Hicks
1996: Marlene James
1995: Richard Conrad
1994: Gordon Guess
1993: Charles Tinsley
1992: Ethel and Thomas Tucker
1991: Alan Stout
1990: George Patmor
1989: Mickey Alexander

Volunteer of the Year

2015: Kristi Beavers
2014: Kim Vince
2013: Fred Stubblefield
2012: Bob Briley
2011: Toyia Redd
2010: Helen Lewis
2009: Sarah Ford
2008: Margaret Gilland
2007: Ron Padgett

Customer Service

2015: Clifton Etheridge
2014: Pam Enoch
2013: Ideal Gas
2012: Terry Ford Insurance
2011: Farmers Bank tellers
2010: Donny Herron
2009: Alma Tabor
2008: Keith Hart

Community Pride

2015: Beavers Car Wash
2014: Johnson's Furniture & Appliance
2013: Marion Fire Department
2012: Marion Tourism, Marion Main Street, City of Marion
2011: Wright Plaza
2010: The Peoples Bank
2009: Crittenden County Detention Center
2008: Marion Bobcats
2007: Myers Funeral Home
2006: Superior Trophies and Screen Printing
2005: Crittenden County Kentucky Farm Bureau
2004: Thom Hawthorne/Hawthorne Enterprises
2003: Par 4 Plastics
2002: American Legion Post 111
2001: Crittenden Health Systems
2000: Botanical Florist & Gift Shop
1999: Farmers Bank & Trust Co.
1998: Thom's Sweet Shoppe
1997: The Peoples Bank
1996: Crittenden County High School
1995: n/a
1994: Liberty Fuels, Kentucky Utilities Co.
1993: Stout Law Office
1992: Sureway

Unsung Hero

2015: Chris Evans
2014: Mike Crabtree
2013: David Travis
2012: Greg Rushing
2011: Brandi Rogers
2010: Brenda Underdown
2009: Jim and Merle Myers
2008: Tina Walker
2007: Donnetta Travis
2006: James C. Johnson
2005: Emily Shelby
2004: Steve Cosby
2003: Perry Newcom
2002: Paja Crider
2001: Sarah Ford
2000: Mike Byford
1999: Donnie Corley
1998: Allison Mick Evans
1997: Chris Cook
1996: Ronnie Stubblefield
1995: Larry Duvall
1994: Marlene James
1993: Jack Voss
1992: Ramona Ford
1991: Erika Crider
1990: Richard Conrad
1989: Lois Hicks, Larry Orr
1988: Ethel Tucker
1987: Diana Byford

CHAMBER

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works behind the scenes to improve the quality of life for others. Last year's Unsung Hero was Chris Evans.

Volunteer of the Year is a tribute to an individual or individuals who performs community service on their own time without compensation. Last year, this award went to Kristi Beavers for her work with the local animal shelters.

The Customer Service Award identifies an individual who goes above and beyond normal demands of his or her job to provide extraor-

dinary customer service. Last year's recipient was Clifton Etheridge, who works at Marion Feed Mill.

Nominations may be submitted via email to chamber@marionkentucky.us or provided in writing at the Chamber office at the Marion Welcome Center at Marion Commons.

Deadline for nominations is April 11. Selections will be made by Chamber directors and will be presented during the group's annual meeting and dinner at 6 p.m. April 28. The event will be catered by Conrad's Food Store and it will be held at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

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Some Facts on Alcohol and Its Affect

1. \$249 billion is spent on alcoholism annually.

2. Alcohol is the third most common cause of preventable death in the US, more than 85,000 deaths a year occurring either directly or indirectly due to drinking.

3. Number of alcohol-induced deaths, excluding accidents and homicides: 29,001.

4. Number of alcoholic liver disease deaths: 18,146

5. Each year, among 18-24 year olds, more than 1,800 die due to alcohol-related injuries, and more than 97,000 are the victim of a sexual assault in which alcohol was a factor.

VOTE NO ON MARCH 22

Paid for by Crittenden County Ministerial Association

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACE WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE FOLLOWING PRECINCTS IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION, MARCH 22, 2016.

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR CRITTENDEN COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

QUESTION

Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink in Marion at restaurants and dining facilities with a seating capacity of at least fifty (50) persons and which derive at least seventy percent (70%) of their gross receipts from the sale of food if the alcoholic beverage is purchased in conjunction with a meal?

