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## Weekend fire destroys home

Fire destroyed a mobile home in the Midway community off U.S. 60 West early Friday evening. Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene, but the vacant trailer was a total loss, completely engulfed by the time firemen arrived.

Ownership of the empty mobile home had not been determined as of early this week.

## State spring fire hazard elevated

Kentucky's spring forest fire hazard season remains in effect until April 30. During this period, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any wooded area or brushland between the daylight hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The law is intended to prevent forest fires by allowing outdoor burning only after 6 p.m. when conditions are less likely to cause a wildfire to spread. Violation can result in a fine and/or jail time.

Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Billy Arflack said firefighters have been called to numerous brush and field fires with the onset of warmer weather and increased spring cleanup activity around homes in the county.

## Poll: Kentucky 9th fattest state

Kentucky was the ninth fattest state in the country last year while Mississippi bumped West Virginia for the top spot, according to Gallup's recent Well Being State of the States report. Kentucky, along with Mississippi, West Virginia, Louisiana and Arkansas, has remained among the top 10 fattest states since 2008, according to Gallup.

In Kentucky, 30.6 percent of the residents are considered obese. This is compared to 35.4 in Mississippi and only 19.6 in Montana, the skinniest state, per the Gallup report.

## Marion Tourism elects officers

Marion Tourism Commission elected a new slate of officers last week, according to Tourism Director Michele Edwards. Darick Myers was elected president; Karen Woodall, vice president; and Phillis Hardin, Treasurer.

## Public meetings

- Livingston Fiscal Court will meet at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the judicial center in Smithland.

- Crittenden County Board of Education meets for its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Rocket Arena.



For this week's online poll, we asked, "Which of the following sports championship institutions is your favorite?"

The timing seems to be right for most of those voting in our weekly poll. The results were:

- March Madness: 38%
- Super Bowl: 14%
- World Series: 12%
- Stanley Cup Final: 2%
- NBA Finals: 1%
- None/Don't care: 30%



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# Winter cools crime in county

## Indictments down in county

Listed below are the number of felony indictments for the last four years, according to Crittenden County court records, comparing the number of indictments in the first three months of each year.

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### STAFF REPORT

Winter's cold may have cooled crime in Crittenden County.

Through the first three months of 2014 there have been just two felony indictments handed down by the Crittenden County Grand Jury. That's well below normal, and quite possibly a modern-day record.

Crittenden Circuit Court Clerk Melissa Guill hasn't seen such low numbers of high crimes in her 12 years at the courthouse.

She and Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal both think weather has something to do with it. The bitterly cold winter kept folks indoors and out of trouble, they theorize.

From 2011 through 2013, there were an average of 16 felony indictments during the first quarter of each year. An 88-

percent decrease in the number of cases going to Crittenden Circuit Court has

made for shorter work days in the courtroom, but Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell says the numbers are not indicative of what's going on in other parts of the judicial district, which includes Webster and Union counties.

While Greenwell hopes the recent low numbers continue, he believes the dry spell may be nothing short of an anomaly.

"I hope time proves me wrong," Greenwell said, "but I don't think it's a trend."

Everyone is hoping spring has sprung, but they'd prefer crime to stay cool.

"I certainly think the weather has had something to do with it," said O'Neal. "It's

been very quiet the last few weeks."

Police and the prosecutor also believe the recent absence of a drug enforcement detective from the Pennyryle Area Narcotics Task Force (PANTF) may be a factor limiting the number of arrests. Robbie Kirk, who is now a candidate for public office, retired as the task force detective a year ago after nearly nine years.

Lori Blakely, director of the PANTF, said a new detective has just been as-

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Last Thursday, Willard Guill of Marion emptied a load of brush at the county's brush dump off Bridwell Loop gathered from his yard after this winter's storms played havoc with his trees. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said illegal dumping of demolition debris and household trash at the site could lead to fines for the county or even the dump's closure.

# Continued abuse of brush dump could lead to closure

By **DARYL K. TABOR**  
PRESS EDITOR

Brush only. No household trash.

That's the simple message conveyed by two plain blue signs with white lettering placed at either entrance of what is commonly known as the county's brush dump. Yet that message seems to be getting lost on some residents who continue to violate the order, and it could end up costing taxpayers thousands of dollars a day in fines and cleanup expenses or lead to the closure of the convenient site altogether.

