

## Plans could alter look of Marion landscape

### Former Sureway store slated to soon have roof removed

STAFF REPORT

Don't hold your breath, but Marion's Main Street could look a bit different one day in the not too distant future. Several things are happening from one end of Main to the other and beyond on Sturgis Road.

Terri Hart, Marion Planning and Zoning Coordinator, said there are a number of properties along Main Street that have either recently been approved for a zoning change, have requested a zoning change or are discussing a change.

Hart said if all plans come to fruition, it could drastically change the Main Street landscape in years to come.

The most recent zoning change was granted last week for property at 672 S. Main St. owned by Pat James. The property goes from being zoned residential to light commercial.

Hart said other property owners are interested in similar changes to property now classified as residential. It appears, she said, that some see a greater value in having Main Street property available for commercial uses.

She also said a couple of larger corporations have expressed interest in procuring larger tracts of property on Main Street for development. She said confidentiality agreements will not



Hart

allow her to identify the corporations.

The city is also currently in the process of condemning about a dozen properties, but none of them are on Main Street.

On the north end of town residents will soon notice some demolition at the former Sureway building at Darben Plaza. The building is owned by Jack Rogers Real Estate.

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## City voters to choose fate of alcohol sales

- WHO?** Registered voters inside the City of Marion only. Voters must have been registered by Feb. 23. If you are uncertain of your eligibility, contact County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office at (270) 965-3400.
- WHAT?** The second alcohol option election in the county since 2000. The ballot question reads: "Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink in Marion at restaurants and dining facilities with a seating capacity of at least 50 persons and which derive at least 70 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of food if the alcoholic beverage is purchased in conjunction with a meal?"
- WHEN?** Polls are open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday. Absentee balloting in Byford's office ends at 4:30 p.m. Monday. Her office is open until 4:30 p.m. today (Thursday) and 5 p.m. Friday.
- WHERE?** At the City of Marion's five precinct polling locations. Voters unsure of whether they vote at the courthouse, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion Baptist Church, St. William Catholic Church or the Ed-Tech Center may contact Byford's office.
- WHY?** Supporters want alcohol sales legal or the first time since 1936. Crittenden County is one of 30 counties in Kentucky where all alcohol sales are forbidden. Voters in Adair County, another of the 30 dry counties, also head to the polls Tuesday to consider allowing the limited sale of alcohol.
- HOW?** The balloting will be conducted like a typical state-run election. Voters will simply mark Yes or No on their ballot, and machines will tally the votes.



By **DARYL K. TABOR**  
PRESS EDITOR

It's been more than 15 years since voters in Crittenden County expressed their opinion on alcohol sales at the ballot box. Next week, about a third of the county's residents will again get that opportunity.

On Tuesday, a special election will be held to decide the fate of alcohol by the drink in Marion restaurants seating 50 or more people. Since the referendum asks to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages only in the City of Marion, polling will be restricted to the 2,172 eligible voters living inside the city limits.


If the measure passes, it would be the first time since voters

ers elected to go dry in 1936 that the purchase of alcohol would be permitted in Crittenden County. In that election, residents chose by a resounding 1,705 to 398 margin to go dry. In 2000, a referendum calling for countywide by-the-drink sales in restaurants failed 1,622 to 2,314.

A majority yes vote Tuesday would also move the county from one of Kentucky's 30 "dries" to the 50 currently considered moist, which means only select precincts permit the sale of alcohol. Voters in Adair County face the same decision Tuesday.

Locally, the arguments are similar to those waged 16 years ago, although much quieter in

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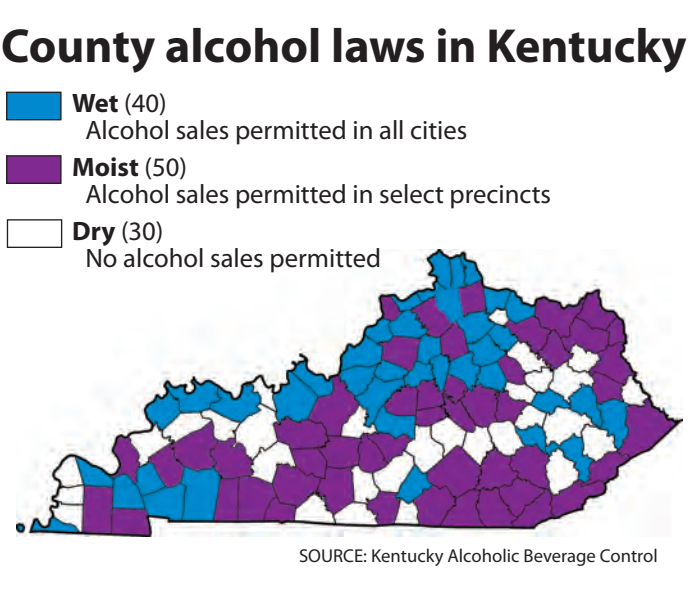
### Uniqueness of dry county more appeal than alcohol

Next week, city residents will be asked to decide whether they are ready to accept the sale of alcoholic drinks at restaurants in Marion.

As your newspaper, we have not during contemporary times taken a stand either for or against the alcohol issue when it has been on the ballot. We have always felt the matter was one of personal preference with possible merits on either side.

This question of whether to serve alcohol is one America has faced time and again from local options to a federal ban almost a century ago. We indeed tried Prohibition as a country, and it failed miserably. As the late humorist Will Rogers pointed

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## Board of ed may pursue free meals for all students

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Board of Education appears ready to join dozens of school districts across the state that offer free meals to all students. If approved, the federal program could save some parents hundreds of dollars and the community hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

At last Thursday's monthly working session of the board, Food Services Director Emily Lowery said she is prepared to complete an application to the USDA for participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) that already allows every student in about 60 percent of Kentucky schools free breakfast and lunch. It is designed for schools or districts with a high percentage of low-income students on free or reduced meals.

"We are to the point where the board needs to make a decision," Lowery

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## New financier may be needed for CCEDC's park property

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC) may soon have to find a new financier for its property at Industrial Park North.

Terry Bunnell, president of CCEDC, said last week that the Kentucky Department of Economic Development, which financed the local group's purchase of the 105 acres on Jan. 1, 2005, does not want to renew the loan.

Bunnell said the state has not provided any sort of formal notice that it was calling the loan, but he said there have been conversations with local officials to that effect.

For the past 10 years, CCEDC has paid 2 percent interest on the \$300,000 loan, which amounts to \$6,000 annually. The economic development group acquired the property for \$272,500 and financed the purchase along with closing and other costs associated with the deal.

CCEDC has not paid anything toward the principal since incurring the debt, but does anticipate making a sizable payment soon. A three-way land swap with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Crittenden County Board of Education will provide \$60,000 that will go against the principal.

That money will come from the school district, which will get the current state road department property on Old Salem Road when the highway department moves its maintenance facility from that spot to Industrial Park North of U.S. 60 East.

CCEDC also anticipates proceeds from the sale of timber to help pay down the principal. The group last week chose Sutton Logging as the contractor to cut the marketable timber and sell it. Four area logging companies submitted sealed bids for the job. Sutton Logging's was

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### Postage rates will decrease April 10

The cost of a first-class stamp to mail Grandma a birthday card or send in your car payment will drop to 47 cents next month. Yes, that's right, the U.S. Postal Service will be reducing the cost of mailing a standard domestic letter for the first time since the price plummeted a penny to 2 cents on July 1, 1919.

The 2-cent reduction in the current 49 cents for a first-class stamp will take effect April 10. The lower rate is part of an overall reduction in USPS rates mandated by the Postal Regulatory Commission and tied to the expiration of a 4.3 percent rate increase. It is expected to worsen the postal service's financial condition by \$2 billion, according to USPS.com.



### Marion native to be KDVA commish

Gov. Matt Bevin has appointed retired Brig. Gen. Norman E. Arflack as the new Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.

Arflack was born in Crittenden County in 1952 and stayed here until he was in the fifth grade. Arflack, who now lives in Frankfort, has on occasion, returned to Marion to visit with family and friends.

"Gen. Arflack is a true servant leader," said Bevin. "I know Kentucky's veterans will benefit greatly from his four decades of service in the military, the Kentucky National Guard, and our state government."

### Meetings

- Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) at the hospital's education building.
- Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Marion City Hall for its monthly meeting.
- Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday in the library meeting room.



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EDITORIAL

# Special elections place burden on all county taxpayers

Democracy does not come cheap. In fact, each election held across the land can cost taxpayers thousands of dollars. In years like this one, exercising democracy could cost Crittenden County taxpayers around \$40,000. That's because there are three elections scheduled locally – the May primary, the November general election and, of course, next week's alcohol referendum in the City of Marion. Before you add in the March 5 GOP Presidential Caucus, remember it was paid for by the Republican Party of Kentucky.

While little can be done to affect the price tag for electing federal candidates to office like in 2016, state legislators could in the future save Kentucky counties thousands of dollars by changing the mandate that option elections like the one here next week cannot piggyback primary and general elections. In Crittenden County, Tuesday's balloting to end local prohibition will likely drain more than \$10,000 from the county budget that could better be spent on roads and vital services to the taxpayers footing the bill for the election.

We support the community's right to petition for a decision on the fate of alcohol sales at the ballot box despite rejection of the notion in recent years. Times change and opinions change, so individual voters should always have the right to script their own future.

What we do not support is current law that gives Kentucky counties no other option but to host costly special elections on alcohol referendums that could easily occur multiple times a year. In fact, in Graves County, taxpayers will have to finance their second option election in six months when Mayfield voters head to the ballot box this summer. The same could happen here without a change in statutes by lawmakers in Frankfort. And that does not appear likely to happen this year, as a bill to do just that was introduced in a House committee way back on Jan. 11 but has made it no further.

Another change to the rules of special alcohol-related elections involves exactly who gets to vote. With all county taxpayers footing the bill for any such election, even one held for legalizing alcohol sales only in Marion, all county voters should hold the right to have their voice heard. Currently, that is not the case. In Kentucky, voters only in the affected city or precincts get to cast a ballot, but we all pay the cost. The outcome of such elections also affects the lives of all residents in a county.

