

High water could shut down ferry

The Cave In Rock Ferry could be closed for several days due to an expected rise in Ohio River stages as rain and snowmelt collect in the river from its headwaters in Pittsburgh, Pa., to its confluence with the Mississippi River.

Meantime, an Ohio River flood warning issued by the National Weather Service in Paducah continues for Crittenden County until further notice.

At midday Tuesday, the river was at 37.8 feet at Shawneetown, Ill. Flood stage is 33 feet.

The river at press time was expected to crest next Tuesday at 47 feet. According to Shirley Lewis with the ferry service, 42 feet as measured at Shawneetown is the mark at which the ferry must halt service. It was uncertain Tuesday evening when the river will reach that mark or when it will fall below the measurement.

Visit The Press Online for updates on ferry operation.

Patriotic service in need of band

Organizers of the Memorial Day service at the Veterans Walk of Honor near Blackford are searching for a band to perform during the annual ceremony, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. May 23. Call (270) 965-3878 if you know of a band interested in booking the event.

Livingston schools sacrificing break

According to a Twitter post by Livingston County Superintendent of Schools Darryl Chittenden, students and teachers in the county will be losing most of their spring break. The school district will see classes in session April 6-8, the first three days of the week aside for spring break, in order to make up snow days. The tentative last day for students, according to the tweet, is May 27, with graduation for Livingston Central High School on May 29.

Clarification

A recent story in The Crittenden Press reported that Tolu Elementary School was shut down three decades ago, which was a vague statement. To be exact, the school was closed in 1998.

Public meetings

- Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at city hall.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet for its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Rocket Arena conference room.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at city hall.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday in the judge-executive's courthouse office. The first reading of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget for Crittenden County Detention Center will be given.



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Clearing the way



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At top, members of the City of Marion's street maintenance crew are (from left) utilities director Brian Thomas, Gary Gerard, Robert Bailey, Joe Estes, Chase York, Darrin Crawford and Tony Jackson. Not pictured are Greg Tabor and Troy McNeely. Next, members of the Kentucky Department of Highways Crittenden County maintenance crew are (from left) Steve Underdown, Jeff Yates, Evan Head, Glenn Bumpus, Terry Croft, Justin Williams, superintendent Jason Samanns and Austin Turley. Not pictured is Matt Dalbey. Finally, members of Crittenden County Road Department are (from left) Mike Weldon, foreman Audi Maraman, Justin O'Neal, Jimmy Watson, Larry Kirk, Noble Easley, Shelly Cullen, Donnie Tinsley and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

Crews work day, night to clear snow, ice from county's streets, roads, highways

STAFF REPORT

While most of us were sleeping or sipping coffee in the wee hours of the morning over the past two or three major weather events, the men and women dedicated to clearing and keeping our roads as safe as possible were behind the wheels of plows and plugging away at the logistical nightmare unfolding in front of them.

Turning the freshly-fallen snow into an oasis

of black pavement is their mission, and without waiver, the local crews were on top of their game, turning winter wonderlands into ribbons of transportation that helped people get to work and to the doctor and meet their various obligations with as much safety as possible.

Local leaders praised the tireless and

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School calendar awaits tweaking

STAFF REPORT

The three days of school missed last week due to the winter storm that dumped more than a foot of snow on portions of the county pushed the number of snow days for Crittenden County School District to 11.

Prior to days of instruction missed last week – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – the last day of school and graduation was scheduled for May 29. At press time, district officials were uncertain as to how the three additional days will be made up.

An adjustment to the calendar will require action by the board of education, which meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Rocket Arena conference room.

"We are working to keep graduation on May 29," Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said in an email Monday.

State regulations require

students walk through the doors 170 days, with 1,062 hours of instruction.

Aside from five days of spring break, which is slated to begin March 30, only Election Day on May 19 and

Memorial Day on May 25 remain as scheduled off days for students before the anticipated last day of classes.

At press time Tuesday, Kentucky lawmakers were considering a bill that would pave the way for schools to be open on Election Day if no school building is used as a polling location.

Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford said that no schools in the county are planned for use in the primary election. She again plans to utilize the Ed-Tech Center on Industrial Drive in Marion for voting as opposed to Crittenden County Elementary school, which had been used for many years until last year.



Clark

Sheriff staffing well below U.S. average

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

In Crittenden County and across western Kentucky, staffing levels at sheriff's departments fall far below the national average.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's 2012 Uniform Crime Report, which surveyed more than 14,000 agencies, the national average of staffing in county law enforcement was 2.7 officers per 1,000 residents.

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent said his department is greatly understaffed compared to the national average. With only four field officers – Agent and three deputies – the local sheriff's department is at less than half an officer for every 1,000 residents – 0.43 to be exact.

In addition to the field of-

ficers, Agent employs Mandi Harrison as an office deputy. "If we had one more, that would help us big time," the sheriff said of his field deputies.

While an extra officer to answer calls, patrol roads and conduct investigations would certainly reduce the strain on Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, it would do little to bring the county in line with the national average. In fact, if the sheriff's department were staffed with the average 2.7 officers per 1,000 residents, Agent would need 24 deputies to serve an estimated population of 9,255.

The sheriff does not advocate having that many offi-

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Agent

Public comments taken on possible KU rate hike

STAFF REPORT

Though there likely won't be many people from Crittenden County at either of the two public meetings scheduled to discuss a proposed rate increase from Kentucky Utilities Co. (KU), local customers can still have their voice heard before the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) rules on the requested increase.

KU is seeking a rate increase that would see the average monthly bill for residential customers increase by about 9.6 percent, or just more than \$11.

The PSC will host meetings in Louisville on March

30 and Lexington on April 13 to present information and receive comments on the request for a rate increase by not only KU, but also Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (LG&E). Both utilities are subsidiaries of the PPL Corp., but only KU serves Crittenden County.

For those unable to attend either of the two meetings, written comments may be mailed to the PSC at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, faxed to (502) 564-3460 or e-mailed from the PSC website. Comments must be received by the con-

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Arctic winters in Ky. don't particularly bring global warming to mind

Last Friday morning when my feet hit the floor, it was immediately apparent that something was wrong.

Never before had the floor felt so cool. Well, I won't say the floor was cold because I know people who have known true cold, and I will not make the mistake of calling the hardwood in my otherwise comfortable home cold. I am quite certain that



the feet of American servicemen at the Battle of the

Bulge just more than 70 years ago knew the real meaning of cold.

The footing inside a relatively warm house cannot be mistaken for such a description, but there is some likelihood that even folks around here felt the bite of last week's bitter weather more than others.

Nonetheless, my floor was much cooler than normal.

There was such a distinct difference that the thermometer was the first place I went to investigate. A mercury stick does not hang on the doorpost like it did at grandma's house when I was a child. Instead, my do-everything smartphone indicated that the air temperature outdoors was minus 9 degrees Fahrenheit. Shiver me timbers!

Without a doubt, that is the first time such a reading has ever appeared before my eyes in this western Kentucky setting. Clearly, this was the most frigid temp of my lifetime.

Sure, there were times when it was reported that temperatures were below zero, but maybe one or two

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Marion City Council

Marion City Council normally convenes in regular session at Marion City Hall at 6 p.m., on the third Monday of each month

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EDITORIAL

Local snow removal teams deserve praise

While most people were tucked away under the covers as an overnight winter storm last week blanketed the county in several inches of snow, road crews were working overtime to make travel as safe as possible in the county. On state highways, rural county roads and city streets, the men operating the plows, graders, tractors, backhoes and salt trucks of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Highways in Crittenden County, Crittenden County Road Department and Marion Street Department kept snow and ice removal equipment in action from midday Wednesday into the weekend.

This was the second massive winter storm to hit the county in three weeks, offering little respite for crews from the cold, arduous and dangerous task of clearing roads. But it wasn't just the men behind the wheels of the equipment running up and down the roads; there were also those responsible for loading salt trucks, repairing broken equipment and coordinating the entire effort.

And not to be overlooked are the contractors who used their own trucks, tractors and other equipment to supplement the job done by public employees. There were also those who volunteered their time and machines to the effort.

For those tasked with snow and ice removal, the job is often underappreciated, with the inevitable isolated complaints from those who feel their road or street was given less than adequate attention.

But from the top down, we commend all the men and women involved in removal of wintry precipitation from roadways for yet another job well done. Even the unprecedented decision to close county roads last Thursday by Judge-Executive Perry Newcom during a declared state of emergency deserves kudos. It made work by the county road department more effective by encouraging a number of sight-seers to stay home, keeping vehicles out of the way of snow plows. Perhaps the decree even made people think twice about their own safety.

The general public seems to back up our assertion that our state, county and city snow and ice removal teams do as good a job as any at making the way safe for travelers in the face of some of the worst Old Man Winter can throw at us. Not long after the final snowflake fell last Thursday, discussions on social media and over cups of coffee offered gratitude to the road crews. It's even fair to say that the highways, roads and streets in Crittenden County were cleared faster and more effectively last week than those in some neighboring counties.

In Crittenden County, we may not have the best or most equipment for snow removal, but given the circumstances, our snow and ice teams measure up to any other crew out there.

Thanks for another job well done.

House takes significant action

Frankfort was hit with a snowstorm that rolled through the Commonwealth last week, forcing cancellation of two session days of the General Assembly. This brings the total number of days canceled in the House this session to six. The calendar has been adjusted, and the last scheduled day of the 2015 regular session is now March 24.

Even though the week was cut short, significant activity did take place. House Bill-152, the bill modernizing and deregulating the state's landline phone network that I discussed in last week's column, was passed in the Senate and at press time was sitting on the governor's desk awaiting his signature or veto.

HB 298 was approved by both the House and the Senate and is also sitting on the governor's desk awaiting his signature or veto. HB 298 reopens Kentucky's budget and authorizes \$132.5 million in bonds to the University of Kentucky for construction of a six-story medical research facility, with the university paying the other half of the projected \$265 million to build the facility. HB 298 also appropriates an additional \$5.459 million from the state's general fund to the university for debt service. Kentucky cancer and stroke deaths rank at or near the top in the nation, and it is hoped that the new facility will help find solutions to many of our health problems.

However, because of the additional debt taken on by this bill, I voted no.

A controversial bill pushed by Kentucky craft brewers has passed both chambers of the General Assembly. HB 168 prohibits malt beverage brewers from owning or operating a distributorship in Kentucky. Should the governor sign the bill, and he has indicated that he will, Anheuser-Busch and Rhinegeist Brewing will be required to sell or close their distributorships in Kentucky.

Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) House District 4
House in Review

Anheuser-Busch owns two distributorships in Kentucky – one in Louisville which Anheuser-Busch has owned since the 1970s and one in Owensboro which Anheuser-Busch purchased in December. Rhinegeist is a craft beer brewer in Cincinnati that opened its Erlanger distributorship in December.

While Anheuser-Busch distributes only its own products, Rhinegeist has invested more than \$300,000 in an effort to distribute not only its beer, but also other craft beers in northern Kentucky. Supporters of the bill claim that a "loophole" has allowed malt beverage brewers to operate differently than wine and distilled spirits companies, but it isn't a loophole, it's the law when the statutes under which malt beverage brewers operate do not ban the practice of both brewing and owning a distributorship.

While folks are on both sides of the so-called alcohol issue, it is important to note that this is not really an alcohol issue; it is a property rights issue. Forcing people or companies to sell their legally owned property is not what the United States is supposed to be about. It is government overreach at the very least, or even socialism. Where will this stop?

An amendment grandfathering the three distributorships in question failed. I voted yes on the amendment and no on the final bill.

HB 505 would change the requirement of when counties must redistrict following each U.S. Census. Currently, counties must redistrict in May of the year following the census, but often the General Assembly has not had its



Rep. Richard Heath (R-Mayfield) talks with Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) before the start of the March 3 session of the Kentucky House of Representatives.

boundaries changed in time for counties to include the new legislative districts, thus making some counties redistrict twice at an additional cost. HB 505 gives fiscal courts the option of waiting until after the General Assembly has redistricted.

I voted yes on HB 505. HB 478 attempts to shed some light on salaries in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). As I have stated many times, the KCTCS is an integral part of Kentucky's postsecondary education system, but questions have been raised regarding salaries of its employees and contractors. HB 478, should it become law, would require the KCTCS to make available on its public website a listing of the 100 highest paid system employees and contractors. I voted yes on HB 478.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and contacting me with 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.

I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181; directly at (502) 564-8100, extension 665; by visiting the Kentucky Legislature's website at www.lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link; or by mail to: Capitol Annex, Room 424C, Frankfort, KY 40601.

(Rep. Lynn Bechler, a Marion Republican, has served in the Kentucky House of Representatives since 2013, representing House District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of Christian County.)

Who said God lied, wants you ignorant?

And the Serpent said unto the woman, "God lied, you shall not die. God wants you ignorant. God knows that when you eat thereof you will be as wise as gods."

Now, he is still telling the same things. He's not crawling on his belly, but upright on two legs using the mouths of the intelligentsia and professors in most universities to explain to the young students that if they want to be wise as they are, then know God is a lie and only the ignorant believe in Him.

Atheists, communists, deniers of Christ, the American Civil Liberties Union and America-haters have been made rich by the country's exceptionalism, freedom and opportunities like no other nation on earth because it was founded on the Gospel of Jesus. Now, these pitiful, lost leaches hate and are so ignorant of truth that they are destroying their own golden goose.

So their god, Satan, puts them in high places. They are usually very successful and many times very affluent, which strengthens their claim.

Years ago, after my conversion, one of my clients was troubled because her son and his friends were enchanted by a young successful real estate agent who was telling these lies to the boys. She wanted my help.

Upon contacting him, I invited him and the young men to my home for a discussion. They all accepted.

He spoke his beliefs, and I then explained to the young men that, yes, he was successful, but so was I. He did not believe in God and I did

Rev. Lucy Tedrick
Crittenden Press guest columnist
Religious Views

Now, he could lord over them how smart and wealthy he was and make them feel like worms for believing in God in this life. But at the judgment, if he were wrong, they would be wise and wealthy, and he would feel like a worm and lose everything and have hell.

When I looked at him, he was so shaken and sad, and said, "You are right, I would have nothing but hell."

He left a defeated young man, and the young boys left determined to keep their faith in Jesus.

God said, "Come, let us reason together." So let us look at the two simple statements God and Satan made and see which panned out.

God told Eve on the day she ate of the forbidden fruit she would die. Satan said she would not. Well, she died. She lived the rest of her life suffering for believing the devil instead of God.

She brought death to herself, her second son was murdered by her first son and all the world is cursed to die.

We all have the proof before us that the statement is true. "It is a fool that says in his heart there is no God," Psalms 14:1 reads.

Let us look at what else God's word says of those poor misguided souls. "They are

corrupt, they have done abominable works, ...they have all gone aside ...they have all together become filthy. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge... and call not upon the Lord?"

That's a pretty sad indictment upon those who claim to be so smart.

We all must use our reason and try to help people see how foolish it is to fail to recognize the misery, shame, poverty, crime and death sin has brought on the human race.

We are all born in sin. But the sins we commit are by choice.

Satan comes only to steal, kill and destroy. He convinces the young that to live for Jesus robs one of fun, having a good time and being popular. Satan paints living for God as boring and hard.

Jesus painted another picture. He said life is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself.

Why should we love God? Because He gives us everything we have. He gives us our breath, life and strength to do everything!

After we chose to sin against Him, He sent His only son to die in our place, because death had already been pronounced on all who sin.

So God sent Jesus to give everlasting life, so that when we slip out of this old body, we will end up in heaven with Him and all our loved ones who make it to heaven.

My question to the reader of this is, think of anyone you love – a child, sibling, parent or spouse – and tell me if it makes you happy or sad to mistreat them in any way.

Look at it from another angle. If you really love someone, you don't want to hurt them. You want to help them, make them happy and have a good name.

Now, if we love God with all our heart, soul mind and strength, we don't have anything left, as that is all we are. So if I love God with all of me, I want to help Him, make Him happy and for Him to have a good name.

In other words, if I love God, I will not sin against Him, just as if I love a human, I won't want to sin against them.

Living for God is making a choice not to sin against Him. That is when the Kingdom of God lives in us. Paul said the Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, and Jesus said the Kingdom of God is within you.

When we don't sin against those we love, it gives us joy and peace also, doesn't it?

So living for God is not taking all the fun, joy and good times out of our lives, but just the opposite. It gives us joy, peace and happiness that cannot be ours any other way.

Jesus said Satan is a liar and the father of it. Oh how very true. He wrecks lives, health, homes, children and happiness, then laughs at us as we suffer until we die and then live forever with him in hell fire.

Pretty sad, don't you think?

(Rev. Lucy Tedrick of Marion shares her views regularly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Man who cleared snow appreciated

To the editor

Many sincere thanks to Scott, the Guardian Angel of Fords Ferry Road who was clearing snow from the road on the evening of Feb. 23. You were an answer to prayer as I had been seeking someone to clear my mom's driveway after getting hung up in several inches of frozen snow that morning. When I asked if you were for hire, you immediately came to my rescue and the job was exceptional, above and beyond what was asked.

May God bless you for your kindness.

Patti DeShields
Newburgh, Ind.

Writer from Illinois wishes county best

To the editor

Hello from Illinois. I hope everyone is OK after reading about Winter Storm Octavia coming through. One thing I know about storms, if you have faith, sometimes they come to bring people together – through the plows to open the roads and people helping one another.

I am not much a fan of snow, especially that amount, but it is awesome to see when it covers the trees. I've always believed snow comes to clean the earth, while at the same time it keeps us at home or in one place until it stops. But as part of America, I know you are strong.

Again, a friend and co-worker of mine named Allen brings The Crittenden Press to work, and I enjoy Rev. Lucy

Tedrick. May God bless her. America needs more ministers like her not only telling us God's good news, but also God's warnings. Both are vital. After seeing "Left Behind," there seemed to me an urgency to remind those myself.

Believe in God, not because of religion, but because there is a better place for us when we pass on. Don't wait until it's too late. God loves everybody and wants to lose no one.

Reading your edition, I see there is a womanless beauty pageant to raise money for American Cancer Society by Par 4 Plastics. I hope you raise a lot of money. I'm not sure if I'd dress in drag, especially in the winter.

Finally, I am glad Tolu Methodist Church is OK after reading it could have had a bad fire. I, too, believe the "grace of God" was watching over it.

I also thank God for watching over all of you as well.

My hope is that America will remember that it is not so much that we are a Christian nation as it is that we are a nation of freedoms that needs to remember Christ and where the true freedom comes from. Without God, America is not really free; with Him we are.

Take time to thank Him and pray for those who are still far away. I, too, don't want God to lose anyone. There was a reason we were created, and there is a purpose for us afterward.

Have a good year, and as always, thanks to our veterans there and those still serving. God bless your country, your state and our country.

Bob DeLacy Jr.
Marengo, Ill.

Ky. unemployment below U.S. average

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's preliminary January unemployment rate of 5.5 percent came in below the U.S. rate of 5.7 percent, according to the state's Office of Employment and Training (OET). The state rate matched the December rate of 5.5 percent and was 2 percentage points below the 7.5 percent recorded in January of last year.

"In addition to this great start to 2015, the annual revisions which align data for the past year ... revealed that Kentucky's unemployment rate has been below the national rate for the last six months," said OET economist Manoj Shanker. "That's quite an accomplishment. The last time Kentucky's unemployment rate was below the national average for such an extended period was in 1995."

The U.S. jobless rate of 5.7 percent for January was up

from the December rate of 5.6 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. The nation's unemployment in February was reported at 5.5 percent last week.

"The year has begun with the addition of a record number of jobs," said Shanker. "The last time Kentucky added over 40,000 jobs was 15 years ago when the economy had been pumped up with the dot com phenomena. We won't see too many months with such feverish growth, but it's reassuring to see strong gains in the job market. Over time, that should translate into an increase in wages."

In January, manufacturing jobs were up 2,800.

"During the last six months, savings from the low cost of energy have driven up the demand for goods and hence production and employment," explained Shanker.

State's 2014 annual jobless rate plunges to 6.5 percent

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's annual unemployment rate plunged to 6.5 percent in 2014 from 8 percent in 2013, according to the state's Office of Employment and Training (OET). It was the lowest annual jobless rate for the state since 2008, when it was a pre-recession 6.4 percent.

"Kentucky's labor market has finally brushed off the last remaining drag from the Great Recession," said OET economist Manoj Shanker. "In 2014, we added nonfarm jobs at a pace just short of the hectic expansion of the dot com era 15 years ago. One out of five new jobs was in manufacturing, and the unemployment rate continued to drop throughout 2014."

The U.S. annual unemploy-

ment rate fell to 6.2 percent in 2014 from 7.4 percent in 2013.

Annual unemployment rates declined in all states 50 states in 2014 compared to 2013. The lowest rates were in North Dakota, 2.8 percent, and Nebraska, 3.3 percent. Mississippi, Nevada and the District of Columbia tied with the highest rate of 7.8 percent.