Last Thursday, under a clear blue sky on a crisp late winter morning, Willard Guill was using the brush dump for its intended

purpose. This winter's snow and ice had wreaked havoc on trees on his rural Crittenden County property. Taking advantage of the sunny day, he backed up to the mound of brush debris at the open dump off Bridwell Loop and began unloading the bed of his small truck packed full of limbs broken from his trees during the winter.

It's a nice convenience to have, he said, adding that he doesn't have a good spot on his property to burn limbs and other foliage he needs to dispose of. Plus, it's just safer to avoid setting such fires, especially during Kentucky spring forest fire hazard season currently in effect.

Disposal of tree limbs and

other foliage is free at the dump, which is open all the time for legal disposal of foliage. The site has been open for years for public use.


Last Thursday morning was a perfect example of how the brush dump is intended to be used. Besides a couple of wooden pallets, a cardboard box or two and a small area of what appeared to be demolition debris, people using the dump of late appear to be following the rules.

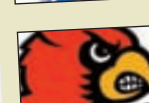
That was not the case when inspectors with the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection on Feb. 26 discovered several violations of what the

## March Madness


### NCAA Tournament matchups

#### MIDWEST REGION

 <sup>8</sup>Kentucky vs. <sup>9</sup>Kansas State  
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St. Louis / CBS

 <sup>4</sup>Louisville vs. <sup>13</sup>Manhattan  
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St. Louis / TNT

#### SOUTH REGION

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St. Louis / TBS

# Legislative relief could see school out before June

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Mother Nature has become a political football in Frankfort, with lawmakers at the Capitol wrangling over how to best provide relief to school districts struggling to make up days of instruction missed due to winter weather.

In Crittenden County, board of education members have been presented with several options to consider for making up the remaining 15 of 17 instruction days missed over the winter. But all the potential scenarios depend on what sort of relief comes from legislators in Frankfort.

"There's some legislation (being considered) right now," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rachel Yarbrough told board members March 11 during a working session. "We're trying to hold off on making any decisions until the last possible minute because of that fact. We believe we are going to get some options, but we are not sure what those are at this time."

After the House of Representatives offered a version of relief for school districts to the Senate on an 82-8 vote last week, on Monday, the Senate sent its own version down the hall of the Capitol to the House on a 38-0 vote.

Long bouts of snow and ice have forced some districts across Kentucky to miss more than 30 instructional days this winter. Those recurrent absences have school employees and parents wondering how long the school year might be extended to make up for lost time. That could conflict with summer vacations, sports tournaments and



Yarbrough

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# Sunshine Week reminds us not of warmth, but freedoms

It's Sunshine Week across the nation.

'Bout time, huh?

After a brutal winter, it's nice to have some warmth pushed into our corner of the world, but the Sunshine of this discussion will be a light cast upon this nation many years ago by framers of our U.S. Constitution. Through impeccable vision, their artful construction remains a pillar of strength 225 years later. Among the Constitution's greatest tenants is its Bill of Rights, where the First Amendment provides us with free speech, a free press and, perhaps most importantly, accountability from our government – luxuries foreign to many on this earth.



About Town

Our Constitution is indeed unique; at times a paradox. It is a document that allows anyone to say virtually anything (First Amendment) or say absolutely nothing no matter the circumstance (Fifth Amendment). It gives us a country like few others ever conceived.

Sunshine laws are those federal regulations empow-

ered by the Constitution that require government agencies and government officials to be completely open about what they're doing and how they're doing it. Similarly, states have their own set of standards for openness. Kentucky's Open Records and Open Meetings laws are among the best in the country.

Sunshine Week focuses on the importance of open government. No open government, no democracy. No transparency, no government accountability.

Discussion of this topic always draws me to baseball. I know it's a bit ironic, but stay with me.

In governing – just like in



baseball – fans are part of the game.

As a near perfect simile, I present to you the somewhat tragic Steve Bartman incident that occurred during a Major League Baseball play-off game in 2003 at Chicago's Wrigley Field. Bartman, just a fan who bought a ticket to the game, was seated in the stands with friends along the right field line. In the eighth inning, with the Cubs clinging to a narrow lead, several

spectators leaned over the grandstand railing in an attempt to catch a foul ball. Problem was that Cubs right fielder Moises Alou was trying to catch it, too. Unfortunately, for Alou, the fans interfered with the flight of the ball and he missed it. Bartman took the blame for spoiling the Cubs' chances of going to the World Series for the first time since 1945. There's a goat, a curse and death threats involved in this baseball saga, but I will forgo further discussion of the matter at this time. Instead, let's turn back toward the sun.