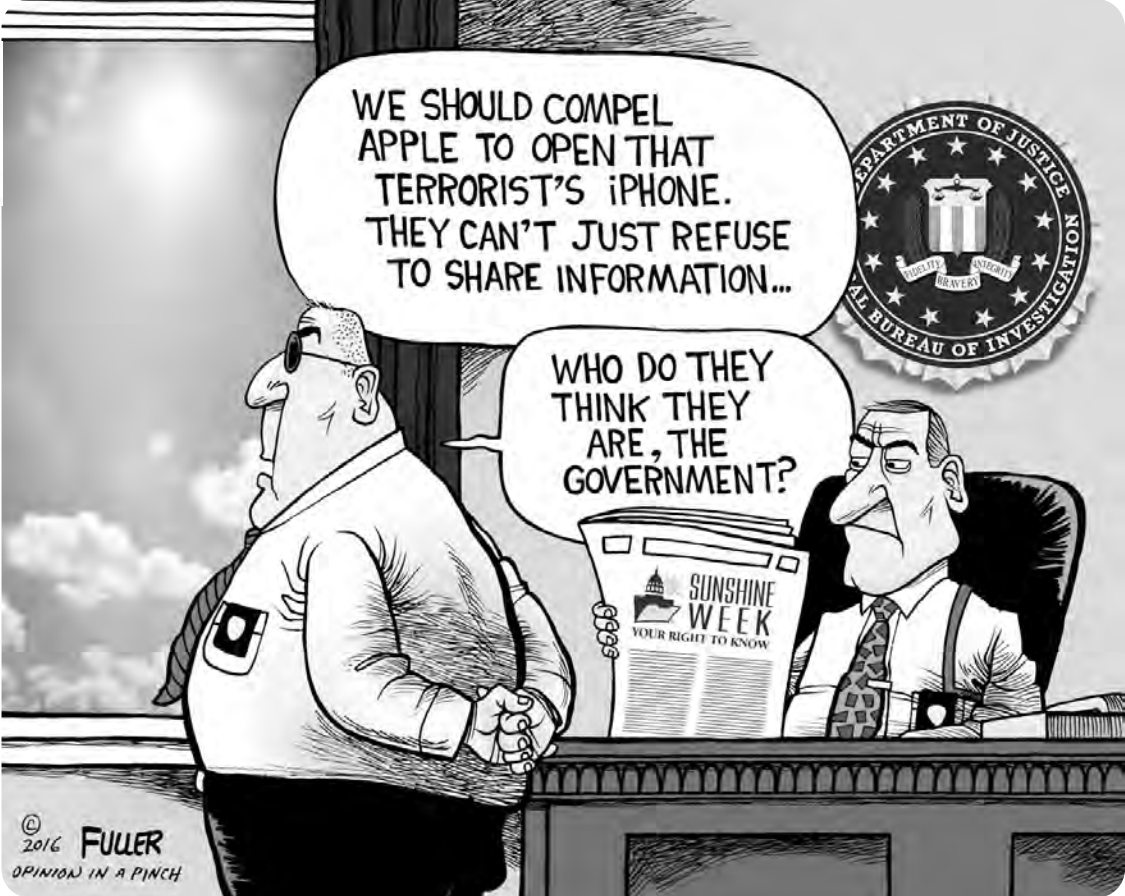
While the extent of democracy in the United States should not be restricted, the expense of it can certainly be reduced.



March 13-19, 2016, has been set aside as Sunshine Week in the United States. Though created by journalists, Sunshine Week is about the public's right to know what its government is doing and why.

Sunshine Week seeks to enlighten and empower people to play an active role in their government at all levels and to give them access to information that makes their lives better and their communities stronger.

Participants include news media, government officials at all levels, schools and universities, libraries and archives, individuals, non-profit and civic organizations, historians and anyone with an interest in open government.



# Our right to know: We cannot let D.C. build walls to hide the truth

**By CHARLES LEWIS**  
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The United States has a noisy and utterly imperfect representational democracy, disorderly and dysfunctional in many ways. But as Founding Father James Madison famously observed, "A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

Unfortunately, in terms of a national "right to know" law, it took 144 years for the American people to begin to arm themselves with palpable knowledge about their government. After many, many years of earnest organizing efforts by various public-interest organizations – in 1966 Congress passed and President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which has been subsequently amended many times.

No one can credibly suggest that transparency and in particular, the FOIA law, are excessive. For one thing, it does not even apply to the White House or to the Congress, nor to the two major



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political parties, private corporations that wield immense power, dominate our national politics but were not specifically mentioned in the Articles of Confederation or the U.S. Constitution. Nor does the FOIA law apply to the large, nonprofit "think tanks" sometimes known as the "idea merchants" who help to frame our national discourse about specific public policy issues.

There are, in addition, nine other, formal FOIA exemptions that prevent or can severely delay disclosure. One of those pertains to national defense and foreign policy. Ever since the atomic age began 70 years ago and national security became paramount, public disclosure necessarily has become seriously circumscribed. Overall, billions of government records have been classified and withheld, or severely redacted during that period — all delaying and distorting "the truth" as Americans know it. For example, it took half a century and a presidential commission of nearly 50 researchers for the American people to learn the extent of the U.S. government's human radiation experiments.

Separately, it took roughly seven years and seven thousand U.S. soldier deaths in Vietnam before the American

people learned that the President of the United States had lied about the August 1964 Gulf of Tonkin attack against U.S. naval forces, the ostensible rationale for the U.S. war in Vietnam. The New York Times' and Washington Post's June 1971 publication of the leaked, secret Department of Defense history of the U.S. involvement in Vietnam, known as the "Pentagon Papers," laid bare that and other misrepresentations by President Lyndon Johnson and his administration.

We are still waiting for all of the documents from the U.S. destabilization of Chile more than 40 years ago, to the Iran-Contra scandal in which 14 federal officials were initially charged with federal crimes 30 years ago, and for documents about so many other important uses and abuses of government power. Meanwhile, today more than 4 million Americans have national security clearances, and in 2010 alone, according to The New York Times, the Obama administration classified 77 million documents, up 44 percent from the year before.

Another significant impediment to transparency involves corporate outsourcing — there are nearly four times more federal contractors, about 7.5 million, doing the business of government than actual traditional government employees. Contractors are often managing other

contractors. Not only do the FOIA laws not apply to them, neither do federal government ethics laws.

Facts are and must be the coin of the realm in a democracy, for government "of the people, by the people and for the people," to paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, requires and assumes to some extent an informed citizenry. Or as the principal author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, famously wrote, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

And in a nation with 100 million more people today than during the Watergate scandal 40 years ago but only half as many professional journalists and four times more public relations "flacks" now than professional journalists (in 1960, the ratio was 1:1), one of the very few, truth-telling moorings the public must have is access to and freedom of information.

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## In Kentucky, lawmakers' pension information hidden from sunshine

By ADAM BEAN  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky state Sen. Chris McDaniel's constituents know that he's contributed \$5,575.79 to his state retirement account, that it has collected \$104.38 in interest and that it has a balance of \$5,680.17.

But that's only because McDaniel requested a copy of his statement and posted it to his Facebook page in November.

For the 137 other members of the Kentucky Legislature, the public is in the dark about how much they are specifically earning in retirement benefits subsidized with taxpayer money. It's the same for all former state lawmakers who are collecting a pension or still accruing benefits through other state jobs.

While all state legislators' salaries are public information, Kentucky is among the few states that restrict information about lawmakers' pensions.

The public in Kentucky cannot get a comprehensive list of pension recipients; it can only request information by name. State law allows the public to know a legislator's years of service, highest three years of salary and the formula for calculating benefits.

That is enough information

to at least get an idea of how much lawmakers earn in retirement benefits, said Donna Early, executive director of the Kentucky Judicial Form Retirement System, which oversees the legislative pension fund. Early said the fund provides more information than any of the state's other public retirement systems.

But McDaniel called the setup "far too secretive."

"We have to take votes on these pension plans and we have to take votes on bills," said McDaniel, who opted out of the legislative system but is a member of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System. "It is important for people to understand who may or may not have financial gain to be made with the votes that they take."

Last year, Kentucky taxpayers contributed \$3.3 million to the system that covers 343 current and former lawmakers and their beneficiaries. Lawmakers themselves contributed \$216,000.

Public access to details about the retirement benefits of legislators and other government employees varies by state. Court rulings in Colorado and New York have said public pension benefits are confidential.

tial. A 2013 court ruling in Texas said state lawmakers' benefits could not be made public.

On the flip side, courts in New Hampshire and Nevada have made lawmakers' retirement benefits open to the public.

In Kentucky, McDaniel has sponsored legislation that would make current and former state lawmakers' retirement benefits available under open records requests. The bill unanimously passed the Republican-controlled Senate in January but has met with skepticism in the Democratic-controlled House.

"Information about an individual's assets should be private after they leave the system," said Democratic Rep. Brent Yonts, who, as chairman of the House committee in charge of vetting the bill, will decide if it makes it to the House floor.

Yonts said he plans to give the bill a public hearing. He would not say how he would vote on it.

*(Editor's note: This story is one of several made available by The Associated Press to all newspapers to mark Sunshine Week, an annual celebration of access to public information.)*

## 85 percent just doesn't cut it

If you asked a cross section of society what attendance rate a typical manufacturer might expect of its employees, you'd likely hear a variety of answers. Each would probably be based on personal experience, perception and the generation to which one belongs.



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For example, the Greatest Generation would leave no margin for error. Nothing but 100 percent is acceptable.

Move on a couple of generations, and Baby Boomers would probably get a little lax. After all, no true member of the Me Generation is going to give everything to "the man." Let's go with 98 percent.

Skip ahead and Millennials looking for a better balance between work and life might throw out 95 percent.

Easily distracted and interpersonally retarded because their head is seemingly always buried in a device of some sort, Generation Z — today's youth — offers up a number like ... 85 percent.

That's right. When a group of local teens was recently asked by educators looking to add value to diplo-

mas issued in Crittenden County what they thought would be an acceptable work attendance rate, 85 percent was the consensus.

That would be 38 days missed at a regular five-day-a-week operation after throwing in eight holidays and subtracting weekends. It's equal to playing hooky almost two entire working months.

Now, I'm not sure if students' answer is a reflection of a poor work ethic or a lack of understanding percentages as a result of Common Core, but the only place you can miss 38 scheduled days of work and keep your job is Congress.

Eight-five percent is great at the foul line, but free throw shooting, like work attendance, is a lost art. The NFL's current No. 3 all-time scorer, Adam Vinatieri, is successful on about 85 percent of his field goal attempts. That's pretty good, too, but life is not measured on the hardwood or gridiron.

Tim Capps, president at local manufacturer Par 4 Plastics, told high school Principal Curtis Brown that the company's standard for

work attendance is 97.5 percent. That's still pretty generous. It amounts to six days missed per year, a day more than the typical number of sick days awarded by most businesses to new employees in their first year.

Poor attendance is a huge problem for local employers of all types. In fact, Capps told Brown that about 9 in 10 pink slips issued in the first year of employment is for that exact reason.

Attendance is also a problem at the high school, where the rate is somewhere between 92 and 93 percent.

To combat help the problem, local educators are devising a Work Ethic Ready certification for diplomas of graduates who demonstrate a healthy attendance rate and other traits valued at the workplace. It's not all in ink yet, but educators believe they will soon be able to better assure employers that the goods they produce in the classroom will actually show up to produce from 9 to 5.

"I think this is going to help kids understand that 85-90 percent doesn't get it in the real world," said Superintendent Vince Clark.

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# Alcohol sales will get Marion into hot water

Decades ago, I first heard the cautionary tale of the frog and the kettle. If you throw a frog into a kettle of boiling water, he will jump out. However, if you place him in cooler water and slowly raise the temperature, you can cook him.

So, what's the point? Because evil often comes in little by little; nobody pays attention until it's too late.

A current case in point is the attempt to bring alcohol



**Mark GIRTEN**  
Guest columnist  
*Pastor's Pen*

sales to some restaurants in Marion. Some would say it's a little thing. What harm could it cause? That viewpoint fails to take the long view of history. Many things have started small and progressed to great harm.

Take our current income tax system. When it started in 1913, only 2 percent of Americans paid it, and the amount paid was a small fraction of what is

paid by individuals today. What happened? It grew over a period of time. I'm not writing about income taxes, but trying to illustrate a point.

Things promoted as good and starting small have a way of turning into a harmful mess. The citizens of Marion need to ask themselves just what is to be gained by alcohol sales in some Marion restaurants. Then they should ask what harm will likely come of it.

Often we are told of the supposed financial benefits of such things, but if you actually do the math, you will discover that the cost of social problems such as al-

coholism, drunk driving and other crimes, as well as health problems it brings, outweighs supposed benefits to society.

If alcohol sales in Marion restaurants is a good thing for Marion, where are the people openly supporting it? It's unfortunate that government finances that could be put to better use are being wasted on an election that is an attempt by a very few people – maybe even one person – to saddle our community with something harmful. And all for personal gain.