Kentucky had the 17th highest annual unemployment rate among all states and the District of Columbia in 2014. Kentucky was one of 22 states, including the District of Columbia, with annual unemployment rates above the U.S. annual rate in 2014. Four neighboring states, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio and Virginia, had unemployment rates lower than the national average.

PRAISE

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thankless work of these crews who left their families in the dead of night to begin raking and plowing our roads, streets and highways.

The Crittenden Press salutes these crews as we know many others throughout this county do as well. The past few weeks have been among their finest hours, and we genuinely thank them for a job well done.

Here are some numbers to consider:

- There are more than 360 miles of county-maintained roads in Crittenden County. Seven operators spent about 175 hours of overtime last week, working to remove snow from those travel corridors.

The county deploys a fleet of two plow trucks, two graders, a backhoe and a tractor and blade to work the rural system of roads. Still, it's not enough. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said several private contractors also pitched in during the last couple of snow events.

Newcom said last month's winter storm cost the county about \$40,000 for wages, equipment and materials. Though figures for last week's event are still being tabulated, he thinks its cost will be comparable.

"It would be fair to say this one will cost that much," Newcom said Monday.

He added that last week's storm was worse than last month's because the snow was deeper with a significant layer of ice underneath. However, sunshine and warmer temperatures than what followed the Feb. 16 winter storm helped erase the icy conditions faster.

Because this year's two winter storms were so widespread across Kentucky, Newcom is hoping for federal disaster declarations for each so that the county will be eligible for reimbursement of a portion of the costs associated with both. A state of emergency was declared by Gov. Steve Beshear and Newcom for each event.

The City of Marion's street department is responsible for 39 miles of streets and stayed busy late last week clearing them of snow. However, the city has fared better when it comes to putting in overtime. Between last week's snow and ice and last month's winter storm, City Administrator Mark Bryant said crews have put in about 40 hours of overtime.

That number is kept low, in part, because some workers prefer comp time over the extra pay, Bryant said.

"Our guys are pretty good

Challenge aims to raise money for cemetery

STAFF REPORT

Shady Grove Cemetery Association is presenting the public with a challenge.

Dan Cronin has reportedly pledged to match dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 in donations to the association for upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery. The challenge grew out of the need for donations due to low returns on the association's investments.

Any amount donated will go toward Cronin's challenge. Donations should be mailed to: Shady Grove Cemetery Association, c/o Nancy Herran, 6481 SR 120, Marion, KY 42064.



PHOTO PROVIDED

A Kentucky Transportation Cabinet snow plow from the highway department in Crittenden County was rear-ended by a pickup truck last week on U.S. 60 near the Livingston County line, causing a chain reaction that involved a third vehicle. Snow and ice removal teams across the state were hindered last week by vehicles that crowded the roadways, wrecked or simply became stuck.

about taking time off in lieu of overtime," he said.

- The state road crew, which cares for 184 highway miles in Crittenden County, put in 200 overtime hours last week from Wednesday through Saturday. Many of the crewmen worked 12-hour shifts, got 8 hours off, then went back to work.

"We really appreciated all the local farmers and others who jumped in there and helped with things in their areas," said Jason Samanns, foreman of the local

crew.

During the February snow, the men put in 320 overtime hours over a five-day period.

Samanns applauded the county's move to close the roads last week until workers could get them cleared off. One of the state plows ended up in a ditch trying to avoid a motorist and was stuck for 12 hours. Another plow truck was rear-ended on U.S. 60. Samanns said the less traffic the better when the plows are working to clear the highways.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spokesman Keith Todd said highway departments in just about every county in western Kentucky

had at least one or two trucks forced off the road by traffic.

Meantime, state and local officials said repairs to equipment are another inevitable complication associated with snow removal.

"People have no idea of the wear and tear caused by plowing," Todd said.

"Every time you use something, it's going to tear up," echoed Newcom.

Even when the book is long closed on winter, city, county and state road crews will be busy addressing the effects of winter on roadways. The freezing and thawing and snow plows scraping across the surface are hard on pavement, chip seal and gravel roads. Pot holes exacerbated by winter pock mark the county's highways, rural roads and city streets.

"It's worse on top of bad," Newcom said of county roads following last week's storm.

Todd said state crews were out during the first part of the week putting up mailboxes damaged by plowing and making patches to the worst spots along state-maintained roads. However, he stressed those were only temporary fixes because of the less-than-ideal weather conditions early this week. Water on roadways prevents the material used to

patch pot holes from properly curing.

Meantime, the county road department has been regrouping and preparing for flooding anticipated this week. Newcom said Monday that this week's rains on top of saturated ground coupled with already-swollen waterways will likely cause problems on roads prone to flooding.

According to Kentucky Mesonet climatology data for Crittenden County, through Tuesday, almost 7 inches of precipitation has been measured locally since the Feb. 16 winter storm. More than half of that amount was recorded in the first 10 days of March.

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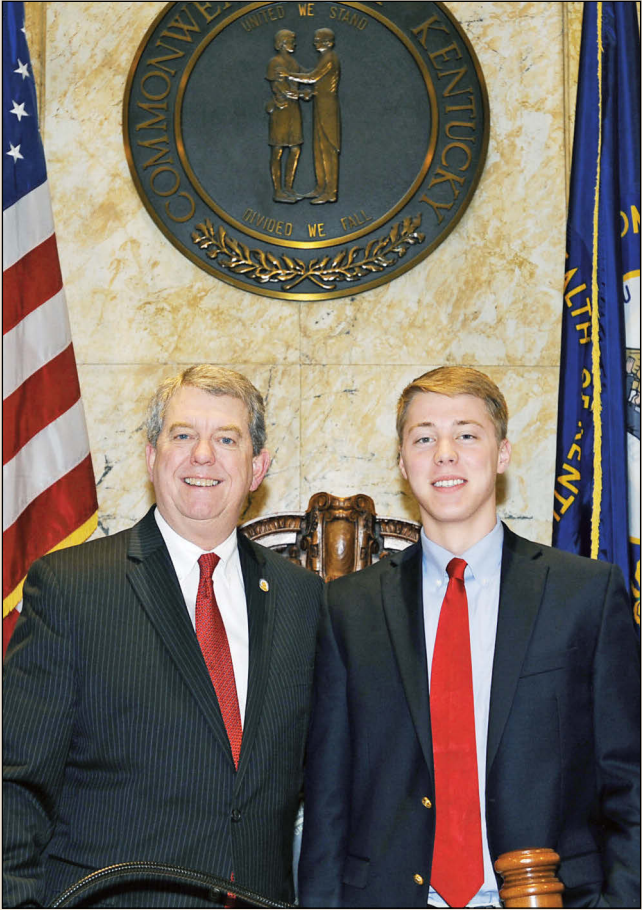
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Ridley honors Frazer

Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) honored his intern, Tucker Frazer, for the 2015 legislative session on the floor of the Kentucky Senate recently. Frazer, who is a sophomore at the University of Kentucky, is majoring in mining engineering with a minor in pre-law. He is the son of Bart and Sharie Frazer of Marion.

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Visual arts teacher also musician

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Art plays an important role in Steven Baker's life. Not only is he the visual arts instructor for Crittenden County Middle and High schools, he's also dedicated to another art form – music.

Baker has written and recorded music since 1995 and has played in several bands. From vocals to playing the guitar, drums and bass, Baker enjoys creating something new to offer the world through the gift of music.

Originally from Lexington, Baker grew up in Jessamine County. He studied visual arts at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. The art of storytelling through both visual art and music continues to be a major part of his life. And he hopes to share some of his stories through his music with the community in Crittenden County.

Last year, he put together a CD of ukulele music and is currently working to get it placed on vinyl. Described as a “techno-folk fusion,” the sound is a blend of electronic music combined with old fashioned instruments. He hopes the tunes will appeal to both teenagers and their parents as sounds of new-style pop are infused with shades of folk music.

Baker is looking for a venue in Marion in which to play this summer in order to showcase his musical style while entertaining audiences. He's previously performed at coffee houses in Princeton and at the Hub, an event hall and coffee house in Hanson.

Baker began playing the ukulele a few years ago after discovering an instrument for sale in a music shop in



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

A walk one summer afternoon and a chance purchase of a ukulele have influenced the musical career of Crittenden County visual arts teacher Steven Baker. Baker is looking for venues in Marion to showcase his musical style and entertain locals. He plays a variety of instruments including bass and guitar. Many songs from his band, Dementia Cookie Box, are available on iTunes and Spotify.

Princeton.

“My wife likes to tell the story that I went for a walk one day and came back with a ukulele,” he said. “And that’s kind of what happened.”

Within a week, he had learned the chords and written five songs. Within two weeks, he'd written 12 songs and recorded five of them in his home studio, which he says helps with the writing process.

“When I get an idea, I can go to the studio and lay down some tracks and get pretty far along,” he said.

In addition to the music he plans to perform this summer, Baker's band, Dementia Cookie Box, has three albums available on iTunes, Spotify and other major music sites. The band was organized in 1996.

As he and his wife, Stephanie, celebrate their daughter's first birthday this month, he's also looking to showcase his collection of children's music. Baker has played at children's programs at the Princeton Art Guild, birthday parties and numerous events for Crittenden County Elementary School, where puppetry and costumes are part of the performances. He also has a demo CD for children's music.

For information on booking inquiries or CDs, contact Baker at dcbmusic@gmail.com or visit his website at www.dcbmusic.com.

Baker, who received permission from Disney to perform a cover for the Miley Cyrus song, “See You Again,” said music lovers are also trying to determine the best way to acquire their favorite music, whether it involves buying, streaming or renting music.

For independent artists, Baker said creating a physical product, such as a CD, and having it available at performances is still most profitable for those musicians.

Auction raises awareness for Happy Feet

STAFF REPORT

When beginning something new, it's always important to start on the right foot. That's the purpose of Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet.

Created in 2009 by retired Union County coal miner Jerry Baird, the goal of the regional program locally is to provide shoes to eligible children in Crittenden County at the beginning of each school year or as a need arises.

To help support the charity, on Saturday night a large crowd attended the first-ever Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet Elimination Auction and dinner held at Fohs Hall.

Marion attorney Karen Woodall is the board member for Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet from Crittenden County. Woodall said she was thrilled with the turnout for the event, which offered a grand prize of \$2,000 to the winner. More importantly, it helped raise awareness to an important need.