☐ YES

☐ NO

PART OF MARION #1, #2, #3, #4, AND #6

Looking for a warm place to walk, workout or just a place for the kids to play some basketball?

We have what you are looking for. Please feel free to come and use the Family Life Center at Marion Baptist Church. Open to the Community. All are Welcome!

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Through March 13 (If there is no school, FLC will be closed for the PM hours)

Monday and Thursday 6pm to 8pm

Weight Room - Walking Track

Tuesday 5:15pm to 6:15pm

Weight Room - Walking Track

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Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter weigh-out sale

March 8, 2016				
Receipts: 718 Last Week: 497 Year Ago: 253				
Compared to last week: Feeder steers traded steady to 6.00 higher. Feeder heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Feeder bulls traded 4.00-6.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady. Sale consisted of 24 stock cattle, 105 slaughter cattle, and 589 feeders. Feeders consisted of 17% feeder steers, 38% feeder heifers, and 28% feeder bulls.				
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	250-300	293	218.00-230.00	222.64
6	300-350	338	215.00-224.00	219.81
10	350-400	375	207.00-217.00	210.73
7	400-450	409	200.00-207.00	202.25
11	500-550	526	181.00-192.00	185.23
8	550-600	566	172.00-184.00	180.77
3	600-650	605	158.00-162.00	159.36
12	650-700	677	151.00-160.00	156.69
4	700-750	705	153.00	153.00
5	800-850	822	134.00-138.00	134.78
3	950-1000	976	120.00	120.00
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	235	192.50	192.50
1	300-350	330	208.00	208.00
4	350-400	378	198.00-203.00	200.82
3	400-450	432	192.50-194.00	193.16
3	450-500	468	185.00-194.00	190.86
1	500-550	535	179.00	179.00
3	550-600	572	155.00-160.00	157.31
Feeder Steers Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	350-400	365	160.00	160.00
1	400-450	420	165.00	165.00
Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	400-450	415	127.50	127.50
1	450-500	480	122.50	122.50
1	550-600	575	111.00	111.00
1	700-750	700	80.00	80.00
1	850-900	890	88.00	88.00
1	1000-1050	1035	91.00	91.00
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	150-200	160	280.00	280.00
1	200-250	225	200.00	200.00
9	250-300	280	188.00-205.00	193.22
19	300-350	330	180.00-198.00	191.42
19	350-400	375	177.00-188.00	182.59
2	350-400	355	194.00	194.00
26	400-450	429	170.00-181.00	175.56
16	450-500	473	160.00-172.00	166.29
28	500-550	517	154.00-165.00	161.16
31	550-600	567	147.00-157.00	153.79
14	600-650	626	142.00-148.00	144.58
7	650-700	673	130.00-135.00	133.52
2	750-800	761	124.00	124.00
1	800-850	810	114.00	114.00
1	900-950	915	116.00	116.00
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	230	165.00	165.00
1	250-300	265	175.00	175.00
4	300-350	335	170.00-177.00	173.24
2	350-400	380	165.00-170.00	167.50
11	400-450	440	160.00-169.00	164.84
2	500-550	522	142.00-143.00	142.50
3	550-600	570	142.00-150.00	145.26
1	600-650	646	130.00	130.00
3	700-750	740	116.00	116.00
3	750-800	773	118.00-128.00	123.37
Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300-350	320	165.00	165.00
1	350-400	375	170.00	170.00
1	550-600	595	137.00	137.00
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	312	200.00-220.00	209.76
12	350-400	369	200.00-215.00	206.95
16	400-450	415	192.00-204.00	198.82
21	450-500	469	181.00-194.00	185.61
16	500-550	518	173.00-182.00	177.37
20	550-600	561	160.00-170.00	166.35
2	600-650	602	154.00-167.00	160.53
8	650-700	682	135.00-139.00	138.00
19	700-750	715	132.00-138.00	137.05
1	850-900	850	110.00	110.00
1	900-950	940	104.00	104.00
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	300-350	328	194.00	194.00
5	350-400	382	191.00-197.00	193.97
2	400-450	400	175.00-180.00	177.50
7	450-500	472	176.00-180.00	178.42
5	500-550	547	168.00	168.00
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3 (cont.)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
11	550-600	593	150.00-159.00	154.10
2	600-650	625	140.00-142.00	140.99
3	650-700	673	125.00-133.00	129.40
Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	350-400	355	160.00	160.00
Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	800-1200	1078	72.00-74.00	73.01
7	1200-1600	1433	65.00-70.00	67.29
1	1200-1600	1380	78.00	78.00
1	1200-1600	1560	63.00	63.00
3	1600-2000	1668	65.00-73.00	68.27
Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	800-1200	1102	69.00-76.00	73.64
2	800-1200	1118	64.00-66.00	65.04
10	1200-1600	1302	65.00-75.00	71.21
1	1200-1600	1295	62.00	62.00
1	1600-2000	1655	70.00	70.00
Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	755	65.00	65.00
19	800-1200	1016	58.00-70.00	65.56
3	800-1200	983	72.00-76.00	74.07
4	800-1200	1061	55.00-57.00	55.47
2	1200-1600	1298	64.00-70.00	66.86
Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	500-1000	965	72.00-75.00	73.98
2	1000-1500	1075	83.00-86.00	84.58
4	1000-1500	1144	72.00-78.00	75.16
7	1500-3000	1865	94.00-100.00	96.87
1	1500-3000	1935	103.00	103.00
2	1500-3000	1908	72.00-76.00	73.71
Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1200-1600	1225	147.50-180.00	169.05
4-6 Months bred				
1	1200-1600	1335	165.00	165.00
7-9 Months bred				
Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1110	780.00	780.00
1-3 Months bred				
1	800-1200	1155	830.00	830.00
4-6 Months bred				
1	1200-1600	1355	950.00	950.00
4-6 Months bred				
Bred Cows Medium 1-2 Young				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	700-800	710	975.00	975.00
7-9 Months bred				
Bred Cows Medium 1-2 Middle-Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1110	1175.00	1175.00
4-6 Months bred				
Bred Cows Medium 2 Young				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	795	970.00	970.00
4-6 Months bred				
Bred Cows Small and Medium 1-2 Young				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	700	875.00	875.00
7-9 Months bred				
Bred Cows Small 1-2 Young				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	620	800.00	800.00
7-9 Months bred				
Bred Cows Small 1-2 Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	780	540.00	540.00
4-6 Months bred				
1	800-1200	825	660.00	660.00
4-6 Months bred				
Stock Cows and Calves: Cows 4 to 8 years old with 75 to 265 lb calves at side 1400.00-1850.00 per pair.				
Baby Calves: Beef Breeds 160.00-300.00 per head. Dairy Breeds no test.				
Legend: VA=Value added, LD=Low dressing, HD=High dressing, BX=Brahman X.				
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CAUCUS