This baseball story per-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McConnell bailout support warranted

To the editor  
Recently, a letter to the editor was printed whereby support of a "bailout" by U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell was criticized. The author is unfamiliar with what a bailout is and does. Bailouts have been around since the 1930s, beginning with the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and Franklin Roosevelt. They have been used in successful efforts by the U.S. Treasury and FDIC to save thousands of jobs, primarily, and businesses by injecting capital in the forms of purchasing stock for repurchase and secured collateral loans to companies. Previous bailouts to financial entities have been paid for in the form of repayment to the federal government from earnings or liquidation of assets with stockholders of the target companies taking the entire loss, while the taxpayers and jobs survived and even profited. As of March 14, 2014, the payback from the 2008 bailout has resulted in a profit to the federal government of \$12.5 billion of dollars and more than a million jobs saved. Other successful bailouts were Continental Bank of Chicago and Chrysler. Both netted the U.S. dollar profits and

large job savings. An understanding of how government bailouts work is why I not only supported it, but encouraged Sen. McConnell to support it. Not only did he support it, but he showed his leadership ability in influencing the GOP in the U.S. Senate to approve the capital infusion legislation, which they, thankfully, did. Remember, both Bush and Obama supported the recommendation of Secretary of Treasury Paulson, incoming Secretary Geitner and Federal Reserve Chairman Bernanke for the capital infusion plan for the banks providing the all-important liquidity to the financial markets. The liquidity injection is what unlocked the worldwide financial markets, allowing credit cards to work and enabling cash availability to resume. It allowed domestic commerce and foreign trade to continue normally. The payments system was saved. Plainly, money would not move. Banks did not even loan each other money, effectively stopping all commerce. No payment or financial settlement system was at work. The U.S. came within 24 hours from collapsing its entire monetary system. That is too close for comfort.

Gordon B. Guess  
Marion, Ky.



March 16-22 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.

SUNSHINE

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fectly illustrates that for better or worse, fans are – emphasis added – part of the game. This Sunshine Week we can take comfort in knowing that people are part of the government process no matter how far they feel from the game. In the same fashion that an average fan, just a ticket holder, can weigh in on the outcome of a professional baseball game, We the People have a means – indeed a right – to not only observe what is happening in our government but affect it as well. Frankly, I am often stunned at how little elected officials understand Sunshine laws. Officials may not realize they have become the lawbreakers when they refuse public information that is legally obtainable. As an outspoken proponent of our Constitution and Bill of Rights, I support full disclosure from government. Our country's history has proven on more than one occasion that secrecy makes problems worse and erodes public confidence in government. Secrecy is the hallmark of a totalitarian society, not a democracy. Secrecy serves only special interests and not the citizens, not the fans and not the game. (Chris Evans is the publisher of The Crittenden Press. His column appears in this newspaper periodically. He can be reached at 965-3191 or by e-mail at evans@the-press.com.)

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CALENDAR

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continuing education plans by teachers. The current school calendar in Crittenden County has students leaving for summer break on June 5, with graduation set for June 6. The original school calendar slated May 14 as the last day for students, with graduation on May 16. But the school calendar as it is presented now is a work in progress, particularly until educators know what they're dealing with out of Frankfort. Under the Senate's plan, local school boards could submit revised calendars to the state education commissioner to adjust for lost instructional time. Changes could include extending school days or having students in session on scheduled days off. School days could not exceed seven instructional hours. If districts are still struggling to make up all lost time, school boards could request a state waiver from the required 1,062 instructional hours in a school year. The Senate attached those provisions to House Bill 211 and then passed it Monday. The measure now rests with the House. However, House Speaker Greg Stumbo (D-Prestons-

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burg) said the Senate plan is too complicated and that lawmakers from the House and Senate probably will have to negotiate their differences on the legislation. The Democratic-led House has already approved a separate bill, House Bill 410, that would give school districts the power to eliminate up to 10 days of school because of bad weather without justifying the decision to the Kentucky Department of Education. "The simpler the better, and the sooner we get answers to the districts the better," Stumbo told The (Lexington) Herald Leader of proposed legislation dealing with snow days. "I would rather give the superintendents the option. They know better than anybody else what they are facing locally." The Senate takes a dim view of the House bill because it does not require school districts to plan on how to partially compensate for lost snow days by using scheduled makeup days, Republican senators said. Though no agreement had been reached at press time Tuesday, House and Senate