I personally resent the fact that although I have no vote in the matter – I live

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outside the city limits – I stand to possibly be affected by it. Drunk drivers have been known to drive outside the city limits. Also, I do have friends inside the city limits that I care about.

If alcohol sales are allowed to come into Marion, it won't stop there. It never does. It is not a little thing. Lives, families and communities are ultimately at stake.

For decades, we have watched America's goose (or should I say frog) being slowly cooked. Let's not let

it happen in our community because of the misguided selfishness of a few. Marion does not need alcohol sales and the problems that go along with it.

I would like to thank Sister Lucy Tedrick and various others who have spoken out against this issue. I stand with you. Let's all do the right thing and vote no on Tuesday.

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

# Grow Marion aimed at managing local alcohol policy

**By TYLER COLLINS**  
GUEST COMMENTARY

Every year, tens of thousands of dollars of tax revenue go to our bordering counties because they have alcohol. This policy has people who wish to purchase alcohol driving 20-30 minutes to obtain the beverage.

Because drunk driving is directly correlated to the distance required to obtain the alcohol, we have not only been losing the tax revenue of alcohol sales but have been contributing to a higher drunk driving rate because we do not manage our alcohol.

The Grow Marion campaign has sought to bring alcohol sales to restaurants that seat 50 people or more, and I have been satisfied about its reception as I

knocked on just about every door in Marion.

The issue of alcohol sales has long been a hot button issue. Crittenden County has been a dry county for almost 100 years. No public policy in our nation's history has ever died such a slow and undignified death as alcohol prohibition. While the rest of the country is focusing on repealing out-of-date marijuana laws, we are trying to just get it legal to have a beer or a glass of wine with a meal.

This campaign has been about a lot more than just alcohol sales. This campaign has also promoted responsible alcohol policy. While there are naysayers in

the community over the issue of alcohol sales, I hope to see the same people who have an aversion to alcohol



Collins

champion responsible blue laws to regulate future alcohol policies for the community.

The blue laws include issues like a higher alcohol tax, banning alcohol signage, banning price advertising and no alcohol sales on Sundays. When a community works together to create an alcohol policy, we will get a result that will more accurately reflect the values of the community.

Alcohol repeal is moving quickly, and we are almost completely surrounded by counties that have some form of alcohol policy. The

only county that does not is Webster County, and I am looking at changing that on this trip home from D.C.

Because of low voter turnout in the gubernatorial election, the number of required signatures for many areas is incredibly low. There are some precincts in western Kentucky that I could put on the ballot with as few as six signatures.

I am highly optimistic about our chances of winning this next week. The most important step in us winning, though, is for our supporters to get out and vote. If you want to see Marion grow and take responsibility for its alcohol policy, then you are going to have to go cast your ballot and tell your friends to do the same.

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The majority of people want to see alcohol sales in Marion, but a lot of people are afraid to voice their opinion because they fear the judgment and retaliation of other people. Fortunately, the ballot box is secret, and people can vote their mind and not worry about other people knowing how they voted.

While I expect us to win this election on March 22, if we are in a position where we lose the city but win precincts within the city, we can immediately put the issue back on the ballot in the precincts that we won in.

I want the Grow Marion

supporters to know how absolutely grateful I am for your support. Walking around my hometown and having people welcome me into their homes for a chat is incredibly rewarding. Regardless of the outcome, I have been enriched as a person through this awesome experience.

I hope to see other leaders step up and take a positive role in organizing Marion for growth both socially and economically.

*(Tyler Collins is a Crittenden County native and former resident of Marion who initiated the petition last year for legalizing city alcohol sales. He currently lives in Washington, D.C. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)*

# Local alcohol pushers could be left with blood on their hands

First I want to say, may God bless all you business people who have made it known you don't want alcohol sold in Marion, and especially those that have made your stand publicly. Also, I want to thank those who drink occasionally who have told me personally they would not drink in any restaurant in Marion.



**Lucy TEDRICK**  
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*Religious Views*

We all need to be concerned for the future and lives of all the alcohol pushers who hope to make a name for themselves in being party to getting alcohol into restaurants in Marion, as God tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves, even our ene-

mies. That not only includes the ones working it up, but all who sign to bring it to a vote and all who would vote for it.

We must constantly remind them, not only will they face God for sinning against Him and hurting others, they will suffer the consequences of a hurting conscience because of ruined lives and blood on the highways caused by those whose vision and slowed reflexes are the results of one beer, according to science.

So frequently we pick up the paper as we did The Early Bird on Feb. 9 and read where a kid, only 22

years old driving under the influence of alcohol, has ruined his life and took a 17-year-old child's life. He grieved both sets of parents' lives because his actions and reactions were impaired by that first drink of the drug of alcohol.

We are told wine and beer will grow Marion. What will it grow? The wisest man of all tells us the truth about both in Proverbs 20:1, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise?"

So how will unwise people help Marion to grow and in what way?

Here we are giving hard-earned tax dollars to pay teachers to develop wise students. Some of those students grow up to tell us that we should put sin in front of them so they can

become unwise?

Again, our teachers work hard to help students get a good education so they can be self-supporting and better their financial lives. The wise man of the Bible tells us in Proverbs 21-17, "He that loves wine ... shall not be rich." So really, we are being told by the wine-pushers we need to make Marion grow more poor people.

Am I missing something? Please read Proverbs 23:29-32, spoken by the wisest man who ever lived, and see what the Grow Marion plan would grow: "Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has babbling? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine ... Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it gives (Satan's)

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color in the cup, when it moves itself aright (fermented). At last it bites like a serpent (the same serpent of Genesis 3:1) and stings like an adder." The scripture goes on to tell us not only does he lead people into committing adultery and other ungodly actions, but causes them to eventually ruin their lives.

Yes, people will say, "Not if done in moderation," and many teach it is good for you, in moderation. Yet it more often than not leads to addiction.

The people who think they have to have it at a meal or to better enjoy life are already addicted to a degree. Never, ever have I had to have it for any reason,

and never have I drank it.

So wise people leave it all alone, and they have a far better chance of never being poor.

Jesus in Matthew 10:16 tells His followers to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.

May God help all of us to want to be wiser than Satan and not to be bitten by him. He has caused every heartbreak, tear, sorrow and death to every human being.

If anyone needs a ride to the polls to vote against it on the 22nd, please call (270) 965-3269.

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

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Alcohol will grow city, county costs

To the editor

The Grow Marion person moved to another city after starting the alcohol vote, an expensive mess. If he really wanted to Grow Marion at the county taxpayers' expense of \$10,000 or so, why didn't he stay and really help grow Marion without leaving the county with this needless expense?

Seems to me, if you have a truthful desire to help grow a town, you wouldn't leave and go to another city.

Right now, there are only about four restaurants that seat more than 50 people, and one owner told me they would not serve alcohol in their business. Yet, the Grow Marion movement predicts that alcohol sales by the

drink will somehow grow Marion.

How? Chick-fil-A and Cracker Barrel do not serve alcohol, and most of the time at meal time, you have to stand in line to get served.

The city will get only the license fee from whichever restaurants want to serve alcohol by the drink. This is all the revenue they will receive except the three-quarters of a penny per dollar on the net sales.

When the alcohol mess leads to another police officer at \$30,000-plus per year, how many gallons of alcohol will have to be sold to recover this expense?

Is this growing Marion or is it just growing our tax burden?

The county will pay \$10,000-plus to hold a special election for the Grow

Marion people. It will receive half a penny per dollar of net sales from any restaurant that sells alcohol by the drink. How many gallons of alcohol will it take to recover from this already-incurred expense? Also how many loads of gravel would this \$10,000-plus have bought for county roads after this hard winter?

Proverbs 20:1 reads, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Morally, we are our brother's keeper. The business owner could be liable if a person leaves their restaurant drunk and runs over a child or causes an accident after consuming alcohol at their restaurant.

Please don't think this couldn't pass. It has to be

voted on. But if you stay home and don't vote No, it could be a nightmare.

For a ride to the polls call (270) 965-3269.

**Bill James**  
Marion, Ky.

### Addiction issues already a problem

To the editor

My perspective on the vote to allow alcohol in Marion is born of more than 15 years of watching at close quarters our community experience ever-increasing levels of alcohol use and drug addiction. Each year more than 1,000 individuals, about 12 percent of our county's population, demonstrate an alcohol or drug problem so severe that they violate the law. This is literally the tip of the iceberg since many of

those with substance abuse problems never end up in court.

According to recent surveys Crittenden County students already use alcohol and drugs at earlier ages and at higher levels than their peers throughout the state and the nation. The earlier the age at which an individual begins to drink alcohol increases the likelihood that person will be addicted. Individuals who use illegal drugs often first started by abusing alcohol.

In my opinion, allowing greater access to alcohol in a community with only the barest minimum of help for those who are addicted, is the equivalent of pouring gasoline on a house fire in a town with no fire department. I do not speak for the recov-

ery community in Crittenden County, but I cannot imagine there is any benefit that alcohol by the drink would bring to Marion that compares to the damage that might be done to family, friends and the community by undermining the efforts of those who are diligently trying to lead more sober, productive lives.

For those who want to pass this initiative, I urge you to first become involved to assist in helping individuals and families who suffer from addiction. When we all better understand what it takes to prevent addiction, and when we have the type of treatment that makes us a truly healthy community, then we can talk about alcohol by the drink. Until then, I hope you will vote no.

**Linda Williams Schumann**  
Marion, Ky.

## ALCOHOL

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out, Prohibition is a great idea. It just doesn't work.

So far, a local option prohibition has worked reasonably well in our remote corner of the earth. The common risks have failed to manifest.

As testimony to that fact, I am pretty certain there's not a speakeasy operating at this time in the community. I would admit there have been one or two in the past.

Additionally, bootlegging,

while certainly occurring at times, does not appear to be a major problem. After covering court cases for more than 20 years, I can count on one hand the guilty verdicts that involved illegal liquor in this county.

I will tell you this, we have a drug problem. Alcohol is absolutely a drug, and it creates its own problems, but methamphetamine and pain pills are the real devils around here. If not for Lortabs and meth, our courts would be devoid of most customers. Surely, though, they'd find something else for a buzz.

Maybe alcohol abuse would be more common. Maybe it is. Perhaps we more readily accept it as part of life.

Quite curiously, liquor is our only truly legalized intoxicant. We can possess it, consume it in private, give it to others and endorse its use. Yet, here in Marion and Crittenden County, we cannot sell it or have it on hand in quantities that would make trafficking convenient.

There was a time in the not so distance past when Crittenden County might have argued that by going

"wet" our economy would benefit. Today, with alcohol served or available in nearly every bordering county, I cannot readily see a benefit. We missed the boat for being first, which might have provided a measure of reward.

Now, we are better served without it.

It just might be an attraction to some because we are "dry." That is the anomaly on which we should now hang our hat. Embrace the uniqueness of it.

By having taken alcohol sales by the drink at restaurants that can seat 50 or

more people, we will be adding a burdensome layer of bureaucracy to local government with few perks.

The potential tax revenue would be hardly worth the effort.

As for the argument that we need liquor sales to improve tourism, I think that's misleading. I would submit that Grand Rivers has prospered without it, as have a number of other communities that knitted their own niche for attracting people.

Would alcohol move us further into the 21st century? Honestly, don't know that I care about that one.

The previous century was a bit more appealing to me. At this point in my life, I'd just as soon see time stand still.

So for those of you who have seen me take a drink, or more at times, I confess to being a bit contradicting and somewhat sanctimonious in this matter. Paint me with a hypocritical brush if you choose. I deserve it, but I won't toast to it.