“It's not just to raise money, but to bring attention to (the program),” she said. “All the money we raise as an organization for Crittenden County stays in Crittenden County. It benefits the stu-



Baird



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In addition to an elimination auction, desserts were also auctioned throughout the evening Saturday to benefit Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet. Above, emcee Mike Crabtree (left) and Brent White (foreground) work the crowd during the dessert auction for a cheesecake. Meantime, Anzie Gobin and Karen Woodall (far right) watch the bidding process. Splitting Saturday night's \$2,000 grand prize were Roger Simpson, Nathan Ratley, Kara Hatfield and Terry Simpson.

dents in the county.”

Saturday's auction raised \$7,450 before expenses, according to Woodall.

Since its inception in 2009, a total of 8,600 students in Crittenden, Caldwell, Liv-

ingston, Webster and several other western Kentucky counties have received new shoes.

Baird, who attended the auction and dinner, said it's a blessing to be a part of a program that works to help chil-

dren. He said it's especially gratifying to see the program spread across the region. More than 15 counties in western Kentucky are now part of Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet.

Ky. GOP seems likely to forgo presidential primary in 2016

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Next year's presidential election may present Kentucky Republicans with an unfamiliar twist.

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul has taken his first step toward running for president with state party leaders endorsing his plan for a presidential caucus in 2016.

The move clears the way for Paul to simultaneously run for president and seek re-election to his Senate seat without breaking a state law that bans candidates from appearing on the ballot twice in the same election.

The state GOP's central committee must still sign off on the proposal in August. But, more importantly for Paul, Saturday's vote by the Republican Party of Ken-

tucky's executive committee was an early endorsement of his unusual plan for dual campaigns ahead of a wide open Republican presidential primary. Saturday's vote along with the support of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is a clear indication the caucus will happen.

A caucus would not solve Paul's general election problem. If he were to win the nomination for president and senator, he would likely need a court order to appear on the ballot twice in November.

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Marion-based Air Evac helicopter forced by bird strike to make emergency landing

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Marion-based Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter was forced to make an emergency landing in McLean County after a bird strike last week.

According to Shelly Schneider, public relations specialist for Air Evac, a mid-air strike with a duck on March 9 sent the bird through the helicopter's windshield at around 9:40 p.m. At the time, the aircraft was carrying a patient as well as its crew – the pilot, a paramedic and a nurse.

"The helicopter picked up the patient at Baptist Health

in Madisonville, and it was on its way to Louisville," Schneider told the Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, not specifying the hospital.

The duck entered through the left side of the windshield, which was where the patient was positioned on a stretcher.

From there, the pilot was able to land the medical helicopter in the rear parking lot of Muster Funeral Home in Calhoun.

According to Sheriff Ken Frizzell, McLean County EMS stayed with the patient until

a second medical helicopter arrived to complete the transfer.

The following morning, Dennis Roberts, a mechanic for Air Evac Lifeteam, was at the site inspecting the damage. Feathers and remnants of the duck were visible in the rear passenger area of the helicopter.

Schneider said she couldn't release the name or condition of the patient being transported due to HIPPA regulations.

Bird strikes are rare, but not unheard of.

"I wouldn't say (hitting ducks) is common, but it does happen," Schneider said.

"The pilot did what he was trained to do and avoided injury to everyone on board."

Schneider said Monday that the helicopter has been repaired and is back in service.

She added that Air Evac Lifeteam has spare helicopters for use when another is out of service, but one was not needed for the Marion base, as last week's weather conditions had grounded aircraft anyway. By the time the weather cleared for flight, repairs had been made to the aircraft.

(The Messenger Inquirer in Owensboro contributed to this story.)

COLD

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degrees at the most. Wind chills don't count.

Minus 9 degrees is Montana weather, not Marion's.

Indeed, western Kentucky is experiencing climate change. Not sure if it's because of global warming, but something is different.

When I think of global warming, minus 9 degrees is not what comes to mind. Still, there are scientists who say that all these new weather patterns can be blamed on a phenomenon

known as global warming.

The melting Arctic ice is causing it. Well, let me back up. We're allegedly causing it by burning gas, coal and spraying hairspray. Some folks don't particularly believe it. As most of you know, global warming has created somewhat of a political debate about scientific reasoning. Hmmm.

From my perspective, the earth is an ever-evolving planet, has been and will be forever. Our universe is changing, too, just as our lives change. External factors certainly have a role in promoting change.

For the sake of avoiding an argument, I will not get further into the merits of global warming. What I will say, however, is that we're experiencing what appears to be – at least in my lifetime – a very distinct change in the climate of western Kentucky.

The same can be said for the global environment. For instance, China recorded its warmest January since 1961. Australia was 34 percent above normal precipitation during January.

Strangely, while Arctic ice is melting in the North, the frozen area of Antarctica is expanding at a record pace.

Of course, there are various plausible data explaining why one side of the globe is melting and the other is exponentially freezing.

Over the past 20 or so years, we've experienced in our little corner of the earth two major ice storms, record snowfall, remnants of a hurricane that washed out bridges and roads, torna-

does that ripped through Crayne, Mattoon and beyond, six years of drought over the last one dozen, hotter than normal summers in 2010, 2011 and 2012, but milder and wetter summers most recently.

At the same time, Guinness World Records report that new records have been set in 2015 for fastest solving of the Rubik's Cube, the largest heart-shaped pizza, the largest snowmobile parade and the longest ice cream sundae.

Surely it's cliché, but records are meant to be broken.

Where we're located on the globe – known to some as the Upper South or perhaps the Lower Midwest – atmospheric conditions are ripe for all sorts of influences. We can be embraced by warm, moist air from the Gulf or stung by clippers from the North. The abundance of rivers and lakes probably have some affect on the patterns of our weather, at least that's what the old-timers say.

Truth is, weather changes. Chicken Little might think the sky is falling every time we have an extreme weather event, but the average person hardly looks up until his flat roof leaks.

We western Kentuckians are not built for such weather extremes, but we're moving in that direction.

Kevin Carlson, who brought his family here from Wisconsin in 2009, said everyone in his old neighborhood up north had a way to plow snow, whether it was a blade for their 4x4 pickup or

a gadget for the front of an ATV.

In Texas, farms are littered with irrigation systems. You hardly ever saw such watering systems around here until recently. Now, in the southern part of the county, Parish and Hooks Farms has fitted field after field with an endless supply of water on demand. That's something new to this landscape.

As the earth changes, we adapt. Next time the weatherman predicts minus 9 degrees, I will be sure to put the house slippers closer to the bed.

(Chris Evans is the publisher of The Crittenden Press. He can be reached at (270) 965-3191 or by e-mail at evans@the-press.com.)

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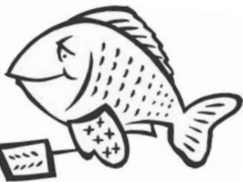
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OBITUARIES

Bushart

Will Ed Bushart, 78, of Marion died March 9, 2015, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

He was a member of First Christian Church of Benton, a director for The Bank of Benton (CFSB), founder of The Catfish Kitchen and a 20-year owner of Bushart Builders.

Bushart is survived by two sons, Mack Bushart of Winchester, Ky., and Mark Bushart of Calvert City; four-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Geraldine Bushart.

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Farm Bill safety-net deadlines approach for Kentucky farmers

STAFF REPORT

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency John W. McCauley reminds producers of the deadline for new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). The final day for farm owners and producers to choose coverage is March 31.

"If no program election occurs by March 31, then there will be no 2014 payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage through the 2018 crop year," said McCauley.

Online tools, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, allow producers to explore projections on how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation under possible future scenarios.

To learn more, farmers can contact the Farm Service Agency in Salem at (270) 988-2180.

Ag Tag program aids local 4-H

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is asking farmers this month to make the \$10 Ag Tag donation when renewing their farm license plates at their county clerk's office. These donations help 4-H provide young people in every county of Kentucky opportunities to develop leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

The Ag Tag Program evenly distributes the donations among 4-H, FFA, and the Kentucky Proud program. Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture, James Comer, initiated the distribution of the donations beginning in 2012 to help provide support to these essential programs for

Kentucky's youth and Kentucky's agricultural economy.

In the Commonwealth of Kentucky, there are more than 180,000 farm plates bought or renewed each year. With the support of Kentucky farmers, the Commissioner's action can generate significant funds.

"We are excited to have the support of Commissioner Comer and county clerks across the Commonwealth," said Keith L. Rogers, executive director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "Through Commissioner Comer's Ag Tag Program, more than \$1.3 million has been raised since 2012 to support 4-H, FFA, and the Kentucky Proud program."

More than 256,000 youth

are involved in Kentucky's 4-H program. Kentucky ranks in the top 10 of several 4-H enrollment categories nationwide. All 120 counties in Kentucky have 4-H programs and all counties will receive 50 percent of the 4-H share donated in their county.

Last year Kentucky 4-H received \$169,280.21 as its portion of the donations. The donations are split between the county where the funds originated and the 4-H Foundation.

That means part of the Ag Tag donations stay in the county where it originated to provide funding for programs and activities that teach children and teens about, leader-

ship, citizenship, science and technology, communications, public speaking, agriculture and more. The 4-H Foundation uses its share to support state level 4-H activities for participating youth providing additional positive experiences and opportunities.

In Crittenden County, \$1,060 was collected for 2014 with \$176.67 going to the local 4-H program.

Making the \$10 Ag Tag donation is an 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.

Livestock report USDA Ledbetter auction results

March 10, 2015

Receipts: 253 head. Last Week: 350 head. Compared to last week: Feeders under 550 lbs traded 10:00-12:00 higher, over 550 lbs mostly steady. Slaughter cows and bulls 3:00-7:00 higher. Supply included 24% feeder steers, 55% feeder heifers, and 21% feeder bulls.

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UK economic study snaps agriculture's bigger picture

STAFF REPORT

A University of Kentucky study has found agriculture's total impact on Kentucky's economy equaled \$45.6 billion in 2013, an 8.3 percent increase over 2007's figures.

The Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK) study was authored by researcher Shaleen Burrey and Associate Professor Alison Davis of the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Department of Agricultural Economics. They examined three aspects of agricultural activity: on-farm production, processing and agricultural inputs.

"It's important to think of agriculture as a more comprehensive picture than just production," said Davis, CEDIK executive director. "There can be a miscomprehension that, because there is not a significantly larger number of on-farm workers, agriculture is an insignificant contribution to the state's economy."

Total output for the entire agricultural industry crested \$31.3 billion, accounting for nearly 8 percent of Kentucky's total output. Output is measured by the dollar value, or market value, attached to the product. The sector employed nearly 136,000 workers, a 5.6 percent share of employment across all of state industries.

All agricultural sectors, which include production, processing and manufacturing, added \$2.8 billion to the economy in terms of labor and wages, accounting for 2.8 percent of total wages earned from all of Kentucky's industries.