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poured in from the Republican Party of Kentucky's headquarters in Frankfort. The Texas senator finished only 4 points behind Trump with 32 percent of the 229,667 ballots cast across the commonwealth, earning 15 delegates. He and Trump swapped first and second in each county.

Meantime, Rubio and Kasich traded third and fourth place across the state's 120 counties, and each earned seven delegates with 16 and 14 percent of the vote, respectively.

All seven of the other Republican hopefuls who dropped out received some votes in the RPK-run caucus. Only Ben Carson and Kentucky's own Ron Paul, though, gathered more ballots than the 496 marked "uncommitted."

Since 1976, the most recent presidential election for which records were readily available, Crittenden County Republicans have chosen the party's eventual nominee for President. However, in 1992 and 2004, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, respectively, faced only "uncommitted" opposition on the ballot. In 1984, Ronald Reagan was unopposed and there was no GOP primary.

Perhaps as interesting as the balloting outcome was the caucus itself. It was the first deviation from a state-run primary since Democrats hosted a presidential caucus of their own in 1984. Because Kentucky Republicans had never held a presidential caucus, no one really knew what to expect, but party officials said they were happy about the outcome.

"I was very pleased," said Fred Stubblefield, vice chair of Crittenden County Republican Party and chair of the caucus committee, after all the votes were counted.



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Crittenden County Republican Party Vice Chairman Fred Stubblefield, who also chaired the county's GOP presidential caucus committee, speaks Saturday morning at the high school multi-purpose room to Crittenden County High School juniors who witnessed the party's first caucus for extra credit.

"For all those people in Crittenden County to come out, that's great. Impressive."

Just under a quarter of the county's 3,196 registered Republicans voted Saturday. That turnout is not as high as for the primaries in 2000 and 2012 when 34 percent of the county's GOP cast a ballot each time, it was greater than the 21 percent average for the last five presidential primaries.