leaders hope to work out an agreement on snow-day relief legislation as quickly as possible to allow school districts to reset their academic calendars. The governor would have to sign any legislation before it becomes law. There is also proposed legislation that would allow schools to be in session on primary election day, May 20, which is currently prohibited. Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Rocket Arena, where the calendar is sure to be discussed. Because of the uncertainty of state legislation, it is unclear how the board may address altering the current calendar. However, Dr. Yarbrough said any proposed calendars for Crittenden County do not change days off for spring break or Memorial Day. She said the goal is to be out of school by the end of May without compromising needed instructional days. (The Associated Press and The (Lexington) Herald Leader contributed to this story.)  
Don't bet on casinos  
Seconds after roughly 35 legislators rallied Monday to break the legislative stalemate over expanded gambling, Stumbo said the effort still appears doomed. The issue remains at a standstill because leaders of the House and Republican-controlled Senate each insist that the other needs to act before their chamber will take it up. And with no more than 10 days left in the session, time is short. — The Courier Journal  
House passes budget  
Democrats in control of the Kentucky House passed a \$20 billion budget plan last Thursday evening over Republican objections, closely following the governor's recommendations in putting forth their spending priorities for the next two years. Issues wrangled over during the heated three-hour-plus debate could extend into the fall campaign, when the GOP makes a push to win control of the House. Republicans argued that the plan spends too much and saddles the state with heavier bond payments to finance a multitude of new projects. Next up, the Republican-led state Senate will put its imprint on the two-year budget plan. The spending plan ultimately will wind up in a House-Senate conference committee, which will try to iron out differences in the waning days of the 60-day General Assembly session, which ends in mid-April. — The Associated Press

Tabor selected to return to Marion City Council

STAFF REPORT  
A familiar face will be back on Marion City Council. On Monday, council members appointed Darrin Tabor back to a seat on the six-member city council to fill the unexpired term of Greg West, who resigned his seat to become county trial commissioner. After West's resignation was officially accepted, Tabor's name was the only nomination brought forward for consideration to fill the vacant seat. Councilman Jared Byford entered Tabor's name for appointment. Tabor was unanimously approved by the four council members present Monday. Councilman Frank Pierce was unable to attend due to work obligations. Tabor returns to the council after a year hiatus. In a similar situation, he was first appointed to the council in 2005 to fill the unexpired term of Junior Martin, who gave up his seat when he moved away. Tabor was then elected to the seat in 2006. He was subsequently re-elected in 2008 and 2010, but chose not to run in 2012. "You have to consider something like this as community service," Tabor said. "I enjoy doing it. I really do." West, a former magistrate on Crittenden Fiscal Court, was elected to his first term on the city council in 2012. Tabor will fill West's unexpired term on the council for the remainder of this year. City voters will head to the polls in November to elect council members for a new two-year term.



Tabor

Jail budget less dependent on fiscal court contribution

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County Detention Center's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year is significantly lower than the current fiscal year's spending plan and is less dependent on the fiscal court for supplemental funding. At Tuesday's meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court, magistrates were presented the proposed 2014-15 detention center budget by Jailer Phil Parker. The spending plan totals \$2.36 million, which is down from the \$2.45 million budget under which the lockup is currently operating. Due to the savings, the county's general fund contribution to the jail fund to balance the proposed spending plan is more than \$80,000 less than in the current year. For the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, the fiscal court will tentatively infuse only \$353,822 into the jail fund, down from \$435,758 in the current fiscal year. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the expected contribution from the court is in line with what the county was paying to keep afloat the old 20-bed life-safety jail. "That was our goal from the beginning," Newcom said of the lower financial contribution from the fiscal court to the current 133-bed facility. "So we're getting there." More than half of the jail's anticipated income for next year comes from housing Class D state felons. That is expected to generate \$1.2 million in revenue. The lockup also makes money from housing federal inmates and prisoners from other counties. The largest expense for the jail is for manpower, though that figure is down from the current year. The jailer's salary will be \$72,400 and deputies' wages account for \$819,900. Other employee expenses – benefits, the county's matching share, unemployment insurance and worker's compensation – are budgeted for \$344,455. Newcom said the detention center workforce is down from 52 employees at one point to only 31 at present. On Tuesday, the jail was housing 112 inmates – 89 state, three federal, seven from other counties and 13 locals. Since November, the jail has been averaging right at capacity, 133 prisoners.