*(Chris Evans is publisher of The Crittenden Press. His column appears in this newspaper periodically. He can be reached at (270) 965-3191 or evans@the-press.com.)*



# Crittenden County’s initial hospital built, equipped with local donations, contributions

This week, we share the history of that first wonderful hospital for Crittenden County. My information comes from the archives of The Crittenden Press during this time in our history.

Dr.T. Atchison Frazer was president of the Kiwanis Club back in 1942. One day, he overheard a man say, "I'd give \$10,000 if Marion had a hospital."

"Give me the \$10,000," Dr. Frazer replied, "and I'll see that Marion gets a hospital."

The unidentified person did indeed hold up to his statement.

With the check in hand, Dr. Frazer quietly got \$5,000 from another source, donated \$1,000 from his own pocket and kept his \$16,000 a secret until the next meeting of the Kiwanis Club.

"You fellows don't know it," he said, "but I'm telling you now, we are going to build a hospital in Marion."

And then he flashed his nest egg of \$16,000 and laid out the job ahead. The members quickly responded to his leadership.

In December 1942, Attorney John A. Moore filed in the office of County Clerk W.S. Lowry articles of incorporation. The articles of incorporation for the non profit, recites, "The corporation hereby proposed to be organized shall be named and known as Crittenden County Hospital; the principal office and place of business shall be in Marion; the nature of the business proposed to be conducted, transacted, promoted and carried on shall be to promote, establish and conduct a non-profit hospital in Marion that all profits arising from operation of said hospital shall at all times and forever go to the improvement, building additions as may be necessary and endowing beds, rooms and wards; the affairs shall be conducted by five directors."

There were 147 incorporators that signed the document.

T.H. Cochran was named chairman of finance committee. Other members were Moore, W.O. Tucker, S.D. Loyd, W.W. Runyan and C.A. Taylor. The board of directors were Neil G. Guess, president; Ted Boston, vice-presi-



Brenda Underdown  
County Historian

### Forgotten Passages

dent; R.C. Hopper, secretary-treasurer; Dr. L.A. Crosby and W.H. Franklin.

The first item of business to be conducted was that of Dr. Frazer making the arrangements for purchase of a suitable building for the new hospital. This building selected would be the former E.J. Hayward home (1904-15) that then served as Marion High School (1921-38).

Dr. Frazer made arrangements to purchase the building from the board of education to house the hospital.

In March of 1943, Guess wrote a letter to the people of Crittenden County to share with them the details of the new hospital being planned:

"I would like for each of our citizens to understand that this is a community and a non-profit enterprise. All profits arising from the operation of it will remain with the hospital, and no one will receive one cent in dividends, and there will not be any distribution of the profits.

"The people of each community of our county will own the same interest in it as the other. In other words, the people of Shady Grove will have the same interest in it as those of Fords Ferry, Dycusburg, Tolu or Marion or any of our communities.

"None of the members of the board of directors consisting of Ted Boston, Hobart Franklin, Dr. L.A. Crosby, R.C. Hopper or myself are receiving one penny in salary, or pay in any form, but we are doing a lot of hard work to get it started.

"We have bought our building, and it is paid for in full for \$8,000 and we are making every effort possible to do the necessary remodeling at the very lowest cost practicable.

"It was reported last week that Dr. Neville Gardner, a former dentist of our town, had given his X-ray machine to our hospital. I think that shows a fine spirit. We are grateful for his fine gift."

Other news items from that month of March 1943 tell that Union Baptist Church pledged to equip a room in the new Crittenden County Hospital, the first church in the county to make such a



At top, a vintage postcard shows Crittenden County’s first hospital when it was opened and ready for patients. The building across from Fohs Hall on North Walker Street still stands. Above, Dr. T.A. Frazer, organizer of that first hospital, has a meal with his nurses at the facility.

pledge.

Marion Woman's Club also pledged room equipment, and they provided funds to enclose the sun porch on the building to be converted into a room.

Local miners employed at U.S. Coal & Coke Co. in Mexico are raising funds to purchase X-ray equipment. The Keystone Mine employees have made a second contribution the to X-ray fund.

The schools in all the communities are sending contributions with messages telling how they raised the money. One says, "This money is the proceeds from our school social."

Later that year, The Press tells that the plans for the new hospital have been received from the architect and work is expected to begin

shortly. Several prominent contractors are to submit estimates within the next few days. The plans call for three floors in addition to basement and elevator service from basement to top floor.

Plans of the basement show laundry, kitchens, a dining room for resident help, storage rooms, a boiler and fuel facilities. First floor plans include an emergency and examination room, a bedroom, a physician's consultation room, a waiting and reception room, offices for management and a resident nurses' staff. Five individual bedrooms and two wards are provided for on the second floor with ample hall and stair space in addition to the elevator hatch. All technical rooms are on the third floor, including an operating room,

an X-ray and dark room, a nurses work room, storage, a dressing room and ample storage.

The hospital was completed in June 1944 and opened on July 21, 1944. It was a proud day for the citizens of Marion and Crittenden County. The hospital was paid for with the help of all through their gifts and donations.

The new adequately equipped hospital was ready for patients to be taken in and cared for. Although several items of equipment were still in the process of being purchased, these items were bought as donations of money became available.

The staff included four doctors, Dr. Crosby, Dr. O.C. Cook, Dr. Frazer and Dr. J.O.

Nall. Also, any licensed physician in Crittenden or surrounding counties was able to bring patients there. Rounding out the staff were two registered nurses, a part-time laboratory technician and eight nurses' aides.

During this early time, Dr. Frazer was proud to tell the public that a fluorspar miner with severe injuries suffered while on his job was treated at the hospital and a mother and baby were saved because hospitalization was quickly available for the mother and an oxygen tent was in readiness for the newborn child.

Without the local facilities, these patients might have been lost due to having to send them to a hospital either at Paducah, 45 miles away, or Evansville, Ind., 65 miles away.

The eight-bassinet nursery sometimes is filled and suitcases are put into service for the overflow. The 30-bed hospital frequently is filled, too.

This hospital served the area well for 29 years, and many people have memories of this wonderful facility. Many still share the memory that they were born here.

May 16, 1972, marked the end of one era and the beginning of a new one for Crittenden County Hospital history.

In a matter of two hours, 25 patients were moved from the old hospital building to the new \$700,000 building on U.S. 60 that today still serves as the hospital. Lunch on that day served at the old hospital on North Walker Street was the last meal served in the old building.

County Judge John W. Chandler was the first patient to be moved from the old hospital, and the last patient to leave the old facility to be transferred to the new hospital building was J.E. Reynolds of Smithland.

The old hospital building had served its community well, first as a stately home to a loving family, then a notable school for educating our young people and lastly a much-needed hospital for the care of our citizens. Many footsteps had trod over its floors.

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

## Library full of history on shelves, in reference area

### STAFF REPORT

History is alive and well at Crittenden County Public Library both on the non-fiction shelves and in the reference area, and a couple of policy changes should make DVDs and magazines more check-out friendly to patrons.

Last month, the library's board of trustees amended the circulation time for DVDs and magazines, extending it from four days to a full week. The late fine for DVDs was also cut in half to \$1.

Meantime, in the reference area, the library has replaced its old microfilm reader with a brand new digital model. Among its uses, the machine is used to view old issues of The Crittenden Press. Because the old reader would no longer print, it was replaced.

On the non-fiction shelves, the following books, according to Library Director Regina Merrick, were the top 10 checkouts for the past year:

1. "Killing Reagan: The Violent Assault That Changed the Presidency" by Bill O'Reilly. The library has several books by O'Reilly, including both audio and print versions of "Killing Lincoln," "Killing Kennedy" and "Killing Jesus" and the print version of "Killing Patton."
2. "Voices of Cherokee Women" by Carolyn Johnston.
3. "Dreamers and Deceivers: True Stories of the Heroes and Villains Who Made America" by Glenn Beck. The library has several other books by Beck.
4. "Hidden History of

Western Kentucky" by former newspaper reporter and college professor Berry Craig of Mayfield.

5. "True Crime in the Civil War: Cases of Murder, Treason, Counterfeiting, Massacre, Plunder & Abuse" by Tobin T. Buhk.

6. "Hidden History of Kentucky in the Civil War" by Craig.

7. "Return of the Bones" by Belinda Vasquez Garcia.

8. "Abraham Lincoln and the Road to Emancipation" by William Klingaman.

9. "The Alamo 1836: Santa Anna's Texas Campaign" by Stephen L. Hardin.

10. "The American Heritage History of the Indian Wars" by Robert M. Utley.

New materials are regularly added to the shelves at the library, including the

ever-popular adult fiction books and New York Times Best Sellers. A list of new books can be found in The Crittenden Press periodically. You may also browse the card catalog online any time at Crittenden Library.org.

The library offers periodicals, a reference section that includes local genealogy information, back issues of The Crittenden Press, a variety of children's programming, e-books, e-magazines, adult computer classes, free WiFi and public computer use and more.

The library is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, visit the library online or call (270) 965-3354.

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Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life."  
- John 12:24-25

## Easter about union with Jesus

**By FELTY YODER**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

The ancient Israelites were not only a dispised shepherd fold in Egypt, but they also found themselves held in bondage by the rulers of the land. In their distress and out of desperation they cried to God, and he sent Moses to lead them out of their predicament.

There were several requirements they had to meet in order to leave with Moses. One was to sacrifice a lamb and paint the door posts and the upper sill with its blood. This gave the death angel evidence to pass over on his mission to smite the first-born in Egypt.

They were also required to take unleavened bread with them to eat on their journey. Thereafter, they kept the Passover Feist every year. This pointed to Jesus who is the true bread of life, and His pure blood that is shed for the forgiveness of sins.

In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt, they came into the desert of Sinai and camped before the mountain. Here, God gave Moses the law and Moses read to the people. And the people said in Exodus 27:7, "All that the old has paid all we do, and be obedient."

Only after they had agreed to do and obey were they sprinkled with the blood of the covenant. It was a great privilege for them to be chosen by God to enter into a covenant. They enjoyed wonderful opportunities and blessings through their covenant with God as long as they remained faithful. He raised them up as a nation and exalted them above all other nations, unto praise and honor, that they might be a holy people for the Lord their God. (See Deuteronomy 26:19.)

From the teachings in the New Testament, we learn the Israelites in the old covenant

lived only in the shadow. And when Jesus came, He instituted a new and better covenant. In other words, the old covenant was only a start of better things to come.

Jesus is bringing into fullness a nation of priests that God had in mind way back at Mount Sinai. To be chosen by God to enter unto the new covenant is a privilege so great that we as humans are unable to fully appreciate the significance of it. There are exceedingly great and precious promises that all who believe can appropriate by faith. And yes, there are numerous requirements - laws, if you will - that the Spirit of Truth will help us practice by the grace that is Christ Jesus.

At the last Passover supper, Jesus is with His disciples on the night when He was betrayed. He took bread, and after blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples,

and said, "Take, eat, this is my body." In Matthew 26:27-28, He also took the cup giving thanks and said, "Drink from it all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant which I pour out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

In the first letter by Paul to the Corinthians, we understand participation of the bread, and the fruit of the vine is a spiritual communion with Christ who bled, died, was buried and rose again from the dead on the third day.

We commemorate these events the Sunday after a full moon on or after the first day of spring. This union with Jesus is what resurrection (Easter) morning is all about.

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

## Bible illiteracy costing many congregations

**By JOEY DURHAM**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

My devotion today is, "The Cost for Bible Illiteracy," and my text is in John 5:37-40, which reads, "And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."