Statewide, 17.9 percent of registered Republicans voted, a couple of points higher than the average for the last seven May primaries.

"Participation in the Republican caucus has been remarkable," state GOP Chairman Mac Brown said in statement praising the turnout statewide. "It is exciting to see Kentuckians so engaged, and it is great that so many voters used this opportunity to have a mean-

Republican caucus results

CANDIDATE	CRITTENDEN	KENTUCKY	PCT	DELEGATES
Trump*	314	82,493	35.92%	17
Cruz*	272	72,503	31.57%	15
Rubio*	112	37,579	16.36%	7
Kasich*	71	33,134	14.43%	7
Carson	10	1,953	0.85%	
Paul	3	872	0.38%	
Bush	2	303	0.13%	
Huckabee	0	174	0.08%	
Christie	0	65	0.03%	
Fiorina	0	64	0.03%	
Santorum	0	31	0.01%	
Uncommitted	1	496	0.22%	

GOP primary and caucus turnout history

ELECTION	CRITTENDEN	LIVINGSTON
1996	8.88	12.20
2000	34.21	10.96
2004	7.86	7.29
2008	17.84	12.84
2012	33.96	8.51
2016	24.56	15.90

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GIRLS AT HOPKINSVILLE
LAST WEEK'S OPENING ROUND
Hopkins Central 64, Lyon Co. 57
Henderson 66, Christian Co. 46
Madisonville 65, Crittenden 30
Webster Co. 49, Hopkinsville 44
Friday's Semifinals
Henderson 54, Hopkins Central 34
Webster Co. 51, Madisonville 39
Saturday's Championship
Henderson Co. 42, Webster Co. 41

BOYS AT CENTRAL HOPKINS
LAST WEEK'S OPENING ROUND
Trigg Co. 44, Caldwell Co. 38
Christian Co. 58, Henderson 39
Hopkinsville 56, Webster Co. 41
Madisonville 74, Lyon Co. 36
THURSDAY'S BOYS' GAMES
Saturday's Semifinals
Christian Co. 80, Trigg Co. 46
Hopkinsville 67, Madisonville 48
Monday's Championship
Christian County 82, Hopkinsville 72

BASKETBALL

Brown in NAIA tourney
Marion native Bailey Brown will be playing for the second straight year in the NAIA Women's Division II National Championship Tournament at Souix City, Iowa. Brown and her Asbury Lady Eagles will play St. Francis (Illinois) at 10:15 a.m., Thursday (today). Asbury is 23-9 and its first-round opponent in the 32-team tournament is 28-4.

Moss earns All-Region
Junior guard Cassidy Moss has been selected to the Second Region Coaches' Association All-Region Team for her play this season. Moss averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds a game. She also eclipsed the career 1,000-point milestone early this season. Lyon County coach Jeff Doom was the Second Region Coach of the Year and Lyon's Becca Somers was named to the All Region Team.



BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Sign-up period extended
Crittenden County Dugout Club has extended its registration period without penalty. Anyone interested in registering for kickball, softball or baseball may do so at the normal cost (\$25 for kickball and \$35 for all other leagues) until Wednesday, March 15. See next page for information about the league and how to sign up.

SOCCER

Registration under way
Crittenden Youth Soccer Association registration will be from 5-8 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Marion Dairy Queen. Registration forms are also available at Conrad's Food Store and at The Press Online. Mail completed form to PO Box 584, Marion, KY 42064.

RUNNING

4-H 5K is March 26
Crittenden County 4-H is sponsoring a 5K run and walk with obstacles on Saturday, March 26 at the park. Same-day registration begins at 8 a.m., with the event starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25. Participants may pre-register at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

BOATING

Dam's ramp back open
The boat ramp at Kentucky Dam Marina on Kentucky Lake has reopened to boat launching following a reconstruction project. The ramp, located within Kentucky Dam Village State Resort in Marshall County, closed in late November for renovation. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Engineering Division, working on behalf of the state's Department of Parks, replaced the old ramp with a new five-lane ramp featuring 14-foot wide lanes.



Crittenden County Rockets Baseball Team includes (seated from left) Hunter Holeman, Payton Riley, Bobby Glenn Stephens, Kyle Castiller, Pate Robinson, Devin Porter, Maeson Myers, Sean O'Leary, Briley Brown, (second row) Seth Birdwell, Shelby Robinson, Jake Ellington, Nick Castiller, Alex Cosby, Taylor Yancy, Jake Gibson, Clay Croft, Ryan James, Ethan Dossett, Jacob Hackney, (back) assistant coach Alex Wood, assistant coach Jamie Brown, Dylan Hollis, Paxton Riley, Tony Hood, Noah Sallin, Jared Lundy, Brandon Wilson, Ethan Hunt and head coach Donnie Phillips.