The average market value of agricultural products per farm increased from \$56,586 to \$65,755 and farm-related income rose by almost 60 percent from 2007 to 2012. Both factors helped offset a 9 percent decrease in the number of farms and a 6.7 percent drop in agricultural acreage in the state during the same period.

A goal of the study was to quantify agriculture's multiplier effect, that is, the dollars generated from every dollar spent within the sector. For every job within the agricultural input sector, an area that includes such things as fertilizer, feed and pesticides, 2.71 other jobs were created. Within the production sector, \$8.09 was generated for every dollar spent to grow vegetable and melon crops. Cattle ranching generated an extra 43 cents and oilseed and grain crops an additional 44 cents from every dollar spent.

Taking into account the multiplier effect, production agriculture represents approximately \$9.5 billion of output, 128,855 jobs, and almost \$889 million in labor income. Including other agriculture-related industries, the researchers calculated that agriculture is responsible for 258,605 jobs in the state and \$6.2 billion in labor income.

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Tinsley receives Champions of Character award

STAFF REPORT
Marion native Jessica Tinsley has received the Mid-South Conference's (MSC) Champions of Character Award. Tinsley, a junior at Campbellsville University, is the university's fourth consecutive cheerleader to receive the honor.
The award was presented during a banquet last Wednesday at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Frankfort. The presentation preceded the MSC Cheerleading Championships at the Frankfort Convention Center.
"Congratulations to Jessica on being awarded the

highest honor we give in the MSC," said Campbellsville University Director of Athletics Rusty Hollingsworth in a news release. "She continues the streak of four consecutive winners from our cheer program. This is a testament to our coaches, Vanessa Adkins and Lorri Hardy, recruiting students that have character. Our coaches are also intentional with teaching character traits to their athletes."
The university cheerleading coach, Vanessa Adkins, provided a letter of recommendation on Tinsley's behalf to athletic directors who ultimately vote

for the recipient. In the letter, Adkins said Tinsley has demonstrated the five core values of Champions of Character in and out of competition. Those core values include integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.
Champions of Character is a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) initiative that recognizes athletes who mirror those values.
Adkins also praised Tinsley for being an excellent mentor for her peers by leading devotionals before practices, volunteering at church with youth classes,

helping to deliver dinners to families in need and volunteering her time to work with cheerleaders in the Upward program.
"I'm extremely proud of Jessica for receiving the Champion of Character award. The accomplishments she shared on paper don't touch the motivation and encouragement she shares daily with our team," Adkins said in the release.
This isn't the first recognition Tinsley has received. Her hard work in the classroom has produced Academic All-Conference honors for two years in a row.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Marion native Jessica Tinsley received the Mid-South Conference's Champions of Character Award. Tinsley is a junior at Campbellsville University.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. All menu items are subject to change based on availability.
Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.
Upcoming activities and menu include:
- Today: Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Menu is ham and bean soup, pickled beets, turnip greens, cornbread and fruit cobbler.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is baked chicken with gravy, seasoned cabbage, macaroni and cheese, whole wheat roll and ambrosia.
- Monday: Ladies exercise

Fellowship Dinner
Today at 5 p.m.
A \$5 donation is requested. Guests are asked to bring a side dish.
Entertainment will be provided.

by Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is chili, pimento cheese sandwich on wheat bread, saltine crackers and tropical fruit.
- Tuesday: Legal aid will be offered beginning at 10 a.m. Menu is breaded chicken patty, mashed potatoes, white gravy, turnip greens, pineapple slices and cornbread.
- Wednesday: Game Day with Barb begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is baked catfish, navy beans, baked potato, cole slaw, cornbread and peaches.
- Next Thursday: Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Menu is pork roast and gravy, mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, cornbread and apple crisp.

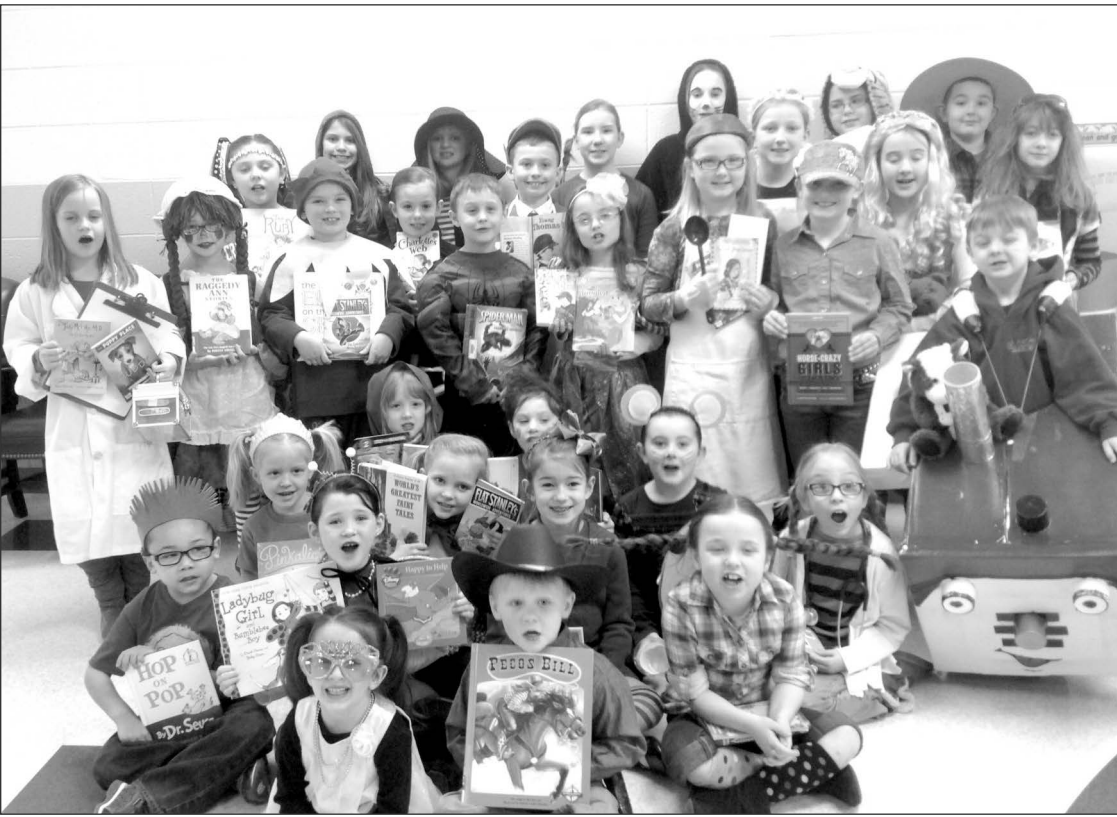
Community church notes

■ Marion Baptist Church will hold a community-wide prayer service at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, in the church's worship center.
■ West Kentucky Association of General Baptists at Camp David will hold a youth rally at 6:30 p.m., Friday at 134 Ky. 1668 in Marion. Comedian and motivational speaker Tim Lovelace will appear. Admission is free. Call Bro. Barry Hix at (270) 625-1248 for more information.
■ Deer Creek Baptist Church invites the public to a journey on the "Road to the Resurrection" held at 11 a.m., each Sunday. On Sunday, the sanctuary will be transformed into the scene of the Last Supper. Listen as Jesus talks with His disciples about His upcoming death. On March 22, listen to Christ as He pours out His heart in prayer to His Heavenly Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. At 11 a.m., March 29, Eric Horner will be in concert to share powerful songs about the Cross of Calvary. Finally, celebrate the Risen Savior on Easter, April 5 and see the empty tomb. For more information, call the church at (270) 965-2220.
■ The annual Crayne Cemetery clean up day is set for 9 a.m., March 21. In case of rain, the date will be moved to March 28.
■ Upward basketball and cheerleading practice is held Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Marion Baptist Church. The weight room and walking track is open from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday; 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday.
■ Mexico Baptist Church's clothes closet is open 9-11:30 a.m., each Monday.
(Editor's note: Keep the community aware of your church's activities and celebrations. Email your church notes to The Crittenden Press at pressnews@the-press.com. Type "Church Notes" in the subject line. Items need to be received by 5 p.m. on Monday for the current week's publication each Thursday.)

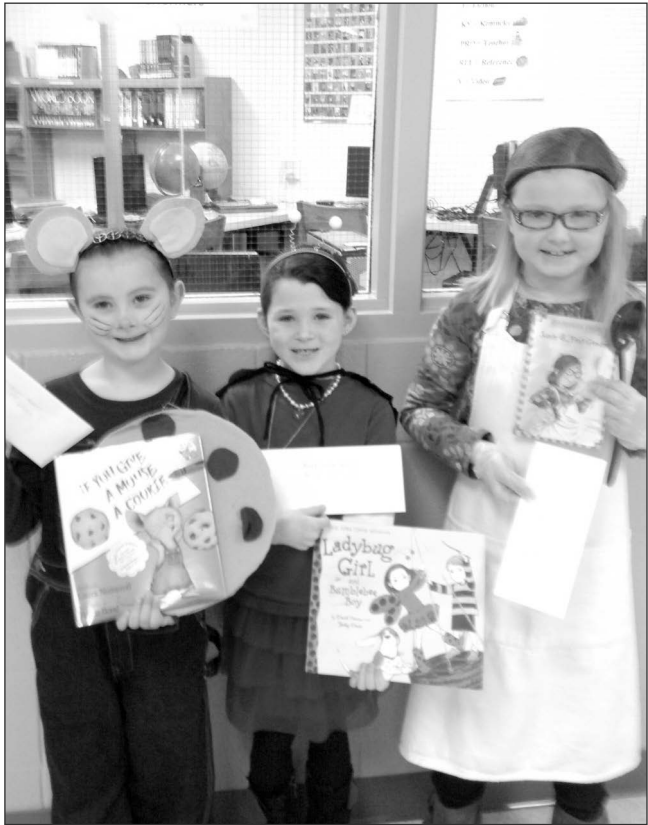
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 14
■ The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library. Austin Valentine Jr. will be the guest speaker. He will share interesting facts he has encountered during his genealogy research. He will also speak on the creation of his first book "The Midwest Migration – The History of the Jacob Valentine Family."
■ The Woman's Club of Marion will hold its annual meeting and membership brunch at 11 a.m., at its club headquarters on East Carlisle Street.
Monday, March 16
■ A Relay for Life meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., at the courthouse.
Wednesday, March 18
■ Livingston County Middle School SBDM Council will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the Cardinal Room Annex. All parents, interested community members and staff are invited to attend.
Monday, March 23
■ Livingston County Middle School Efficiency Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the Cardinal Room Annex. All parents, interested community members and staff are invited to attend.
On-going events
■ Veterans in Crittenden County looking for benefit information can contact Renita Duff with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays at (270) 322-9087.
(Editor's note: Keep the community aware of your organization or club activities and celebrations. Email your community calendar items to The Crittenden Press at pressnews@the-press.com. Type "Community Calendar" in the subject line. Items need to be received by 5 p.m. on Monday for the current week's publication each Thursday.)