In an article that I read recently, this subject matter was the topic. The following is part of the content of that

article and it makes a valid point concerning Bible Illiteracy: "The Bible in America is a massive industry, yet it is the best seller few read and fewer understand. The Bible has become a moving target. One can strip it down, twist it, misread it, add to it, supplement it, and even overrule it, and unfortunately 95 percent of the congregation will not realize it. The evidence is overpowering that contemporary Christianity is Bible-ish at best, and at worst in some cases, Bible-less."

The Lord Jesus Christ dealt with this same issue in Israel from religious people who thought they knew God and His Word, but didn't have a clue concerning what

God's Word actually said and taught.

Think about it for a minute. God the Father testified that the way to God is through only Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God. Those same religious people claimed to know God and serve God, yet they devalued the only begotten Son of God.

Another thing is, they claimed to be the "keepers" of the Word of God, yet they didn't even know what the scriptures plainly said about Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and man. As a result, they rejected Jesus as the Messiah and Savior, refusing to hear His Word and eventually nailed Him to a Roman cross.

They had the Word of God, so why didn't they believe Jesus Christ?

They chose to believe their word, their tradition, and their cultural, religious leader's opinions. The Lord Jesus told them in John 39-40, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."

Bible illiteracy is costing them dearly.

*(Editor's note: Joey Durham, pastor of Sturgis Baptist Church, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)*

CHURCH NOTES

- Marion General Baptist Church on West Bellville Street will be hosting revival at 7 p.m. Sunday through next Wednesday with evangelist Bro. David Davis.

- Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church on Ky. 723 will be hosting revival beginning Monday and held 7 nightly with evangelist Bro. Tony Perryman.

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

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

the resurrection story will be shared.

- First Baptist Church in Freedomia is having its annual Forgiveness House this weekend. It runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It will also take place from 6 to 8 p.m. March 25-26 and from 2:30 to 8 p.m. Easter Sunday. Contact the church at (270) 545-3401 or find "First Baptist Church Freedomia, KY" on Facebook to make reservations.

- Easter services for Marion United Methodist Church will include a Maundy Thursday service at 6 p.m. next Thursday at the church, a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. at 1st Cumberland Presbyterian Church and a Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. at the Methodist church with breakfast to follow.

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Area Deaths

Weldon

Eddie G. Weldon, 74, of Marion died Wednesday March 2, 2016 in Houston, Texas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include his brothers, Larry Weldon of Bowling Green and Jim Weldon of Portage, Ind.; sister, Anna Blackburn of Marion; and special friend, Susan Reed of Houston, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Edwin and Mary Sue Weldon. Graveside services were Saturda, March 12 at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA. 22311. Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Belt

William Arthur Belt, 78, formerly of Marion, died Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Surviving are his nephew, Danny Belt of Marion; and niece, Deborah Ann Schneider of Warrenton, Mo. No services were held. Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY was in charge of arrangements.

Obituary policy

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Nine sentenced in Circuit Court

Circuit Judge Rene Williams sentenced nine individuals in separate cases last week in Crittenden Circuit Court. Here are the cases that were settled last Thursday: •Jonathan Davis Perkins, 29, of Morganfield pleaded guilty to felony manufacturing methamphetamine and other misdemeanors or violations, including third-offense DUI, first-degree driving on a suspended license, carrying a concealed deadly weapon and second-offense failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance. According to court records, Perkins was driving in Crittenden County on Oct. 12 when he was involved in a motor vehicle crash on U.S. 60 East. Drugs and drug-related items were found in his car. Perkins was sentenced to 12 years on the felony charge and lesser sentences for the misdemeanors with the time to run concurrent. Judge Williams ordered this sentence to run consecutive to a 12-year term Perkins is serving on a Union County conviction. •Ryan Stallins, 38, of Madisonville pleaded guilty to first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and was given a three-year prison sentence. The state will not oppose shock probation after 30 days. •World F. McGuire, 23, of Morganfield pleaded guilty to tampering with physical evidence. The police report indicated that McGuire was a passenger in a vehicle that crashed in Marion in December 2014. Police say McGurie took evidence from the vehicle and destroyed it inside a nearby public restroom. He was sentenced to five years

Dogs find parking lot pot

A couple of searches with drug-sniffing dogs on the Crittenden County High School and Middle School campuses has led to at least one citation. State Police used its K9 units to conduct a surprise search at the school last Thursday, then on Monday of this week another search was conducted by K9 Resources, as group contracted by the Board of Education to provide periodic, surprise searches. Nothing was found Monday, but a male student was cited last week when a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia was found in his car parked in the school lot.

in prison, but state prosecutor Zac Greenwell will not oppose shock probation after 30 days. •David Rushing, 30, of Marion was sentenced on two felony theft charges for taking merchandise from Shopko where he was employed. Rushing was formally sentenced to five years on each count, plus ordered to pay more than \$49,000 in restitution. The state will not oppose shock probation after 30 days are served. •Carl R. Belt Jr., 43, of Princeton pleaded guilty to a felony count of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. He received a three-year prison sentence for the felony charge and 12 months on the misdemeanor. The time will run concurrent and will be probated for two years. •Beverlie S. McDaniel, 42, of Princeton pleaded guilty to a felony count of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methampheta-

McDowell

Margarette Elwanda McDowell, 91, of Marion died March 12, 2016 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was a member of Rep-ton Baptist Church. Surviving are her sons, James Earl McDowell of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Dannie Lee McDowell of South America; a brother, Aubrey G. Newcom of Louisville; a sister, Janie Newcom Syers of High Ridge, Mo.; grandchildren, Jessina McDowell of Washington, D.C. and Kristina McDowell of Paducah; and great-grandchildren, Nayelli and Ian McDowell of Paducah. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robbie McDowell; parents, Joseph Marion and Wanda Newcom; three brothers and a sister. Graveside services are at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 17 at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion. Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of arrangements.

KDFWR seeks big bass for spawning

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) is looking for a few good bass. Not just any largemouth bass, however. The hunt is on for the wall-hanging, line-busting fish that anglers in the local tackle shop will talk about for years. The reason is simple: Big bass produce big bass. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife wants anglers to donate their live trophy bass so the department's hatcheries can use them to produce new generations of oversized fish. In return, anglers will receive a replica mount of their bass. "I wanted to figure out how we could do a better job of propagating larger bass in Kentucky," said department Fisheries Director Ron Brooks. "So this kind of program just makes sense. People have been breeding animals forever to optimize the size of the animal, so why not do this with largemouth bass?" Anglers for years have lobbied for Kentucky to stock the jumbo-sized Florida strain largemouth bass in the state's waters. However, Kentucky doesn't have the same kind of climate as Florida, so that variety of bass would not do as well here. The best alternative is spawning native fish with proven genetics to grow big. Kentucky's program will only accept female bass weighing more than eight pounds, and male bass weighing more than six-pounds. Anglers should take their trophy bass to a participating bait shop.

Thank You for making my 95th Birthday perfect! Inez Drennan

THANK YOU The family of Hazel Bea Hosick would like to express our thanks to family and friends for the cards, flowers, memorials, kind words and prayers during this difficult time. A special thanks to Boyd Funeral Home, Rev. Doug Stevens, Lourdes Hospital, donations to the cemetery fund, Loveless Chapel and High Point Pentecostal churches and Salem Baptist Church for the wonderful meal. With love and appreciation, Allen and Roger Hosick Shirley Loveless Sandra Curry

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Black fly treatment coming very soon

Residents in the northeastern portion of Crittenden County will be pleased to know that help is on the way to fight the annual infestation of black flies. The flies are especially troublesome for the area of the county on the shore of the Tradewater River and its

immediate tributaries. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will be treating the waterways in that area in early April. He said the treatment – which is funded through a joint effort between the counties in the Tradewater Basin and the

state – is being done a bit later this year due to the high amount of rainfall and high water along the streams. "The front of your vehicle is just covered with the flies right now," said Magistrate Dan Wood, whose district includes the affected area.

ATV is found in eastern part of county

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department has recovered what appears to be a stolen ATV in the Shady Grove area of Crittenden County. Sheriff Wayne Agent believes the 2014 Kawasaki Brute Force 750 is missing from another county, but the serial number has been altered, making it difficult to find its rightful owner. The sheriff thinks the ATV was one used by a couple dubbed "Bonnie and Clyde" who were on the run from law enforcement for a period of time last summer. The two, Christopher Sheridan and Brooke Stevens, were eventually arrested outside of Crittenden County. The ATV was discovered in a remote location by a property owner.

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### Community events scheduled for week

- **Evening Belles Extension Homemakers** will meet at 12:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. New members welcome.
- **Crittenden County Retired Teachers** meeting will be at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) at Marion United Methodist Church.
- **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m. Friday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. Kelly Dawes from the Pennyroyal Health Department will be speaking to the group on a continuous glucose monitor.
- **Crayne Cemetery** clean-up day is set for 9 a.m. Saturday at the cemetery. The rain day will be March 26.
- **4-H Dog Club** will meet at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the fairgrounds in Marion.
- **4-H Run through the Clovers 5K** registration begins at 8 a.m. March 26 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Participants may pre-register at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.
- **Quilt Club** will meet at 9:30 a.m. March 28 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. New members are always welcome, as the club is open to the curious, beginners or advanced quilters.
- **4-H Communications Day** will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 29 at Crittenden County Middle School.
- **4-H Homeschool Club** will meet at 2 p.m. March 30 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

### Seniors offered trip to Walmart Tuesday

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those 60 and older or \$5 for those under 60. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. Upcoming activities and menu include:

- **Today:** Menu is hash-brown casserole with ham, lima beans, whole wheat roll, snickerdoodle and cookie.
- **Friday:** Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. A tax preparer will be on hand Fridays in March to answer questions related to filing 2015 taxes. Menu is chicken parmesan, baked potato, broccoli casserole, whole wheat bread and pineapple. Birthday cake will be shared to honor those born in March.
- **Monday:** Ladies' exercises will be led at 9:45 a.m. by Full Body Fitness Studio. Menu is meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole wheat biscuit and pears.
- **Tuesday:** Sign-ups for a shopping trip to Walmart in Princeton will be taken. Menu is beef stew, brown rice, cole slaw, cornbread and pineapple delight.
- **Wednesday:** Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is Italian chicken, mashed potatoes, white gravy, green beans, whole wheat biscuit and banana pudding.
- **Next Thursday:** A blood pressure clinic by Lifeline Home Health will be held from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Menu is barbecue pork on whole wheat bun, au gratin potatoes, cucumber salad and oatmeal cookie.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information. The center is a service of Pennyroyal Allied Community Services. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

# Community Christmas classes starting

STAFF REPORT

Almost \$14,400 was raised last year to help provide toys to 83 underprivileged children in Crittenden County who participated in Community Christmas. While the annual charity helped dozens of families have a happier holiday, the number participating in Community Christmas was down dramatically from years past. The need is still there, but organizers say the new three-class requirement to allow children to have their wish lists placed on Christmas Angel Trees appears to be weeding out some families. There are no plans to change the mandates.