CCHS BASEBALL ROSTER			
Last Name	First Name	Grade	Number
Birdwell,	Seth	12	9
Castiller,	Nick	12	14
Cosby,	Alex	12	16
Hollis,	Dylan	12	13
James,	Ryan	12	17
Wilson,	Brandon	12	7
Hood,	Tony	12	30
Ellington,	Jake	11	5
Hackney,	Jacob	11	Mgr
Hunt,	Ethan	11	24
Lundy,	Jared	11	6
Myers,	Maeson	11	3
Robinson,	Shelby	11	21
Stephens,	Bobby	11	2
Yancy,	Taylor	11	12
Riley,	Paxton	11	15
Castiller,	Kyle	10	4
Croft,	Clay	10	8
Sallin,	Noah	10	37
Porter,	Devin	9	28
O'Leary,	Sean	9	19
Gibson,	Jake	9	10
Boone,	Hunter	9	25
Riley,	Payton	9	11
Brown,	Briley	9	20
Robinson,	Pate	9	26
Dossett,	Ethan	9	18
Holeman,	Hunter	9	1

ROCKET BASEBALL SCHEDULE			
March 11	at Madisonville	V-JV	5:30pm
March 14	at Webster County	V-JV	5:30pm
March 15	at Fort Campbell	V-JV	5:30pm
March 17	at Caldwell County	V-JV	5:30pm
March 18	at Hardin County, Illinois	V-JV	5:30pm
March 22	at Trigg County	V-JV	5:30pm
March 25	at Union County	V-JV	5:30pm
March 26	at Tilghman (Brooks Stad.)	V-JV	1:00pm
March 28	at Hopkins Central	V-JV	5:30pm
March 29	at Calloway County	V-JV	5:30pm
March 31	at Livingston County	V-JV	5:30pm
April 1	Dawson Springs	V-JV	5:30pm
April 2-9	Florida Trip over Spring Break vs. various teams		
April 12	All A Classic vs. Livingston/Dawson, 6pm at Livingston		
April 14	Paducah Tilghman	V-JV	5:30pm
April 15	Trigg County	V-JV	5:30pm
April 18	Lyon County		5:30pm
April 19	Hardin County, Illinois	V-JV	5:30pm
April 21	Caldwell County		5:30pm
April 22	at Carlisle County		5:45pm
April 25	Webster County	V-JV	5:30pm
April 26	Calloway County	V-JV	5:30pm
April 28	Livingston County	V-JV	5:30pm
April 29	at St. Mary	V-JV	5:30pm
May 2	at Dawson Springs	V-JV	5:30pm
May 3	Union County	V-JV	5:30pm
May 5	at Lyon County	V-JV	5:30pm
May 6	St. Mary	V-JV	5:30pm
May 10	Fort Campbell	V-JV	5:30pm
May 13	Madisonville	V-JV	5:30pm
May 20	Hopkins Central	V-JV	5:30pm
May 23	District Tournament		
Head coach: Donnie Phillips			
Assistant coaches: Jeff Porter, Alex Wood, Jamie Brown			

Stroke Search
Rockets hope offense catches up with defense

STAFF REPORT
Second-year baseball skipper Donnie Phillips knows this baseball season can boil down to simple timing. His team returns what is expected to be a reliable pitching staff and a defense that could contend for the district title. The big question mark this spring will be in the batter's box. Crittenden County returns just one .300 hitter from a year ago and right now he's still recuperating from knee surgery. "We have got to improve our hitting," Phillips said, pointing to plate discipline as the biggest key. The coach believes his team can expect to challenge for the Fifth District championship by improving its pitch selection and being ready to hit pitches in the strike zone. "We got behind in counts last year because we were swinging at early pitches that weren't even in the zone," Phillips. The coach also wants his team to be ready to play "small ball." Bunting, hitting behind runners and other situational offense will play a key role in the team's success, he said.