Read Across America CCES students celebrate



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Reading is fundamental and can be fun too. That's what students at Crittenden County Elementary School discovered. Last week students and staff at CCES celebrated Read Across America Week by dressing as their favorite book characters. A top winner was chosen from each classroom with winners receiving a book as their prize. Shown in the upper left photo are (sitting) Bristol Pate, Hayden Hughes, Tristan Bell, Alivia Caudill, Aeria Suggs, Elliot Evans, Dixie Hunter, Kyndal Shouse, Maeson Martin, Cheyenne Camp, Laken Gilchrist and Mia Grandinetti; (standing) Rachel Mundy, Alexis Hughes, Carson Yates, Rien Tabor, Karlie Beavers, Carly Porter, Macie Hunt, Josh James, Hannah Long, Kiley Croft, Cutter Singleton, Rylee Remus, Aria Kirk, Mya Moore, Hadlee Rich, Mallory Lynn, Hannah Herrington, Talissa Jenkins, Lanie Greewell and Jacob Hoover. Shown in the photo are morning preschool top winners: first place Josh James, second place Bristol Pate and third place Hayden Hughes. Above are afternoon preschool winners Zora Lady, Heather Mullinix and Lucas McDowell; (at far left) over all top winners for kindergarten through second grades include first place Laken Gilchrist, second place Alivia Caudill and third place Carly Porter; (at left) third through fifth grade winners include first place Rylee Remus; second place Cutter Singleton and third place Kiley Croft. Guest readers were invited to read to each classroom to help celebrate reading during the Read Across America Week. The Read Across America Committee wishes to thank Mrs. Carolyn Traum, CCES Media Specialist, for donating books for prizes, PTO for donating ShopKo gift cards, event judges and each of the guests who came to read to the students.

CCHS instructors organize on-site learning

STAFF REPORT

From suspension design to assembling various interior and exterior components, mathematics is essential in automobile production. To demonstrate the importance of understanding mathematical concepts, on Monday, Crittenden County High School math instructor Ken Geary will take his Algebra 1 students on a tour of the Toyota Motor Manufacturing plant in Princeton, Ind.

Prior to his teaching career, Geary worked at the plant for six years as a quality resident engineer for Tokai-Rika, a Japanese supplier to Toyota, based in Plymouth, Mich. He believes his experience will help interest students in the field of engineering and various other careers in which math can take them.

Students participating in the field trip include eighth-graders Zach Claybrooke, Blake Curnel, Gavin Dickerson, Ethan Dossett, John

Claude Duvall, Hanna Easley, Jake Gibson, Paige Gilbert, Mitchell Joyce, Caitlyn Lynch, Matt Lynn, David Maness, Shea Martin, Kenlee Perryman, Devin Porter, Payton Riley, Mayce Simpkins, Shelby Summers, Sydney Taylor, Sawyer Towery, Kelsie Webster and Leah Williams; freshmen Cruce Collyer, Megan Chambliss, Bailey Barnes, Carsen Easley, Emmalea Barnes, Dayton Simpkins and Tyson Steele; and sophomore Kendall Sandoval.

During the plant tour, students will witness the entire production process of the Toyota Sienna mini-van, which includes the car's robotics, engineering and assembly processes. Geary said they will see the application of classroom science and mathematics principles as they come to life in real-



Geary

world applications. Students will also be given the opportunity to witness assembly components produced locally in connection to a previous field trip in November when the class visited Par 4 Plastics.

Geary said he and fellow Freshman Academy instructors Shannon Hodge, Carol West and Jody Porter will be teaching cross-curriculum in connection to a May 1 field trip to the GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant, which manufactures the Corvette; the National Corvette Museum; and the Kentucky History Museum at Western Kentucky University.

Hodge will relate her social studies instruction to both museums, as she teaches an elective course on Kentucky history. The Corvette museum will have an astronomy exhibit on display that will connect to

Porter's Introduction to Chemistry and Physics classes. West will work with students to document the field trips. Geary will utilize the opportunity to relate mathematical functions studied in the classroom to the real world as it relates to the production of the Chevrolet Corvette.

Geary said CCHS has also developed an Energy Club, dubbed as the Power Rangers. Originating from an idea by Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark, the Energy Club encourages groups of students to initiate and study actions that will help reduce the school-wide energy consumption and save money.

Additionally, school officials hope to organize a tour of a TVA power plant on or around April 22, which is Earth Day, and visit a local university to give students the opportunity to learn more about renewable resources.

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Balloon trick!



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Special guest reader Jerry McDonald had a captive audience as he read "Llama Llama Red Pajama," to Angel McDonald's and Denise Guess' morning and afternoon preschool classes. Afterward, he told the students he wanted to make a llama balloon to show them. At left, he creates a llama wearing red pajamas much to the delight of Madison Gibson. McDonald said Jerry and the students all had a great time.

Princesses, super heroes to attend fundraiser

STAFF REPORT

A Princess Tea and Super Hero Expo will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., March 21 at the Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. All proceeds from the event benefit Relay for Life of Crittenden County.

The deadline to purchase tickets is March 17. Ticket prices are \$15 per child. For families with more than one child, the cost is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional sibling. The price includes an adult escort.

For the last few years, the Princess Tea has been a

much anticipated event for young girls. The addition of the super hero expo allows boys to meet some of their favorite comic book characters.

While Fairy GodMother teaches princess prep etiquette tips, boys can meet with some of their favorite super heroes, including Batman, Spider-Man and the

Hulk. A super hero obstacle course and detective school will be among the many activities available.

Event organizer Ashley Morries said individuals have donated both time and resources for the event.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Morries at (270) 625-1197 or Caitlan Dunbar at (270) 704-6375.

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BARKLEY LAKE FRONT PROPERTY...Lake Barkley waterfront property w/private covered dock & year round water. This 3 BR, 2 BA home has a great open floor plan. Large covered porch on both levels of house overlooking the lake. Also a large covered pavilion that is perfect for entertaining. **rc**

LOVELY BRICK HOME...w/large double lot in center of Marion. 3 BR, 2 BA has large rooms throughout, hardwood floors, modern kitchen w/all appliances, formal dining room, large basement w/storage & shower, 2 car detached garage, partially fenced. **bb**

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GREENWOOD HGTS AREA...4 bedroom, 2 bath brick home, eat in kitchen, walkout basement, 5 car detached garage. **PRICE REDUCED**

EAST BELLVILLE...4 BR, 3 BA home on corner lot. Just 1 block from the Court House & Main St. Business. Lots of character. **cb**

CARRSVILLE HORSE FARM...Approx. 59 acre w/3 BR, 2 BA Cedar sided home, den, dining room, kitchen w/appliances. Large deck overlooking stocked lake. Approx. 35 acres open pasture/hay fields w/balance in woods. 42 x 100 shop/stable bldg. w/concrete floor, water & electricity. Lots of privacy trees, shrubs, flowers, good pasture, fencing & abundant wildlife. **Pm**

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SALE PENDING

CORNER LOT LOCATION...2 BR, 1 BA, close to schools, hospital and Country Club. Call for more info. **Gb**

WEST CENTRAL...3 BR, 2 BA brick home in town. Gas central heat and air, eat-in kitchen, master bath w/2 sinks. **TJ**

WEST ELM ST...3 BR, 1.5 BA, large living room, dining room, all appliances, 1588 square feet of living space, black-top driveway. **np** **REDUCED \$27,500**

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3.37 ACRES...located on the corner of Hwy 506 & Country View Drive. Utilities available. Lot is only 2.5 miles from the center of Marion, lot has restrictions. **mr**

COMMERCIAL

6.5 ACRES...Commercial property in Fredonia with buildings. **cb**

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Sun. 1:30, 4, 6:45 • Mon.-Thur. 6:30

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BASKETBALL

SECOND REGION BOYS

Basketball Tournament

Games at Morganfield
Sunday's Results
Hopkinsville 77, Caldwell County 60
Trigg County 67, UHA 55
Monday's Results
Henderson County 74, Crittenden 32
Webster County 54, Madisonville 52
Tuesday's Semifinals
Hopkinsville 59, Henderson Co. 54
Webster County 49, Trigg County 47
Thursday's Championship
Hopkinsville vs. Webster Co., 7pm

Alumni game back on

The Rocket Alumni Men's Basketball event postponed last weekend is back on the schedule for 1 p.m., Sunday at Rocket Arena. There will be a series of age-specific Rocket alumni basketball games. There will be two age brackets: 39-under and 40-over. To enter, text or call Travis Perryman at (270) 969-1168. Admission will be \$5. All who show up will get to play.

Brown plays in nationals

Bailey Brown and Asbury University clinched their first ever berth in the NAIA Division II National Women's Basketball Tournament by beating Indiana University-East last week 64-61 in the KIAC championship game. Brown, a former Lady Rocket basketball player, is a regular in the Lady Eagles lineup, averaging 3.5 points in about 10 minutes per game. Asbury will take on Cardinal Stritch University of Milwaukee, Wisc., today (Thursday) at Sioux City, Iowa. Asbury is 26-6 this year and Stitch is 27-4 and ranked No. 5 in the country.



YOUTH SPORTS

Registration extended

Baseball - Softball - Kickball

Due to recent weather-related issues, the Crittenden County Dugout Club is extending its registration period for youth baseball, softball and kickball until Saturday. The skills assessment – which was postponed last weekend – will be held from 9-11 a.m., Saturday at the CCMS gym. Any registration received after March 14 must include a \$25 penalty. Signups will close March 21. Registration forms were sent home with CCES students. A registration form is also available online at the Dugout Club Facebook page or The Press Online Sports link. Forms can be picked up at The Crittenden Press. Payment must accompany registration form when it is submitted to Dugout Club. For more information call Chris Evans (270) 704-0435.

Soccer sign up Saturday

Crittenden Youth Soccer will have open registration for spring soccer from 9 a.m., until noon Saturday at Dairy Queen. Registration forms can also be picked up at Tru-Color Graphics in Marion. Mail forms to PO Box 584, Marion, Ky. Soccer is open to boys and girls ages 2-14. For more information, call Shana Geary (270) 704-1069.