"We're going to keep doing that," Crittenden County Interagency Council President Cheryl Burks said at

a recent meeting of the group. "Three hours out of your time over several months so your kid's going to get what they want for Christmas, I don't think that's too much," she said. Each of the three required classes offered now through October is an hour long. Classes begin March 30 and several have already been slated for April. Parents may take any three courses, all of which are designed to empower, enrich or educate during the eight months classes are offered. Pre-registration, required to attend, can be completed by calling Crittenden County Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

Community Christmas also offers food at the holidays for senior citizens, but they are not required to take

any classes to participate in that function. Following are credit classes offered in March and April:

- **MyPlate/Nutrition Presentation:** Learn valuable information regarding MyPlate and other nutritional topics. Presenter is Ali Perryman of Pennyroyal Health Department. Class is 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. March 30 at Crittenden County Health Department. Pre-register by next Wednesday.
- **Crocheting 101:** A beginner class for those interested in learning to crochet. Presenter will be Becky Zahrte. Dates will be April 6 and 20 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Extension office. Pre-register a week before class.
- **The Dangers of Alcohol,**

Tobacco and Other Drugs: Learn about the most recent research on the dangers of drugs and how to talk to youth about these dangers. Presenter will be Chris Sparks of Pennyroyal Mental Health. Date will be April 14 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Extension office. Pre-register by April 7.

- **Planning Meals for Everybody:** Learn important meal planning information for the whole family. Presenter will be Sue Parrent of the Extension Service. Date will be April 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Extension office. Pre-register by April 11.
- **Dealing with Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault:** Get answers and find resources for domestic violence and sexual assault. Presen-

ter will be Felisha Babb, a victim advocate. Date will be April 19 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Department for Community Based Services office. Pre-register by April 12. Pizza will be provided.

- **Stress Management & Coping Skills:** This interactive program will help you learn how to manage stress. Presenter will be Lori Robertson of DCBS. Date will be April 20 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Extension office. Pre-register by April 13.
- **Gardening 101:** Participants will utilize hands on learning and idea sharing to grow their knowledge of home gardens. Presenter will be Dee Brasher of the Extension Service. Date will be April 26 at 4 p.m. at the Extension office. Pre-register by April 19. For more on this class, see Page 10.



Burks



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**Woman's Club of Marion met March 5 for its annual meeting and elected officers for 2016-18. Pictured are (from left) Gladys Brown, corresponding secretary; Carolyn Belt, recording secretary; Kathy Bechler, vice president; Rebecca Zahrte, treasurer; and Nancy Hunt, president. Officers were installed and took office following the meeting.**

## Marion Woman's Club elects new officers at annual meet

STAFF REPORT

Woman's Club of Marion held its annual meeting and membership event March 5 at their club building. The event started with a brunch provided by the hostess committee under the direction of chairman Becky Combs.

Rebecca Zahrte, club president, welcomed members and guests. Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a devotional presented by Donna Girten.

State Rep. Lynn Bechler provided the program. Bechler who represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and part of Christian County, is unopposed in this year's election. He shared with the club his reasons for voting yes or no on recent legislation along with comments on retirement funds. He discussed the four current vacancies in the House at the time and how it could affect getting legislation passed in the future. The last day the legis-

lature will be in session is April 12.

Special music was provided by Ginger Boone and Zahrte. They sang "In the Garden."

Zahrte followed with reading a written report from General Federation of Women's Clubs Kentucky President Susan Alexander, which included achievements for Kentucky at the Memphis, Tenn., convention along with an update on her special project, "Applause on Main." As part of this project, Woman's Club of Marion provided a farmer's market flag to Alexander to be placed at the new market's site when it opens.

Six 2015 projects, programs or activity reports were given, and when combined the 25 members of the Woman's Club of Marion achieved 2,116 volunteer hours, donated \$6,505 and amassed in-kind donations totaling \$2,084. The president presented her 2015 officers' gifts of appreciation.

Woman's Club of Marion will be hosting its Commu-

nity Issue event on April 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the club building. This year's topic is "Drugs, Alcohol and Domestic Violence." Club members Linda Schumann and Girten will coordinate the event which is open to the public.

Members attending donated new or gently used bras for the GFWC project called "Free the Girls." Free the Girls is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides job opportunities for survivors of sex trafficking in developing countries.

New officers for 2016-18 were elected and installed by Nancy Hunt and Zahrte. Officers include President Nancy Hunt, Vice President Kathy Bechler, Treasurer Zahrte, Recording Secretary Carolyn Belt and Corresponding Secretary Gladys Brown.

The next club meeting will be April 7 at 5:30 pm. The program on "Insurance: What You Need to Know" will be presented by Partners Insurance. New member applications are due prior to this meeting.



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## St. Paddy's seniors

Jerry Thomas and Ann Hodge were crowned Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center St. Patrick's Day King and Queen last Thursday evening at the center's monthly fundraising supper. The coronation was initially planned as a Valentine's Day recognition, but snow cancelled February's fundraiser, which is held the second Thursday of each month.

## Cunningham selected as 2016 Murray State distinguished alumni

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham has earned designation as a 2016 Distinguished Alumni of Murray State University.

Cunningham, a Lyon County native and 1966 graduate, was elected to the Supreme Court in 2006 after 15 years as a circuit judge. He served as Commonwealth Attorney from 1976-88.

While at Murray, he served as Student Government Association president. After graduating, he received a law degree from the University of Kentucky. He is also a U.S. Army veteran.

Each year the university honors a group of distinguished alumni "who have made meaningful contributions to their profession on a local, state and national level."

## Four local youth reach 4-H Achievement; Collins earns ride to Teen Conference in June with top 10 state finish

STAFF REPORT

Across the nation and locally, 4-H encourages young people to set and achieve their goals. One of the ways 4-H recognizes a young person's accomplishments is through the Kentucky 4-H Achievement program that was created to provide incentive for youth to increase their knowledge, skills and abilities. The Achievement program encourages growth and development by awarding high points at multi-county, state and national levels.

In the highly competitive 4-H Achievement program, young people receive recognition and prizes for their accomplishments in 4-H and their community spanning the entire career of the

4-Her. 4-Hers can start accumulating points as soon as they start 4-H and begin earning recognition in the sixth grade.

Depending on the amount of points earned and the youth's grade level, 4-Hers can compete for five levels of non-competitive clover awards and four levels of competitive awards – bronze, silver, gold and emerald.

Four youth from Crittenden County have been awarded on multiple levels of this program for the 2015 4-H year. Ellie McGowan earned her Clover Level 2, Morgan Barnes and Emalea Barnes earned the Bronze Award and, recently, Mauri Collins completed her interview for the Gold Award and placed in the top 10 in the state, which earned her

a full scholarship to Teen Conference at the University of Kentucky in June and an \$800 scholarship to attend the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta later this year.

By scoring in the top 10 of the Gold Achievement Award, Collins has earned the opportunity to interview for the Emerald Award early this summer. She will also have to prepare a Power Point presentation that encompasses her entire 4-H career.

The Emerald Award is the highest award a 4-Her can receive and then they would be eligible to compete for college scholarships.



Collins

"I consider the Gold Honor to be a recognition of all the work I've done in 4-H since I was 9 years old," Collins said. "The lengthy application made me realize how persistent I've been in lots of different projects – speeches and demonstrations, country ham, upcycling, photography, foods and others."

"I've been blessed to have won at the state and national levels in some of them. But I think the most important things are the life skills that 4-H helps you develop and the friendships that are made along the way."

To learn more about the 4-H Achievement Program and how you can be involved, call Crittenden County Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.



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# GoVoteKY offers online registration

STAFF REPORT

All Kentuckians are now able to register to vote using the Commonwealth's online voter registration portal at GoVoteKY.com, Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes announced Monday.

"Kentucky made history today," Grimes said. "This is an amazing milestone for the Commonwealth. We've allowed paper to be taken out of the process. Every eligible Kentuckian may now go online to register to vote or update their registration with ease and speed."

GoVoteKY.com, can be used for new voter registrations or to update a current voter's records, including party affiliation. It can be accessed via computer or smartphone.

To register or update a record, a person must enter their name, Social Security number and birth date. As required by law, users must also provide their signature, digitally or via their driver's license. The registrant's information is sent to their county clerk's office, which will process and approve each update or new registration and then send confirmation to the voter.

The May 17 primary will be the first election for which new voters in Kentucky will be able to register online. They have until April 18 to complete the registration process and still be able to vote in the election.

While GoVoteKY.com allows voters to change their party registration, it is too late to change political parties for the May primary. Voters must have been registered as either a Democrat or Republican by Dec. 31, 2015, to cast a ballot.

Locally, both parties will vote in May in races for Congress and the U.S. Senate. Only Democrats will be able to select a presidential nominee, as the GOP Caucus has already taken place.



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Crittenden County School District was recently recognized by Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner Stephen Pruitt for exceeding its college- and career-readiness goal for 2015. Pictured above are board of education members Bill Asbridge, Eric LaRue, Commissioner Pruitt, board Chairman Chris Cook and Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark.

## KDE recognizes local school district for 2015 college-, career-readiness

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School is among 111 public school districts statewide that delivered on a pledge made five years ago to improve college- and career-readiness of graduates by 2015.

All of the state's 169 P-12 superintendents and local board chairs in 2011 signed the Commonwealth Commitment to College and Career Readiness pledge. Each of the districts had a unique goal based on increasing its 2010 college- and career-readiness rate by 50 percent by 2015.

Crittenden County had a goal for at least 62 percent of high school students to graduate college- and career-ready in 2015. In reality, 75 percent graduated ready as measured by the Unbridled Learning Accountability model.

"Our top 44 finish in 2015 shows we are making real progress in the area of college-career readiness," Superintendent Vince Clark said. "I'm really proud of our students that accepted the challenge and exceeded our goal. I look forward to our continued success in this area as we align our efforts to empower and en-

gage every student, every day."

Education Commissioner Stephen Pruitt recognized Crittenden County at the Kentucky School Boards Association conference in Louisville on Feb. 27.

"As a result of the commitment being met, at least 15,000 more students statewide graduated in 2015 than did in 2010 ready for post-secondary opportunities," he said. "This is tremendous, and puts the Commonwealth on the right track as we look to build on the accomplishments of the past 25 years and provide each and every child with a world-class education that will lead them to success in their postsecondary endeavors, in the job market and life."

In 2010, only 34 percent of Kentucky's high school students were considered ready for college and careers. That rate jumped to 66.8 percent in 2015, based on Unbridled Learning accountability results released last fall.

Districts across the state used many different strategies to help their students become college- and career-ready. Crittenden County district and school administrators, teach-

ers and the board of education have enhanced college and career readiness by adding a 30-minute intervention time, known as i-Time, to high school students' daily schedule. They have also encouraged all students to be in a career and technical education pathway upon entering high school, provided ACT prep through Crosswalk Learning Center and utilized a college- and career-readiness coach to meet with students for individual conferencing regarding post-secondary aspirations.

"Crittenden County Board of Education is so excited about the great strides our district has made in increasing our high school graduates' college and career readiness," said board Chairman Chris Cook. "This is a positive reflection on our students, our students' families, our teachers, administrators and staff as well as our community. The college and career readiness rate and our graduation rate are the two most important measures for our schools, because these two rates reflect how well we have prepared our students to be successful, contributing citizens for life."



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## Tax take-home

Marion's H&R Block office awarded its third and final \$1,000 prize last month to a local customer filing their income taxes through the company, which awarded 1,000 such prizes daily for a month. Above, Anthony and Amanda Harper hold their oversized check representing prize winnings.

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Crittenden County FFA students participating in the Murray State University Pennyrile FFA Speaking Day earlier this month were (front row, from left) Hannah Cooksey, Paige Gilbert, Kasey Herrin, Alexis Tabor, Sharon Collins, Jenna Wallace, Emily Hall, Caitlyn Lynch, Hannah Easley, Cali Parish, Megan Chambliss, Alyssa Curtis, Emmalea Barnes, Catherine Hutchison, (back) Adam Beavers, Blake Curnel, Jimmy Crider, Drake Kemper, Will Tolley, John Duvall, Jantzon Croft and Logan Shuecraft.