Junior Shelby Robinson is the team's top returning hitter. He batted .307 a year ago, but underwent surgery for a football knee injury last fall. Maeson Myers brings the next best average to 2016. He hit .244 a year ago and junior Ethan Hunt batted .237. The coach expects seniors Nick Castiller, Ryan James, Dylan Hollis and Alex Cosby to be much improved at the plate. Cosby was the only one of that trio to bat over .200 last spring. Castiller enters the season as the team's projected No. 1 starter. James will get plenty of starts, too, and will also be called on in a middle relief role. Those two seniors have good control. Castiller has the best stuff, but James is a crafty pitcher. Look for Myres, a southpaw, and classmate junior Taylor Yancy to see a great deal of time on the hill, too. Cosby and Robinson will pitch and underclassmen Kyle Castiller and Pate Robinson are showing promise. Hollis and Cosby will share the catching responsibilities, but the team needs Cosby's speed and defense in centerfield perhaps more than behind the plate. "He can run down balls and make some great plays out there," Phillips said. Hunt has a strong arm and gets a good jump on the ball. He will play right and senior Seth Birdwell is in left to start the season. Up-and-comers Clay Croft, Hunter Holeman and Jake Gibson provide limited depth in the outfield. The infield is packed with players wanting on the field. Myers, James and perhaps juniors Paxton Riley or Jared Lundy see time at first base. At the other corner will be Robinson once his knee is firm enough to play every day. James, Yancy and maybe freshman Ethan Dossett are possibles at third. The middle infield will be anchored by Castiller at short and Bobby Stephens at second. Both have solid gloves and good instincts. Payton Riley, Kyle Castiller and Pate Robinson give the Rockets some depth at those two slots.

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Members of the Crittenden County track and field team are (front from left) Sarah Hodge, Zack Weathers, Anzie Gobin, Michelle Davidson, Nikki Shuecraft, Margaret Sitar, Kelsey Lucas, Xander Tabor, Emma Atchison, (middle) Brannen Lamey, Jesse Belt, Kayley Cook, Southern Pate, Jessie Potter, Shelby Wallace, Cortne Curnel, Christian White, Ross Crider, Jacob Russelburg, (back) Will Perkins, Aaron Lucas, Landon Brooks, Dylan Hicks, Gary McConnell, Devin Ford, Autumn Sitar, Nadia Hutchings, Trinity Hayes, Kate Keller, Natalie Hutchings, Abi Darrow, Kenlee Perryman, Emma Herrin, Madison Champion, Jaelyn Duncan, Devon Nesbitt, Tyson Steele, Jo Jo Estes, Jacob Henry and Eli Moss.

Distance runners expected to lead strong track squad

STAFF REPORT

Two state qualifiers and a host of other outstanding athletes return to the Crittenden County track and field squad, bolstering coach Angela Starnes' hopes for this year's crew.

Aaron Lucas, just a sophomore, is the defending regional two-mile champion and a top-notch miler. Joining him in the Rocket distance lineup is Margaret Sitar, a senior with miles of experience, who is the defending 1600-meter regional champion.

In addition to those key performers, there are a number of other athletes who performed at high levels last year. Back are All Pennyriple Conference selections Landon Brooks, Gary McConnell and Nikki Shuecraft. Also returning are Shelby Wallace and

Michelle Davidson, both who scored more than 100 points last spring. Some newcomers like Kenlee Perryman and Madison Champion will give the team more versatility.

"Instead of trying to just fill events with kids so we can earn team points, we will be able to let them participate in the events where they are strongest," said coach Starnes. "We will have a lot of depth. I don't know when we've had this much depth before."

The roster is bulging at the seams with 58 student-athletes.

The girls' team is especially deep with potentially strong athletes available in almost every event. Another one, Amanda Lynch, is also expected to join the team after she fully recovers from a basketball injury.

Crittenden County Schedule

March 15 at Marshall County All Comers
March 17 Quad 1: Dawson, Union
March 22 at Murray All Comers
March 24 Quad 2: Dawson, Union, Lyon
March 29 at Union County
March 31 Quad 3: Caldwell, Graves, Union
April 12 at Murray All Comers
April 14 Quad 4 (Pink Out) Dawson, Livingston, Union
April 19 at McCracken County
April 21 Quad 5 (Sr. Night) Caldwell, Livingston, Hopkins Central
April 25 at Ballard All Comers
April 28 at Hopkins Central
April 30 at Area 1 Championship
May 14 at Regional 1 Track Meet, Murray
May 28 at State Track Meet, Lexington