BRUSH

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open dump is permitted to accept. "I was at this location with Mrs. Sue Padgett, county waste coordinator, to verify the site was no longer a convenience center and while there observed a large quantity of open-dumping of house demolition debris and household trash at the site," reported investigator John Rundle. Besides bags of household trash lumped in with the foliage, the junk included insulation, shingles and various other types of materials from apparent demolition of buildings. Bags of trash and demolition debris were also found dumped over the edge of an area being filled for expansion of the site. A warning was issued to the county, but the next time, it could cost the county \$5,000 per day it is in violation

of state prescribed regulations for the facility. Inspections by state officials can be unscheduled. In spite of dodging the violation, the illegal dumping cost taxpayers plenty. A county road crew was at the site a day and a half cleaning up the garbage and demolition materials, according to Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. "It filled up one roll-off dumpster and part of another," Newcom said, describing the volume of mess that had to be cleaned up and disposed of properly. For the benefit of the public, there are no gates restricting access to the facility; nor is there anyone on site to monitor dumping. Newcom said that would be cost-prohibitive for the county and an inconvenience for people trying to clean up their property at all times of the week. "We've got to get people to quit dumping illegally out

there," he said. The county burns the limbs and brush at the dump, typically overseen by volunteer firefighters who can take advantage of the blaze for training exercises. But burning is part of the problem when it comes to household trash and demolition debris left at the brush dump. It is illegal to burn those materials, period, according to state law. They must be disposed of properly at convenience centers like the one in Crittenden County off U.S. 60 east of Marion. But not everyone likes paying to dump their garbage, said Newcom. He cited a recent incident at the convenience center when someone had three couches to dispose of. When they learned of the cost, they turned away. Ironically, the next day, three couches turned up at the brush dump. Such blatant abuse is frustrating for the judge-executive, particularly when the county

offers free dumping days for such items at the convenience center both in the spring and fall. In fact, the next free dump days will be in April, though no date has been set. "That's the reason we have these things to give people an opportunity to dump things like that for free," he said, referring to the couches and demolition debris. Newcom said the county has been savvy in locating some perpetrators of illegal disposal at the brush dump. Workers have gone through sacks of garbage to find the names of individuals, who then can face a fine for illegal dumping as well as the cost of cleanup. "We've had some success at that," he said. If illegal dumping continues, to avoid fines from the state, the county may be forced to fence off the brush dump and closed it to the public.







# Flawed spending plan leads to ‘no’ vote

Things heated up in Frankfort this past week as the budget and how to pay for it finally made it to the floor of the House (about eight weeks after the governor proposed his budget) for debate...and there was much debate! Passing a budget is the one thing that the General Assembly is required to do, and I am happy that we were finally able to begin the biennial budget process, but unhappy about the way the process was handled.

Unfortunately, most members of the House did not have time to fully digest what came to the floor before we had to vote. The proposed budget was voted out of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee one day and was placed in the orders of the day to be voted on the next. I do not believe that one day is enough time to study a \$20 billion budget before voting on it, but that is what we were required to do.

On top of that, Washington-style partisan politics came into play. Using parliamentary procedures, the majority party only allowed one amendment to have a vote – and that was an amendment from the sponsor of the bill, the chairman of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, himself.

The proposed budget authorizes nearly \$2 billion in new debt. This takes the amount of debt compared to the amount of revenue, to more than 7 percent, bringing us to one of the highest debt levels in the history of the Commonwealth.

The proposal requires a 2 percent salary increase for teachers and gives some, but not all school districts, the money to pay for the mandated raises. Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and Christian County school

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districts all look to receive less money from the additional SEEK funds the proposal authorizes than the school districts will have to spend for the mandated raises.

The budget proposal authorizes \$65 million for Rupp Arena, but doesn't provide a penny for a retention bonus for correctional officers that they have been promised but have never received.

The floor for the gas tax (the lowest it can go) has been raised, meaning gas taxes will rise on July 1. Funds derived from "historical" racing (previously run horse races presented on electronic gambling machines) are included in the budget to help pay for expenditures in the approximately \$10 billion annual budget, but the question of whether or not gambling on "historical" racing is legal has yet to be determined. In fact, this issue is still tied up in court.

There is language in the bill calling out special treatment for baseball and softball field lighting for the Fairdale High and Community Recreational Facility, a tourism grant for the Plaza Theater in Glasgow and court-appointed special advocates in Hardin County. At the same time, the proposed budget includes well more than 100 provisions for the expenditure of funds that are contrary to existing law.