# FFA members compete at Murray

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County FFA students attended the Murray State University Pennyrile FFA Speaking Day on March 8. Students competed in numerous events such as parliamentary procedures, impromptu speaking events and talent. The students have been working hard preparing for these events in class and before or after school.

The category, participant(s) and rating are as follows:

- Junior Parliamentary

Procedure team: John Duvall, Hannah Easley, Jenna Wallace, Paige Gilbert, Caitlyn Lynch, Sharon Collins, Hannah Cooksey, Drake Kemper and Blake Curnel, Superior.

- American Institute of Co-operatives: Adam Beavers, Superior first.
- FFA Quiz: Jimmy Crider, Excellent.
- Talent: Logan Shuecraft, Good.
- Creed Speaking: John Duvall, Superior second.
- Greenhouse Impromptu:

Alexis Tabor, Superior second.

- Crop Impromptu: Cali Parish, Superior first.
- Swine Impromptu: Catherine Hutchison, Superior second.
- Turf & Lawn Impromptu: Will Tolley, Superior second.
- Ag Mech Impromptu: Jantzon Croft, Superior first.
- Small Animal Impromptu: Megan Chambliss, Excellent.
- Poultry Impromptu: Emmalea Barnes, Superior.

- Beef Impromptu: Kasey Herrin, Superior.
- Nursery Impromptu: Emily Hall, Excellent.
- Fruit & Vegetable Impromptu: Alyssa Curtis, Superior.

Seven students will advance on to the state competition. Kentucky FFA State Convention is held in June in Lexington. These students will be competing with others from across the state who will be vying for the chance to go to nationals in Indianapolis.

# Extension series offers hands-on gardening

STAFF REPORT

Home gardeners and those interested in learning more about gardening are invited to attend a new series presented by the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service.

"This series will be for anybody whether they are experienced or new to gardening," said Dee Brasher, Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each

month through July starting Tuesday, and each will begin at 4 p.m. at the Extension Service office on U.S. 60 East just outside of Marion. The first session's topic will be soil testing and preparing for the gardening year.

The sessions will follow what is happening in the gar-



Brasher

# Conservation district tree seedlings free Monday

STAFF REPORT

Free tree seedlings will be offered to the public from 10 a.m. until noon, Monday in front of the Crittenden County Conservation District office located at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion.

This year's offerings include pecan, northern red, willow oak, bald cypress, persimmon and cherrybark oak. The willow oak, bald cypress and pecan seedlings were purchased by the Crittenden County Conservation District. The Kentucky Division of Forestry matched this purchase with the persimmon, northern red oak and cherrybark oak.

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- 3 bed, 2 bath home with beautiful open floor plan, you really need to see to believe, 202 Tanglewood Dr. \$228,900
- 3 bedroom home with garage, barn and shop, nice hardwood floors an blacktop drive 6288 U.S. Hwy. 60 west. Only \$79,900
- 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick ranch located at 106 Willow St., Fredonia, KY on double lot with shop on concrete floor. \$79,900
- Victorian home, possible 5 bedroom, already 2 bedroom, 2 bath, ready to move in. 1674 SR 139 Marion, KY. \$38,900
- Remodeled house and large lot in town, walk to courthouse, 3 bed, 2 bath 313 East Bellville St. \$79,900
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# Livestock report

## USDA Ledbetter weigh-out sale

<b>March 15, 2016</b>	9 500-550 540 173.00-188.00 178.77
<b>Receipts:</b> 434 <b>Last Week:</b> 718 <b>Year Ago:</b> 768	4 550-600 575 154.00-165.00 160.41
<b>Compared to last week:</b> Feeder steers and bulls traded unevenly steady. Feeder heifers traded 3.00-9.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 3.00 lower with quality not as attractive as last week. Sale consisted of 8 stock cattle, 34 slaughter cattle, and 392 feeders. Feeders consisted of 20% feeder steers, 52% feeder heifers, and 18% feeder bulls.	9 650-700 672 141.00-154.00 146.69
<b>Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3</b>	10 700-750 708 138.00-139.00 138.59
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	2 900-950 910 114.00 114.00
1 200-250 225 229.00 229.00	
1 250-300 270 210.00 210.00	
3 350-400 362 207.50-220.00 214.18	
11 400-450 427 195.00-205.00 202.64	
6 450-500 482 190.00-199.00 191.93	
9 500-550 506 182.00-195.00 191.67	
4 550-600 572 174.00-177.00 175.50	
11 600-650 636 167.00-169.00 168.29	
1 650-700 675 153.00 153.00	
11 700-750 726 147.00-155.00 150.61	
1 750-800 795 144.00 144.00	
4 800-850 818 141.50-143.00 142.24	
1 850-900 850 112.00 112.00 Full	
<b>Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
1 250-300 275 205.00 205.00	
1 350-400 370 200.00 200.00	
1 400-450 435 189.00 189.00	
3 450-500 483 183.00 183.00	
1 550-600 580 161.00 161.00	
1 600-650 635 157.00 157.00	
<b>Feeder Steers Small and Medium 1</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
1 750-800 755 136.00 136.00	
<b>Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
2 250-300 292 204.00-210.00 207.03	
4 300-350 321 193.00-205.00 196.22	
8 350-400 364 185.00-200.00 193.23	
11 400-450 432 175.00-186.00 177.72	
17 450-500 469 162.00-172.00 168.33	
12 500-550 522 155.00-165.00 160.55	
14 550-600 584 151.00-161.00 158.59	
3 600-650 625 145.00-149.00 147.30	
24 600-650 625 155.00 155.00 VA	
4 650-700 681 141.00-146.00 143.45	
62 650-700 696 147.00 147.00 VA	
5 700-750 732 140.00 140.00	
6 750-800 774 130.00-135.00 133.68	
1 800-850 835 126.00 126.00	
<b>Groups:</b> 24 head 625 lbs 155.00 mix; 62 head 696 lbs 147.00 mix.	
<b>Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
2 300-350 337 167.50 167.50	
1 350-400 370 177.00 177.00	
1 400-450 435 167.00 167.00	
2 550-600 572 142.00-148.00 145.09	
3 750-800 750 115.00-116.00 115.67	
<b>Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
1 350-400 385 166.00 166.00	
<b>Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
1 300-350 330 221.00 221.00	
3 350-400 372 200.00-207.50 202.59	
2 400-450 418 201.00-204.00 202.46	
12 450-500 477 181.00-191.00 185.82	

<b>Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3</b>	9 500-550 540 173.00-188.00 178.77
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	4 550-600 575 154.00-165.00 160.41
2 300-350 328 201.00-205.00 203.08	9 650-700 672 141.00-154.00 146.69
1 400-450 420 165.00 165.00	10 700-750 708 138.00-139.00 138.59
1 450-500 485 177.00 177.00	2 900-950 910 114.00 114.00
7 500-550 527 159.00-168.00 163.64	
1 600-650 630 122.00 122.00	
<b>Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
1 500-550 540 160.00 160.00	
<b>Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
9 1200-1600 1459 62.00-67.00 64.29	
<b>Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
3 1200-1600 1245 72.00-75.00 73.32	
<b>Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
6 800-1200 1014 61.00-70.00 65.03	
1 800-1200 1155 54.00 54.00 LD	
1 1200-1600 1350 62.00 62.00	
<b>Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
1 1000-1500 1485 92.00 92.00	
1 1000-1500 1115 74.00 74.00 LD	
3 1500-3000 2057 87.00-92.00 88.80	
2 1500-3000 1672 78.00-85.00 81.52 LD	
<b>Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
1 800-1200 1085 110.00 110.00	
1-3 Months bred	
1 800-1200 1105 1275.00 1275.00	
4-6 Months bred	
2 1200-1600 1405 1190.00-1200.00 1194.54	
1-3 Months bred	
1 1200-1600 1250 1100.00 1100.00	
4-6 Months bred	
1 1200-1600 1295 1725.00 1725.00	
7-9 Months bred	
<b>Bred Cows Medium and Large 2-3 Young</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
1 800-1200 815 950.00 950.00	
4-6 Months bred	
<b>Bred Cows Small and Medium 1-2 Middle-Aged</b>	
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price	
1 800-1200 820 1100.00 1100.00	
4-6 Months bred	
<b>Stock Cows and Calves:</b> Not enough to test.	
<b>Baby Calves:</b> Beef Breeds 150.00-390.00 per head. Dairy Breeds no test.	

**Legend:** VA=Value added. LD=Low dressing, HD=High dressing. BX=Brahman X.

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# Budget schedule cause for worry

As of Monday when this was written, we are now three-fourths of the way through this year's Regular Session and still no budget. I anticipate that the House Appropriations & Revenue Committee will pass a bill this week and send it to the floor for a vote, but I am quite concerned about the limited amount of time we will have to review it before casting our votes. My fear is that we will be presented with a bill that is more than 125 pages long and have to vote the same day or the day after it is presented. This is not right. I will let you know next week if my concern is justified.

Due to the length of last week's update, I did not report on House Bill 456, a bill that would require a school council or principal to adopt a policy to administer a drug abuse prevention program and to require the Center for School Safety to provide program development and implementation, expertise and technical support to schools for drug abuse prevention programming. This type of bill is too often proposed – a bill that is unnecessary but “feels good.” There is nothing to prevent a school from doing this now, and in fact, after talking with the superintendents in the 4th District, it was gratifying to learn that the schools al-



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This past week House Resolution 6, a resolution supporting the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women was voted on in the House. During debate, I asked the resolution's sponsor if he had read the UN Convention and if he knew what countries were currently members of the convention. He could not answer either question. I had already read the convention and knew what countries were represented, and was shocked that we were being asked to support an organization whose own peacekeepers have a track record of raping and killing the very women they are sent to protect. I most certainly support the elimination of discrimination against women, but support-

ready have this type of drug prevention training.

We far too often pass “feel good” legislation that really accomplishes nothing. In addition, we have burdened our teachers and administrators with many unfunded mandates and rarely, if ever, do we rescind any of those mandates. Forcing the schools to train only the way a state bureaucracy mandates is not good policy, and simply saying this bill “is for the kids” is not a reason to vote yes. In my mind, this is unneeded legislation, but HB 456 did pass. I voted no.

ing this resolution is not the way to go about the task. The resolution passed, but again I voted no.

HB 2 is a bill commonly referred to as either LIFT (Local Investments for Transformation) or LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) that would amend the Kentucky Constitution to allow local governments to levy sales and use taxes up to 1 percent in a single county subject to voter approval. Under Kentucky's constitution, local governments currently have the authority to levy property taxes, restaurant taxes, employment taxes, and a few others, but do not have the authority to levy taxes for capital projects.

HB 474 is a companion bill to HB 2 and is what is referred to as enabling legislation. If HB 2 makes it on the ballot in 2016 and is approved by the voters, a local government wanting to implement a capital project tax would then have to go to its voters and ask for approval. HB 474 sets the parameters and requirements under which the vote may be taken and the project or projects are implemented.

This is a two-step process requiring voter approval in both stages. First, a majority vote of voters in a statewide election would have to approve the amendment to the constitution. Second, a majority vote of voters in a local election would have to approve the tax for the project or projects.

HB 474 goes into great detail, but the points most frequently addressed by those in favor of the amendment are: taxing power is given to people to decide for

themselves if they want to pay for a specific project or projects; voters will be told the specific project or projects that will be undertaken and when the project or projects will be completed; and the tax is temporary and will end upon project or projects completion and payment.