TRACK&FIELD		
BOYS		
Name	Grade	Event
Belt, Jesse	12	Distance
Croft, Jantzen	12	Distance
Henry, Jacob	12	Distance
Hick, Dylan	12	Hurdler, Sprints
McConnell, Gary	12	Hurdler
Tolley, Will	11	Distance
Beavers, Adam	10	Field Events
Brooks, Landon	10	Sprints, Field Events
Crider, Ross	10	Field Events
Estes, Jo Jo	10	Sprints
Lucas, Aaron	10	Distance
Russelburg, Jacob	10	Sprints
Steele, Tyson	10	Sprints, Field Events
White, Christian	10	Field Events
Ford, Devin	9	Hurdles
Lamey, Brannen	9	Sprints, Field Events
Nesbitt, Devon	9	Sprints
Weathers, Zack	8	Sprints
Moss, Eli	7	Sprints
Tabor, Xander	7	Sprints
GIRLS		
Name	Grade	Event
Davidson, Michelle	12	Hurdles, Sprints
Lucas, Kelsey	12	Sprints
Shuecraft, Nikki	12	Sprints, Field Events
Sitar, Margaret	12	Distance
Graham, Kaylee	11	Field Events
Hutchings, Nadia	11	Sprints
Lynch, Amanda	11	Sprints
Tabor, Alexis	11	Field Events
Barnes, Emmalea	10	Sprints, Middle Distance
Champion, Madison	10	Sprints
Sitar, Autumn	10	Field Events
Cooke, Kayley	9	Sprints
Perryman, Kenlee	9	Sprints
Wallace, Shelby	9	Sprints
Curnel, Cortne	8	Sprints
Darrow, Abi	8	Sprints
Gobin, Anzie	8	Sprints
Hayes, Trinity	8	Sprints, Field Events
Herrin, Emma	8	Sprints, Field Events
Hutchings, Natalie	8	Sprints, Field Events
Mathieu, Katie	8	Sprints
Duncan, Jaelyn	7	Distance
Keller, Kate	7	Distance
Newcom, Ally	7	Sprints
Pate, Southern	7	Sprints
Potter, Jessie	7	Sprints

Four communities coordinating youth summer sports

Recreational baseball and softball in a four-county area will kick-off in May.

The Crittenden, Caldwell, Dawson and Lyon League (CCDL) has announced that its summer little league season will open the week of May 2.

Registration is currently underway for players in Crittenden County. The deadline to register without penalty also has been extended to Wednesday, March 15. The Crittenden County Dugout Club decided to extend registration until that date following last weekend's assessment day. Players do not have to be assessed in order to register. Kickball registration for

ages 4-5 and co-ed rookie baseball registration or ages 5-6 are also extended until March 15. Players who are five years old have an option of playing kickball or baseball.

For the third straight year, youth teams from Caldwell County, Crittenden County, Dawson Springs and Lyon County will unite to expand playing opportunities for youngsters in each community. The CCDL includes teams in 12-under, 10-under and 8-under age divisions for both baseball and softball. Teams will play at their home park and on the road at other facilities throughout the league. At season's end, there will be a league championship tourna-

ment in each division.

The regular season ends on June 17 in the CCDL. The post-season tournament will be played the following week.

This year, there are two makeup dates set. These will be for rain-outs. Makeups will be scheduled on June 4 and June 18.

The CCDL has made some changes to its league rules for the upcoming season. In 10-under baseball, players will no longer be allowed to lead off of bases. Instead, runners must remain on base until the pitcher releases the pitch.

In all softball leagues, there will be a 16-foot pitching circle around

the mound. The ball returning to the circle will limit the advancement of baserunners in those leagues. In 8-under baseball and softball, hash marks will be drawn halfway between the bases for the purpose of determining placement of runners who are not in possession of a base when a play is stopped.

In both 8-under pitching machine leagues, batters will have five pitches to put the ball in play.

Also new this season, the CCDL is planning a preseason Jamboree on Saturday, April 30 at Lyon County. All teams will be able to play two abbreviated scrimmage games on that day.

YOUTH • BASEBALL
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Registration is now open for summer youth sports leagues. Deadline to register without penalty has been extended to March 15.

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Notice is hereby given that on March 2, 2016, Danny Edward Joyce of 9355 S.R. 70, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executor of Frances L. Joyce, deceased, whose address was 9355 S.R. 70, Marion, Ky., 42064. Karen Woodall, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor before the 2nd day of September, 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. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (11-36-c)

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SPACE

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last year at the Morehead, Ky., campus. "I really thought that's just about all that was available to me."