Softball, baseball clinics

Tony Abbatine of National Director of Frozen Ropes baseball and softball training centers will be the featured instructor for coach and player clinics next week at Ed-dyville's Lee Jones Park. There will be a coaches clinic from 6-8 p.m., Friday, March 27, and softball and baseball players clinics for various ages at different times on Saturday, March 28. For more information or to register, call 270-559-6616 or 270-350-6607. Cost is \$35. Deadline is Sunday.

Centershot Archery starts

Mexico Baptist Church is registering for its Centershot Archery program at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 18 at the church.

Ribeye sale Saturday

Crittenden County track and field boosters' will have a ribeye sandwich sale Saturday at Conrad's parking lot.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Snow Goose	Feb. 9 - March 31
Youth Turkey	Apr. 4-5
Spring Turkey	Apr. 18 - May 10
LBL Turkey	Apr. 20 - May 3
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Coyote Lights Night	Feb 1 - May 31

SECOND REGION TOURNAMENT

No. 2 Henderson puts end to CCHS's surprising year

STAFF REPORT

The coming days may not be far enough removed from the sting of Monday's 74-32 ouster from the Second Region Boys' Basketball Tournament for Crittenden County to talk about its otherwise surprisingly pleasant season, but discussions are sure to go there as fans eventually put into perspective the legacy of this year's Rockets.

This was a team no one saw coming. It blindsided many, snuck up on some with new, dark gray jerseys and so did its top scorer, Landon Young, who poked the ball through strings so often early in the season that teams dusted off gimmick defenses to slow him down.

It was a squad that saw the maturation of senior Colby Watson as a team leader, scorer and rebounder. For a time this year, he was pushing the cart out in front of everyone else, especially when Young was the central focus of everyone's defensive attention and hampered by a nagging wrist injury.

The development of senior Noah Dickerson as a basketball player – and not just a quarterback – came later in the season as his presence played a huge role in games throughout February.

The storyline ended on a court in Morganfield earlier this week as Henderson County – the state's No. 2 team according to the Associated Press – made easy work of its Class A counterpart, but the success of this bunch will live long in Rocket history and its mark upon the recordbooks is well documented. From a top-tier scorer to a season-opening 9-1 run that tied a school record, Version 2014.15 will long be remembered as one of the most successful teams to wear the colors – even if the updated hue drew some interesting remarks from opposing players, coaches and media. Trigg County's radio station nicknamed Crittenden County the "Unknown Guys In Gray" because the contrast between their jerseys and numbers made it almost impossible to know who was who, unless you knew the face.

"I have been extremely impressed with them," Rocket coach Denis Hodge said about his crew. "I really didn't think we would be as successful as we were. Although we were not very deep, we had all of the positions covered against most teams. And, these guys are very intelligent, so we could do a lot of stuff."

Like many observers, the Rockets themselves were pleasantly surprised by the soup they made.



Crittenden County senior Colby Watson led the Rockets with 14 points against Henderson. Here, he is closely guarded by the Colonels' Antoine Calhoun during Monday's game at Morganfield.

"Honestly, we didn't know what to expect," said Watson, who led the Rockets in scoring against Henderson. "I remember us talking about hoping we could be around .500."

Watson found some consolation in knowing this group finished far beyond expectations, and he believes the Rockets earned a measure of respect for the school and its basketball program.

"I think we put our name out there this year," he said. "We got tired of hearing people say Crittenden isn't good at anything."

For Watson, he hopes basketball is not over. A few small colleges are starting to reach out to the slim, 6-foot-5 forward who can shoot the three about as well as anything closer to the basket.

"I thought it was of kind of cool that David Simmons, who could be

Mr. Kentucky Basketball, was guarding me (in the Henderson game)," Watson said, finding another memory to log onto the hard drive from Monday's opening round game in the regional tournament.

Simmons, the Second Region Player of the Year, scored 18 to lead Henderson (27-3) out of the first round and headfirst into a game against another state contender, Hopkinsville. Simmons is projected as a late academic qualifier for college athletics, but he's getting lots of attention from Kentucky Wesleyan. Western Kentucky has even eased into the mix.

The cast of characters that helped Crittenden post a 16-12 record are unlikely to make many more basketball headlines, but for a time, coach Hodge's "Unknown Guys in Gray" left a blue mark on a few



WHERE THEY FIT

All-Region, All-Time

Wrapping up their careers in recent days were Crittenden County senior basketball players Chelsea Oliver and Landon Young. Each was named this week as All-Second Region Players and both of their careers will go down in the annals of CCHS sports as being among the best ever. Oliver's career 1,291 points ranks No. 5 all-time. Although Young didn't become a prolific scorer until his senior season, the guard has shot himself into school history at No. 30 on the all-time list.

Lady Rockets All-Time Scoring

1,628	Jeanne Hinchee	1973-78
1,534	Shannon Collins	1979-85
1,502	Jessi Hodge	2006-11
1,333	Morgan Dooms	2000-04
1,291	Chelsea Oliver	2011-15

Rockets All-Time Top 10 Scoring

1,822	Tim Hill	2000-05
1,596	Bennett Smith	1968-72
1,326	Don Brasher	1950-53
1,205	Greg Thurman	1983-87
1,090	Casey Oliver	2007-11
1,063	Lige Shadowen	1955-58
1,030	Tom Wring	1953-56
1,024	Spencer Cozart	1975-79
991	Turner Martin	1979-82
975	Justin Hill	1996-00
Young Makes All-Time List at No. 30		
719	Landon Young	2011-15

teams and put smiles on the faces of many CCHS fans.

Henderson 74, Crittenden 32

Crittenden County 8 9 5 10
Henderson County 18 19 17 20
CRITTENDEN – Young 5, Hollis 3, N.Dickerson 6, D.Watson 3, Driver, Tolly, Hadfield, Greenwell, Coleman 1, James, Hicks, C.Watson 14, Lundy, Stephens, G.Dickerson. FG 10-33. 3-pointers 7-17 (Watson 3-7, Young 1-5, Hollis 1-1, N.Dickerson 2-2). FT 5-10. Rebounds 21 (N.Dickerson 3, D.Watson 3). Turnovers 16. Assists 8 (Young 2). Fouls 6.
HENDERSON – Calloway 14, Watkins 10, Dawson, Gilbert, Mattingly 2, Simmons 18, Duckworth, Washington, Norman 23, Ko.Rollins 2, D.Smith 2, Ka.Rollins, Crowley 2, Calhoun, C.Smith 1. FG 32-54. 3-pointers 6-17 (Simmons 2-3, Watkins 2-2, Calloway 2-4). FT 4-9. Rebounds 29 (D.Smith 7, Simmons 7). Turnovers 4. Assists 10. Fouls 8.

Colonel caputures piece of home in region

STAFF REPORT

When Henderson County left Marion Sunday afternoon with the Second Region Girls' Basketball Tournament trophy in tow, it was more than a third straight piece of hardware for 5-foot-7 Lady Colonel guard Maci Brown.

Brown actually took a little piece of home back to Henderson County.

The Lady Colonels senior has deep roots in Crittenden County – it's sort of her second home although she's spent her entire life in Henderson.

Brown's mother and father both played basketball at Crittenden County and graduated high school here. Her dad, Nicky, is in the Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame and her mother, Danette, is No. 13 on the Lady Rockets' all-time scoring list. And her aunt, Markeatta, is the No. 9 and a Hall of Famer. Browns grand-

parents live her, too. Many folks may remember her late-grandfather, R.F. Brown, who owned an automobile dealership here a few decades back.

Brown's parents said last week's "homecoming" basketball championship was a pleasant sidebar to winning the title and earning another trip to the Sweet 16, where Henderson was scheduled to open play Wednesday against Ashland Paul Blazer at Bowling Green.

For a time, it was unclear whether Brown would get to participate in the Second Region Tournament on the campus where her parents were schooled.

Brown broke her wrist about four weeks ago. The arm healed just in time for a cameo appearance in her district championship game against Webster County. She came off the bench early in the opening round win over Crittenden County – some-

SECOND REGION GIRLS

Basketball Tournament

Games at Marion's Rocket Arena

Opening Round Games

Hopkins Central 61, Lyon County 44
Webster County 62, UHA 50
Madisonville 50, Christian County 43
Henderson Co. 73, Crittenden Co. 19
Saturday's Semifinals
Webster Co. 64, Hopkins Central 63
Henderson Co. 59, Madisonville 33
Sunday's Championship
Henderson County 62, Webster 41



Crittenden senior Chelsea Oliver defends Henderson's Maci Brown.

thing she is not accustomed to doing. Brown resumed her normal starting role in Second Region Tournament wins over Madisonville and Webster County to claim the championship.

Before breaking her arm, Brown

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

Despite the weather, plans move ahead for spring sports to get started this week, if teams can find a dry venue. At press time, there was still some scrambling to rework this week's schedules in hopes of getting in a game or two in somewhere. Nonetheless, here is what was scheduled as of Tuesday:

ROCKET BASEBALL

March 12	at Hopkinsville, ppd.
March 14	at UHA
March 16	at Marshall County
March 19	MADISONVILLE
March 20	DAWSON SPRINGS
March 24	LIVINGSTON CENTRAL
March 26	at Trigg County
March 28	at Hardin County, Ill.
March 30	at Lyon County
March 31	LYON COUNTY
April 3	TRIGG COUNTY
April 7	at Caldwell County
April 9	WEBSTER COUNTY

April 10	HARDIN COUNTY, IL
April 13	Class A at Lyon County
April 17	UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
April 20	at Dawson Springs
April 21	at Madisonville
April 23	at Webster County
April 27	HOPKINSVILLE
April 28	at Livingston Central
May 1	at Hopkins Central
May 5	MARSHALL COUNTY
May 7	at Fort Campbell
May 9	vs Ballard at Marshall Co.
May 11	CALDWELL COUNTY
May 14	at Union County
May 15	HOPKINS CENTRAL

LADY ROCKET SOFTBALL

March 12 HOPKINSVILLE, ppd.
March 13 at Paducah Tilghman
March 16 HOPKINS CENTRAL
March 17 at Union County
March 20 at Caldwell County
March 21 at Todd Central Tournament
March 23 LIVINGSTON CENTRAL

March 24 WEBSTER COUNTY
March 26 at Trigg County
March 28 at Hardin County, Ill.
March 30 at Lyon County
March 31 at Henderson County
April 2 Dawson Springs Home 5:30pm
April 3 at Woodford County Tournament
April 4 at Woodford County Tournament
April 7 CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
April 10 at Mclean County
April 11 CCHS ROUND ROBIN
April 13 All A - Dawson at Marion
April 14 ALL A CLASSIC at Marion
April 16 ALL A CLASSIC at Marion
April 17 MCLEAN COUNTY
April 20 LYON COUNTY
April 21 at Christian Fellowship
April 23 UNION COUNTY
April 24 TRIGG COUNTY
April 27 at Hopkins Central
April 28 at Livingston Central
April 30 at Dawson Springs
May 1 at Hopkinsville