The budget proposal authorizes capital projects for

the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, but it puts the burden of paying for these projects on the backs of students by raising their tuition. The additional cost is spread among all the system's students even though some schools would be receiving money for new facilities while others would only receive money for feasibility studies. This is not right.

The budget proposal includes funds for kynect, Kentucky's implementation of the Affordable Care Act – or Obamacare as it is more widely known – and yet the General Assembly never voted to implement the program.

There are other provisions in the proposed budget that I support, such as fully funding the required contribution to the state employees pension fund and raises for state employees who haven't had raises in six years. However, the long term financial implications of this tax-and-spend budget are so bad that I cannot support it. We cannot put the general operation of our government on a credit card and rising taxes.

The House budget and revenue proposal passed and has moved on to the Senate for its consideration. I voted no.

House Bill 311, a bill requiring immunization for both elementary school girls and boys against the human papillomavirus was brought to the floor for a vote. The bill, as proposed, would not have required schools to provide information but would have required parents to consciously say no or "opt out" of the requirement if they did not want their young children to receive a vaccination for this sexually transmitted virus.

HB 311, as proposed, was an odious piece of gov-



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Rep. Richard Heath (R-Mayfield) speaks with Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) during a recess recently in the Kentucky House of Representatives during the 2014 session of the General Assembly.

ernment overreach. Therefore, I offered an amendment to change it. My amendment required schools to provide educational information to parents, but instead of requiring parents to "opt out" if they didn't want their young children to get the vaccination, it allowed them to say yes or "opt in" if they chose to do so. My amendment put the parents in charge, not the government. I am pleased to report that after lengthy debate, my amendment passed.

A move to bring Senate Bill 8, a bill to require an ultrasound prior to an abortion, to the full House failed. The vote to force consideration of the bill had 43 yes votes and eight no votes. Unfortunately, 51 yes votes were required to bring the bill to the floor. Although

there were only a few members not present when the vote was taken, there were 49 house members who did not cast a vote. I voted yes because this is an issue that demands to be heard. I am astounded by the failure of so many representatives to take a stand. It is extremely disappointing that so many members will not stand up to their political leaders.

HB 410, the bill requiring the commissioner of education to approve a request from a local board of education to waive a maximum of 10 instructional days missed this school year, passed. As I said last week, I am concerned about lessening the number of instructional days of our students, but with the overwhelming support for this bill in our legislative district, I voted yes. As I noted last week,

this is an issue that even had students calling me!

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.

I can be contacted by the information found on this page. I am also on Facebook, and you can follow my periodic posts if you "Like" my Lynn Bechler, Kentucky State Representative page.

*(Rep. Bechler is a first-term Republican representative from Marion. He represents House District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of Christian County.)*

# Senate now has task of tweaking budget bill

There are many moments in the legislative process when planning gives way to action.

We arrived at a big one in the Senate last week as the state budget proposal landed in our chamber.

Now that the House has approved its preferred version of the budget bill and sent it to us, it is our turn to go through the \$20.3 billion spending plan line by line and start considering the changes we feel are necessary to ensure the final version of the plan best reflects our priorities and values.

With only a couple weeks before the General Assembly's veto recess is scheduled to begin, our work on the budget will be intense in the days to come. At the same time, hundreds of other bills will continue moving through the legislative process and must be studied and acted on.

Among the bills approved by the Senate this week was a measure, passed unani-

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Senate in Review

mously, that would allow research and limited medical use of cannabis oil. Senate Bill 124 would allow doctors at the state's two university research hospitals to prescribe cannabis oil to patients. The bill also would allow the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville medical schools to conduct studies of the oil.

Supporters of the measure say the oil is an effective treatment for certain medical conditions, including pediatric epilepsy. SB 124 has been sent to the House for further action.

The Senate also gave approval this week to SB 108, which would prevent those convicted of rape from

claiming parental rights to children born as a result of the assaults. The bill, which has been sent to the House for consideration, would require child support to be ordered in those cases unless waived by the mother.

A bill that would open more juvenile court proceedings was also among the measures approved by the Senate and sent to the House this week. SB 157 calls for a pilot program to encourage transparency in some juvenile court proceedings by opening them to the public. Those viewing the proceedings would not be allowed to identify to others the identity of children involved in court cases.