Opponents of the idea argue that the bill allows taxes to be increased but does not allow taxes to be decreased. While the project may have an end date, continued maintenance after project completion is not addressed; a project may have an end date, but nothing limits the length of bonding for the project; the levy may include expenses of 5 percent for the issuance of bonds; and money for the repayment of costs incurred in administering the project may be taken from the funds generated by the levy.

This was a difficult decision for me. I firmly agree with local government control, but the bills do not address the legitimate issues raised by the opposition. Furthermore, other than local government officials, I only had one voter ask me to vote for the bill. I believe that a better way to focus on local government needs is through comprehensive tax reform.

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

# Education bills, budget among top measures yet to be passed

Last week's special elections are over! The Kentucky House of Representatives now has all its members – 53 Democrats and 47 Republicans.

The governor's attempt to weigh in on Tuesday's elections to “flip the House” with his social media video backfired. The people of western Kentucky, central Kentucky and eastern Kentucky have spoken and the votes have been counted. Now campaigning is over and it is time to govern.

I challenge the governor, the members of the Senate and the members of the House to come together over the next two weeks to craft a budget that meets the needs of our citizens, while educating our children, providing quality health care, and funding our teachers and other state employees' under-funded pension plans.

With the final weeks of the session looming, we are all too aware of the short timeline and the many important pieces of legislation, including the state's budget that we still need to move through the process.

Last week marked the 10th week in an already historic session in terms of the number of bills before the General Assembly. During this 60-day session, there were 937 bills filed with 309 originating in the Senate. This total is the most since the 1,030 filed in the 2008 session.

However, the number of bills introduced is not the important issue, but rather the number passed. Several of the issues taken up in the Senate chamber this week include:

- Workforce development. Senate Concurrent Resolution 75 would establish a legislative task force to study workforce development issues in Kentucky. The Kentucky Workforce Oversight Task Force, which would consist of legislators, would study and develop recommendations concerning the benefits, investments and funding of workforce education that is estimated at \$900 million a year. Legislators making up the task force would come



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from the education, appropriations and revenue, and economic development committees of both chambers. Both the majority and minority caucuses would also be represented.

- Books for Brains. Senate Bill 196 would establish the Books for Brains Program to promote the development of a comprehensive statewide program for encouraging preschool children to develop an appreciation of books.

- Civic Education. SB 192 would require all public high school students to pass a civics test in order to receive a regular diploma. It directs the Department of Education to prepare or approve the test with 100 questions drawn from the test administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to persons seeking to become naturalized citizens. Students could retake the test as often as needed in order to pass.

- KET. SCR 135 recognizes KET and encourages all cable and satellite providers to offer KET programming to their customers. KET has served as an innovative and efficient producer of education resources for the classroom and Kentucky's highest-quality source for public affairs and cultural programming. It is Kentucky's largest classroom, serving more than one million people each week via multiple-channel television, online, and mobile media offerings.

- Anti-bullying. SB 228 would standardize the definition of bullying to provide public schools with more guidance on what bullying is so they can help stop it. It would be worked into schools' code of conduct and allow schools to accurately report the number of incidents.

- Delayed school year. SB 50 would allow for a later start to the school year. Under SB 50, schools would have the option to start later, a move that would help tourism, according to the sponsors. Schools that start later would not have to adhere to the current 170-day academic year, instead

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SCHEDULE

Local prep games  
THURSDAY

Softball at Hopkinsville  
Baseball at Caldwell County  
Track hosts home quad meet  
FRIDAY  
Baseball at Hardin County, Ill.

BASKETBALL

Brown’s girls out in 2

Marion native Bailey Brown and her Asbury Lady Eagles won their first-round game in the NAIA Women’s Division II National Championship Tournament at Sioux City, Iowa last week before falling to Tabor College, Kansas in the round of 16. Asbury University (24-10) beat St. Francis, Illinois 63-60 last Thursday. The Lady Eagles lost to Tabor College 73-60 on Friday. Brown, a sophomore at the Kentucky school, scored three points in the game against Tabor. She played in both games. Brown averaged 2.1 points and one rebound a game this season at the point guard position.

KY Sweet 16 action

Louisville Butler beat Franklin County 62-36 in the Girls’ Sweet 16 championship Sunday. Second Region champion Henderson County lost 63-36 to Elizabethtown in the first round of last week’s state tournament. First Region champion Murray lost 68-58 to Butler in the semifinal round. The Boys’ Sweet 16 is this week at Rupp Arena. Second Region champion Christian County plays South Laurel on Thursday and First Region champion Murray was scheduled to play Buckhorn Wednesday.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Final deadline Friday

Crittenden County Dugout Club has extended its registration period without penalty until Friday for sign ups for baseball, softball and kickball. After that, the league will no longer be taking registrations. Teams will be selected early next week. Registration forms are available online at Crittenden County Dugout Club’s Facebook page or The Press Online. They can also be picked up at The Crittenden Press.

RUNNING

Upcoming 5K races

•Crittenden County 4-H is sponsoring a 5K run and walk with obstacles on Saturday, March 26 at the park. Same-day registration begins at 8 a.m., with the event starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25. Participants may pre-register at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.  
•Pulling For Natalie Benefit 5K April 2 at park. Race-day registration 7:30 a.m.  
•Deer Creek Baptist Church 5K to support Relay for Life April 22. Event starts at 6:30 p.m. at park.

BASEBALL

Former Rocket update

Crittenden County’s collegiate baseball contingent continues to work toward playing time on their respective teams. The underclassmen are Brenden Phillips at Brescia University in Owensboro, Travis Gilbert at Capital University in Ohio and Adam Driver at Kentucky’s Campbellsville University. Phillips, a sophomore, has seen limited action at catcher for the Bearcats (4-12) this spring. He has driven in two runs. Gilbert, also a sophomore, is getting innings as junior varsity catcher and some spot play behind the plate for the varsity team. During a recent series in Florida Gilbert was 2-for-2 in a JV game and threw out a base runner. Capital was 7-2 after games last weekend. Driver is a freshman pitcher dressing with the varsity club. He hopes to get some spot innings as a middle reliever. His team is 12-7 this spring.

RACING

Motorcycle event

There will motorcycle racing Sunday at Copperhead Run near Salem. Youth riders begin at 8 a.m., and larger bikers start at 11 a.m. There will be four-wheeler racing at 2 p.m. Call (270) 704-0041 for details.



Crittenden County Lady Rocket softball players are (front from left) Jenna Potter, Ellie Smith, Emmie Smith, Kaitlyn Hicks, Sharon Collins, Madison Cox, Ashlyn Hicks, Jada Hayes, Kalli Champion, Matthia Long, Chandler Moss, (back) coach Victoria “Torey” Baker, Destiny Knight, Katie Travis, Chaylee Wolf, Hanna Easley, Brandy Book, Courtney Beverly, Jessi Brewer, Cassidy Moss, Kiana Nesbitt and coach Cheyanne Reed-Warriner.

Hopes are high in  
Lady Rocket camp

It’s hard to believe expectations in 2016 could eclipse the accomplishments of last spring. But that’s exactly the score in Lady Rocket softball camp this spring. The girls are coming off perhaps their best season ever in 2015, which included their first district championship ever. Crittenden lost three starters from last year’s club, but there’s plenty of talent to take up the slack. “I’m really excited, but nervous, too. I expect us to be up here,” third-year skipper Cheyanne Reed-Warriner said raising her hand to about forehead high. “But sometimes expectations don’t turn out that way.” Of course, the coach has the greatest confidence that her team will compete for a district championship again this year. What’s even more encouraging is that the team’s nucleus is still pretty young. Starting pitcher Cassidy Moss is just a junior and she’s already one of the top pitchers in the region. Reed-Warriner expects the club to have just about everything a team needs to be successful. There’s a stable of power hitters, good speed in front of them and a better than average defense. “I think we can be pretty good,” the coach said. Returning starters include everyone up the middle: catcher Jessi Brewer, shortstop Kaitlyn Hicks, second baseman Courtney Beverly and centerfielder Kali Travis. Kiana Nesbitt is also returning to right field. There will be a couple of first-time regulars at the corners, but the coach says they know what to expect. At first will be Brandy Book and at third is Jenna Potter. Both bring power to the lineup. Chaylee Wolf gets the nod in left. She hits for average and has great speed on the base paths. Ashlyn Hicks, Kalli Champion and the Smith twins – Emmie and Ellie – are some young players who will be pushing the starters for playing time.

2016  
LADY ROCKETS

PLAYER	Number	Position	
Katie Travis	2	Outfield	Sr
Kali Travis	4	Outfield	Sr
Jessi Brewer	11	Catcher	Jr
Cassidy Moss	43	Pitcher	Jr
Courtney Beverly	37	2nd Base	Jr
Kiana Nesbitt	23	Outfield	Jr
Kaitlyn Hicks	10	Shortstop	So
Chaylee Wolf	0	Outfield	So
Madison Cox	18	Outfield	So
Hanna Easley	21	Outfield	Fr
Brandy Book	13	1st Base	Fr
Hannah Cooksey	5	Injured	Fr
Sharon Collins	15	Outfield	Fr
Emmie Smith	34	Utility	8th
Ellie Smith	20	Utility	8th
Jenna Potter	7	3rd Base	8th
Ashlyn Hicks	1	Shortstop	7th
Chandler Moss	24	Pitcher	7th
Matthia Long	30	Catcher	7th
Kalli Champion	31	Utility	7th
Jada Hayes	3	2nd Base	7th
Destiny Knight	32	1st Base	7th
Head Coach: Cheyanne Reed-Warriner			
Assistant Coach: Victoria Baker			

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

March 14 at Christian Fellowship  
March 17 at Hopkinsville  
March 21 Hopkins Central  
March 22 Trigg County  
March 25 vs. Hopkins Central at McCracken Tourn.  
March 26 vs. Livingston Central at McCracken Tourn.  
March 26 vs. Ballard Memorial at McCracken Tourn.  
March 28 Webster County  
March 29 at Union County  
April 1 at Dawson Springs  
April 2 CCHS Round Robin  
April 4 Caldwell County  
April 5 Henderson County  
April 12 All A vs. Caldwell at Dawson Springs  
April 14 All A at Dawson Springs  
April 15 McLean County  
April 18 Lyon County  
April 19 Union County  
April 21 at Trigg County  
April 22 Hopkinsville  
April 25 at Hopkins Central  
April 26 Paducah Tilghman  
April 28 Livingston County  
May 5 at Lyon County  
May 6 Dawson Springs  
May 9 at Caldwell County  
May 10 at Livingston County  
May 13 at Graves County  
May 16 at Paducah Tilghman  
May 19 Christian Fellowship  
May 20 at Webster County  
May 23-May 27 District at Lyon County  
May 30-June 3 Regional Tournament

Rockets open baseball between rains

Crittenden County opened its baseball season last week between showers, losing 5-2 Thursday at Madisonville despite a strong pitching performance by senior Nick Castiller. On Tuesday, the boys smacked Ft. Campbell 27-0 on the road behind home runs from Ethan Hunt and Ryan James. The Rockets unloaded its offense on the Army base, shelling the Falcons with 21 hits while James pitched a three-hit complete game. Against Madisonville, the Rockets got four hits off Ma-roon pitching. Those hits came off the bats of Castiller, Alex Cosby, Dylan Hollis and James. Castiller went five innings and struck out seven. He allowed just two hits and walked two. Crittenden County’s defense committed five errors. Madisonville scored three runs in the sixth off CCHS reliever Taylor Yancy, who suffered the loss. All other games have been rained out.


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