May 5 at Webster County
May 7 PADUCAH TILGHMAN
May-12 CALDWELL COUNTY
May 18 District Tournament
May 25 Regional Tournament

CCHS TRACK AND FIELD

March 17 Quad Meet at Marion
March 19 at Marshall Co. All-Comers
March 24 at Murray All-Comers
March 26 Quad Meet at Marion
April 9 Quad Meet at Marion
April 14 at Murray All-Comers
April 16 Pinkout Quad Meet at Marion
April 21 Quad Meet at Paducah
April 23 at Hopkins Central
April 28 PAC Meet at Hopkins Central*
April 30 at Caldwell County*
May 5 Quad Meet at Marion
May 8 Area 1 Championship
May 16 Regional Meet at Murray
May 23 State Meet at Lexington
(*Tentatively scheduled)

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CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-CI-00094
FIFTH THIRD
MORTGAGE COMPANY
PLAINTIFF VS.
HENRY ACKER, ET AL.
DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden

Circuit Court on the February 12, 2015, I will on Friday, March 13, 2015, beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 315 North College Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064

DESCRIPTION:

The following described property in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Parcel 1:

Lots Nos. 5 and 6 in Block No. 1 of the O'Bryan's addition to the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky. The Plat of same being of record in Deed Book No. 13 at Page 92, Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

Parcel 2:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows:

One Town lot in the Town of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, on the West side of College Street, fronting on said Street 72 feet and running back 200 feet to an alley. This conveyance includes all of Lot No. 4 and part of Lot of Lot No. 3 in Block 1, O'Bryan's Addition to the town of Marion, Kentucky, as shown by plat recorded in Deed Book No. 16, Page 400.

Less and Except a small lot and being part of Lot #4 and part of Lot #3 in Block 1 O'Bryan Addition to the Town of Marion, Kentucky and the lot conveyed by this deed is the West end of the property which was conveyed to Mrs. Emma Kate Brightman by Sylvan Clark et ux and said lot hereby conveyed fronts 72 feet on the alley and runs back Eastward full width of said Lot of 72 feet for a distance of 80 feet, making the lot so conveyed a Lot 72 feet fronting on said alley and running back for a distance of 80 feet. This being the same property conveyed to Emma Kate Brightman by Sylvan Clark, and his wife Geneva Clark by Deed dated June 30, 1965 and recorded in Deed Book 100 at Page 92 in the Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

Subject to :The above described property is subject to a contract and sewer line easement granted by Emma Kate Brightman to Sylvan and Geneva Clark dated June 30, 1965 and recorded in Deed Book 100, at Page 89.

Being the same property conveyed to Henry Acker, single who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Melinda Acker, single, dated August 3, 2005, recorded December 29, 2005, at Deed Book 204, Page 46, Crittenden County, Kentucky records.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

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This the 18th day of
February, 2015.
Robert B. Frazer
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-36-c)

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Property Address: 237 West Carlisle Street, Marion, KY 42064

DESCRIPTION:
A certain lot or parcel of land lying and being Crittenden County Kentucky on the North side of West Carlisle Street, in Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake or stone on the North side of West Carlisle Street, corner to B.J. Easley, and being the S.W. corner of Easley's lot and the S.E. corner to the lot conveyed by this deed; thence North or nearly so with Easley's line 90 feet to a stake or stone corner to first parties; thence West course a straight line parallel to Carlisle Street 74 feet to a stake or stone on the North side of Carlisle Street; thence East course with North line of said street 74 feet to the point of beginning.

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the February 13, 2015, I will on Friday, March 13, 2015 beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 3677 Highway 60 West, Marion, KY 42064

DESCRIPTION:

Parcel I:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and being described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on the North side of U.S. 60 about 2.8 miles West of Marion and being a corner to Dr. Thomas Shemwell; thence with his line N 52 1/2 West 345 feet to an ash marked as a corner; thence with another of his lines N 49 E 140 feet to a stake, a new corner; thence with a new division line S 52 1/2 E 345 feet to a stake on the North side of said highway, also a new corner; thence with said highway S 49 W 140 feet to the beginning, containing 1.1 acre, by survey of Billy J. May, LS 878, dated August 31, 1974.

Parcel II:

A certain small tract of parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stone on the North side of U.S. 60, being 30 feet from the center of the highway and about 2.8 miles Southwest of Marion, and also being 140 feet South 49 west of Arthur Vandell's corner, thence with original line N 52 1/4 W 345 feet to an ash and stone, original corner to Shemwell; thence with a New division line S 49 W 20 feet to an iron pin on the

North side of U.S. 60, a new corner; thence with said highway N 49 E 20 feet to the beginning, containing 0.15 acre by survey of Billy J. May, LS 878, dated October 7, 1978.

Being the same property conveyed to Howard M. Myers and his wife, Debbie Myers, by virtue of a deed from Mary Ann Wheeler, a single person, dated November 04, 2005, filed November 05, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 203, Page 422, County Clerk's Office, Crittenden County, Kentucky.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS.

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clusion of a late-April evidentiary hearing in Frankfort.

PSC Chairman David Armstrong said the meetings and any written comments from customers will be used by the commission "as it prepares to consider whether the proposed new rates are fair, just and reasonable."

The KU application and related documents are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2014-00371.

KU has about 512,000 electric customers in 77 counties across Kentucky. The electric utility serves all of Marion and portions of rural Crittenden County.

KU has proposed to increase its electric rates across all classes of customers in

order to generate an additional \$153 million in revenue per year. The utility estimates that the average monthly bill for residential customers would rise by \$11.01, to \$125.70, an increase of about 9.6 percent from the current monthly average of \$114.69.

Most of the proposed increase for KU residential customers would come through raising the monthly service charge to \$18 from the current

\$10.75. The charge per kilowatt-hour would also rise from 7.744 cents to 8.057 cents.

KU and LG&E say much of the rate increases would pay for the \$563 million gas-fired electric power plant being built at the Cane Run station in western Jefferson County. The 640-megawatt plant, scheduled to begin operating in May, is replacing a coal-fired plant at the same location.

The utilities say the in-

crease also would pay for expanded hydroelectric generating capacity at McAlpine Dam in Louisville and a new solar-powered generating facility in Mercer County. Additionally, they would finance reliability and safety improvements to both the electric and natural gas systems as well as fund improved technology to speed repairs following outages.

The evidentiary hearing in the KU case will be combined

with LG&E's into a single proceeding to be held at the PSC Frankfort offices on April 21. The hearing, which may last several days, will be open to the public. Written comments will be accepted through the conclusion of the hearing.

The PSC is an independent agency that regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky.

SHERIFF

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cers to conduct the county's police work, but worries that the money to add even one is simply not available.

"We're usually by ourselves (on a call)," Agent said. "So, safety is a concern."

With the county's size – 371 square miles – it can be hard to cover it all and provide adequate back-up when deputies respond to a call.

And deputies having to answer calls alone puts them at greater risk of being harmed or killed, something Sheriff Bobby Davidson in Livingston County knows all too well.

Livingston County Sheriff's Department lost a deputy in 2005 – Roger Lynch – who responded to a domestic call alone and was killed.

"If there had been enough deputies for two to respond to that call, would he still be alive?" Davidson told The Paducah Sun recently. "I feel like we haven't learned anything (from his death) because our manpower has stayed the same."

Agent said he and his deputies rarely have back-up available in emergency situations. Marion Police Department is not typically dispatched to calls outside the city limit and there is only one Kentucky State Police trooper assigned to Crittenden County. If that trooper is not available, the sheriff said it usually takes too long for an out-of-county trooper to offer effective back-up in an urgent situation.

"The activity is here for another trooper," Agent said. Meantime, he said the

sheriff's department is regularly requested as back-up for both the city and state police.

"Every day we're called on, one way or another," he added.

While Davidson has more to work with than Agent, Livingston County fields only seven-tenths officers per 1,000 residents, two officers below the national average.

"It's a struggle with six deputies," Davidson continued. "Each year, calls are going up, not necessarily crime statistics, but we're getting more calls every year."

Even sheriff's in some of western Kentucky's largest counties struggle with staffing issues. Marshall County Sheriff's Department averages six-tenths officers per 1,000 residents. In McCracken County, that figure is nine-tenths, and in Graves County, four-tenths.

Davidson said he often feels his hands are tied.

"As the sheriff of Livingston County, I feel like I am not doing my job to the best of my ability," he said. "I feel like I am letting the people down because I don't have the manpower."

That's a problem with

which Agent can identify.

The sheriff said he is unable to staff the department around the clock, leaving him and his three deputies on call from midnight to 8 a.m. By design, the department has enough patrol vehicles for each officer to take one home, allowing for a quicker response time during those hours.

Agent said having such a limited number of officers to call on can sometimes make it difficult to efficiently conduct investigations. While on duty, officers are responsible for working traffic accidents, opening new investigations, serving papers, transporting prisoners and serving in the court system as security or as witnesses. Court, the sheriff said, can tie up an officer three or sometimes four days a week.

All of the responsibilities can eat in to the time an officer can dedicate to effectively conduct an investigation.

However, Agent is resourceful and makes do with all he has available, including the services of special deputies Eddie Myers and Rick Mills and constables like Billy Arflack. He is limited, though,

to what duties he can comfortably assign each, as they do not have police academy training like field deputies Don Perry, Chuck Hoover and the sheriff's brother, Ray Agent, who was made full-time only a couple of years ago.

"I'm ultimately responsible for everything," said Sheriff Agent.

He primarily calls on special deputies and constables to provide assistance with traffic accidents, transport prisoners and provide security for the

court system.

"I don't know what we'd do without them," Agent said.

As with Agent, the sheriffs in Livingston, McCracken, Graves and Marshall counties said their budgets maxed out, preventing them from hiring more deputies without additional funding from their respective fiscal courts. The local sheriff, however, said Crittenden Fiscal Court helps him by letting the department borrow \$50,000 each year to run the office until money starts com-

ing in from taxes. Agent said that money is primarily needed to help meet payroll.

And stretched to provide as much staffing as possible, the sheriff's budget leaves little money for other things.

"We hardly buy anything as far as equipment goes," Agent said.

For that, the department relies upon state and federal grants for things like weapons and protective gear.

(The Paducah Sun contributed to this story.)

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