Members of the Senate also gave approval to a resolution that would direct the staff of the Legislative Research Commission to study family caregiving and long-term services. With a growing aging population, the demand for services that allow seniors to receive assistance in their homes and

communities will continue to increase. Senate Concurrent Resolution 102 is intended to provide policymakers with better information about the programs available and ideas about innovative and creative ways that the state can support those who provide in-home assistance to older adults.

A measure that would allow more poisonous weeds and invasive plants to be targeted for eradication from state rights-of-way passed the Senate last Thursday. Supporters of SB 170 note that some plants that no longer pose a major threat are on the list for eradication while noxious plants that cause bigger problems are not on the list. In addition to targeting plants like kudzu and poison hemlock for removal from roadsides and other areas, the legislation also would give the Department of Highways the authority to regularly review and make changes to its list of un-

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wanted plants. Several other good bills are making their way through the process. Some of those that passed out of committee 1st week included: - SB 176 that would

allow a relative caregiver to access key services for the children in their care when legal custody or guardianship is not feasible.

- SB 192 that would make school special law enforcement officers eligible for Homeland Security grants for body armor and other equipment from the sale of confiscated firearms.

These bills now move to the full Senate for consideration.

With time growing short in the 2014 legislative session, even more bills are likely to take steps closer to becoming law in the days to come. Citizens can look at the bills we are voting on and track legislation by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov).

*(Sen. Ridley, a Henderson Democrat, has served in the Kentucky Senate since 2004 representing Senate District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Webster, Union and Henderson counties.)*

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# School activities an important part of rural life

School activities of yesteryear were a much-anticipated event. The little country schools were the center of the communities. Teachers and parents worked together to make these events a special time, not just for the students but also for their family, friends and neighbors of the surrounding area. The school fairs seemed to be a fun-filled day for everyone and the competition of games, whether mental or physical, was on the top of the list.

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**School news in 1914**  
**News from county schools**  
Miss Lola Claghorn is doing good work at Forest Grove this year. The attendance has been fine and her success has, in a very great measure, been shown by the way her people have taken an interest in the fairs, contests, etc. Miss Dewdrop Graves represented Forest Grove in the declamatory contest giving her selection in a way that was a very great credit to herself and to her teacher. Miss Graves won the blue ribbon in storytelling at the Hurricane Fair.

Miss Claghorn has had several spellings and they have all been well attended. One evening last week, her pupils gave a Thanksgiving program consisting of recitations, songs and dialogues to the patrons of the school.

On Nov. 14, Mr. Dennis D. Clark at Colon gave a box supper at which he made about \$7 for school purposes.

Some weeks ago, the school at Tolu, assisted by Miss Lena Holtsclaw of Marion, gave the play "The Dust of the Earth" at the Presbyterian church. The proceeds, which amounted to over \$25 will go for school improvement.

Miss Kate Wright of Tolu received the silver medal in the contest at Deer Creek.

The school at Irma gave a box supper Nov. 11 and cleared a nice little sum, which was invested in a new table for the school.

The Literary Society of Oak Hall meets twice a month on Friday nights. The teacher, Mr. George Conditt, believes in making the school the community center, and his work is bringing results. Little Miss Belt represented Oak Hall in the contest, and all of Division 2 should be proud of her. Mr. Conditt gave a pie supper in October for the benefit of his library.

The folks of Hebron still spell the name of their school in capital letters. Their attendance this year has been the largest of any school in the division and perhaps in the county.

At the fair at Hurricane Oct. 3, the school won 12 points, the largest number won by any school.

Miss Ena Clark, who represented Hebron in the declamatory contest at Deer Creek Nov. 7 was awarded the gold medal. Miss Clark's selection was "The Queen's Robe," written by Opie Read.

The school had its fourth traveling library this year. They have added 16 new volumes to the library, among them being Lansing's "History of the



Civil War" with all the Brady war photographs, a 1,700-page Webster's unabridged dictionary and Harold Bell Wright's new book, "The Eyes of the World."

Rev. Royster, the new pastor at Hebron, presented the school with several good books for the library.

The annual Hebron School Entertainment was given in connection with a box supper Nov. 21. The house was crowded until there was not even room for one more. A pretty feature of the box supper was the candy booth decorated in green and yellow. The candy was furnished by Mesdames H.E. Wathen, E.J. Franklin, M.T. Slizer and Misses Miles Bracey and Ruth Cook.

A new basketball outfit was put up in September and daily basketball games make school all the more interesting.