Now she is thinking about becoming a space science engineer, and maybe eventually helping in the mission to send man to Mars.

"Craft Academy pushed me out of my bubble. My first semester here really expanded my horizons, and I thought, Why not?" she said of accepting the tour at the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy (HCLA).

Smith joined 320 children of Honeywell employees – Smith's father works for the company in Metropolis, Ill. – from 36 countries and 30 U.S. states and territories at HLCA. The program uses interactive technology, science-oriented workshops and team exercises to teach students between the ages of 16-18 leadership skills in STEM courses. It is designed to build students' leadership skills and develop their capabilities through hands-on challenges.

"Many of the world's most exciting and in-demand careers are based in STEM," said Michael A. Bennett, president, Honeywell Hometown Solutions, the company's global corporate citizenship initiative and sponsor of HLCA. "Honeywell's goal is to inspire today's students to become the next generation of engineers and scientists who will solve tough problems and improve quality of life."

While in Huntsville, Smith took part not only in leadership exercises, but engaged in team-building challenges such as designing, building and testing rockets and participating in simulated astronaut training, shuttle missions and a moon walk.

"It was really a wide range of things," she said. "The highlight was the mock shuttle mission. I got to be an astronaut."



HONEYWELL LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE ACADEMY PHOTO
Crittenden County teen Audrey Smith (right) practices for an "astronaut" mission recently at the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., where she had to work with a teammate to build a triangular object "in space." She also had to be strapped into the gravity chair, working with a teammate to build a similar object during a mock shuttle mission.

During the academy, students met scientists, engineers and former astronauts who helped to reinforce core leadership competencies and share their professional experiences. One of those was four-time Space Shuttle Commander Robert "Hoot" Gibson.

"I think it was designed to help you decide what you want to go into," Smith said of the program. "Now, I feel better prepared for my future."

And that is exactly the goal of HCLA.

"Honeywell and its employees have a long history of promoting unique math and science education programs

around the world," Dr. Deborah Barnhart, CEO and executive director of the space and rocket center, said in a news release. "With HLCA, we help students develop confidence in their leadership skills and envision a successful path for their future."

But for Smith, the week-long academy offered experiences beyond even space.

"I made a lot of close friends from all over the world, and we're all interested in the same music," she said. "I found that really amazing. We all just kind of connected."

At the Huntsville academy, Smith won the Leadership Communication

Award and was one of the 11 nominated for the Dave Cote Leadership Award, named for the chairman and CEO of Honeywell.

Since its launch in 2010, Honeywell, in partnership with the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, has awarded 1,770 scholarships to students. Scholarships are granted after a rigorous application and review process based on academic achievement and community involvement. Financial contributions from Honeywell and its employees fund the scholarships, which cover the cost of tuition, meals, accommodations and program materials.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Stuck on Sunday school

Dr. Mike Jones got in a sticky situation with his congregation recently when he made a bit of a dare. The pastor of Marion Baptist Church promised parishoners that if attendance at Sunday school reached 280, he would allow himself to be taped to a wall. On Feb. 28, 289 people showed up for morning classes. "So this past Sunday, he was duct taped to a wall during our morning coffee fellowship time," said Jason Dunbar, the church's youth and worship pastor. "He was a good sport!" Those gathered to watch Jones follow through on his obligation enjoyed the moment, taking plenty of photos for posterity.

NCIC

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asked Mink-Taylor if the City of Marion would be sharing in the cost.

Mink-Taylor said she was not authorized to speak for the city, but asked whether the county would agree if the city offered to pay one-third of the cost.

Magistrates did not take any action on the request. Instead they want to further review the matter before committing one way or another.

Meantime, Newcom said he would be checking with state police to see if at any time in the near future there would be a charge for the service as has been suggested by some local officials.

Also, Newcom said he had concerns about spending money from E-911 funds that are being stockpiled in order to upgrade the local 911 center to a Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) service. He said that could cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

O'Neal agrees that completing the upgrade to CAD is the top priority, but he would also like to see police have NCIC at their fingertips, too. The police chief said adding CAD capabilities is necessary as the city and county move further into the 21st century.

"Our dispatching center has come a long way in the last five years," O'Neal said. "If we could get CAD and NCIC that would make us top-notch."

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