The primary pupils made an order amounting to over \$20 the first of November, adding their might and their good will to the school improvement fund.

Miss Mildred Rankin at Fords Ferry gave a box supper a few weeks ago, clearing about \$7. Her pupils gave an interesting program of songs, recitations and plays the same evening.

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**October 1916**  
**School fair at Crayne Saturday a success**  
There were many present to enjoy the kind hospitality of the good people of Crayne and to help make the day pleasant and profitable.

Crayne won first place; Chapel Hill, second. Other schools made good showings. The day was ideal; the roads were fine. Long before the time which had been set for the beginning of the program, people from the school in that part of the county were gathering to show their interest in and their appreciation of the splendid work which is being done by the school in that division.

The first part of the morning was given to the selection of the judges for the days, and then after that task was finished, the remainder of the morning was given to the contest in arithmetic and reading.

At 12 o'clock, a sumptuous dinner was served. The good people of Crayne showed their appreciation to the many people who had come to spend the day



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

**The Crayne school fair mentioned in this week's column would have been held at the first Crayne school (above) which was located across the road from the Crayne Community Church. This building was used until 1925 when a new school was built on U.S. 641. The old Chapel Hill schoolhouse (at right) was located next to the Chapel Hill Church and Cemetery. Neither structures are located there today, only an empty space. But many good times were held at the old school and church.**

in their little town. The people of the surrounding county showed themselves equal to occasion, and with true Kentucky hospitality, did everything in their power to make the day a success and their guests for the day feel that it was good to be there.

Immediately after dinner, the drawing contests were held in the schoolhouse, and the contests in storytelling and spelling were finished in the church. The spelling contest was one of the most interesting features of the work.

The first prize was won by Dycusburg; and the second by Chapel Hill.

The exhibits were splendid. The work was good and well displayed. Most of the schools had booths and the work on display was a credit to the schools of the county.

Most of the schools had



splendid exhibits in manual training, domestic science and agriculture. The first prize on General Exhibit was awarded to Crayne and the second prize to Chapel Hill.

Athletics are always an interesting feature of the school fair program. All the first prizes in athletics went to Frances, with Chapel Hill getting two seconds and Jackson getting one. The schools represented and the number of ribbons won by each follows: Crayne, 18; Chapel, 9; Frances, 7; Dycusburg, 7; Union, 5; White Hall, 3; Owen, 3; Jackson, 2; and Sisco, 1.

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**November 1922**  
**School fair at Forest Grove**  
The weatherman provided us an excellent day for our program. There was a large number present and everybody had a real nice day. Besides the community

and school program, we wish to thank Miss Ethel Hard and Dr. Frazer for the excellent addresses they gave.

Owing to lack of time, very little of the community products were judged, but we appreciate the interest shown and are sorry we had to neglect this part.

There were six schools present: Oak Hall, Brown, Hebron, Glendale, Colon and Forest Grove. Following are the names of the winners: Spelling, Bonnie Lindsey of Glendale and Mary Hoover of Forest Grove; Best Built Birdhouse: Hayden Winders of Colon; Best-Made Garment: Alba Arlack of Hebron and Elva Belt of Colon; Best-Told Story: Rosalie Stout of Brown and Jamie Fox of Hebron; Best March and Salute to Old Glory by Whole School: Forest Grove and Colon; Potato Race: Jessie

Hodge of Forest Grove and Joseph O'Brien of Glendale; Boys 50-yard Dash: Mile Hodge of Forest Grove and John Claghorn of Oak Hall; Girls 50-yard Dash: Eva Belt of Hebron and Toby Clark of Forest Grove; Boys 100-yard Dash: Verg Cook of Hebron and Stanley Herrin of Oak Hall; Girls 75-yard Dash: Bertie Hoover of Forest Grove and Elva Belt of Colon.

The schools made the following number of points: Oak Hall, 6; Colon, 17; Glendale, 18; Brown, 21; Hebron, 23; Forest Grove, 40.

*(Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)*

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# Who is the Tea Party the left hates?

Just who are the people labeled the TEA (Taxed Enough Already) Party that the America-haters – who are up front about turning America into a communist nation – and the wolves in sheep’s clothing helping them behind the scenes want to crush?

There are politicians in Washington in both parties who are in this group. Who was the senator who claims to be a conservative I watched just recently say when talking about the TEA Party, “We will crush them everywhere”? Not only was he talking just about his opponent, but everywhere, like we are a bunch of ants under foot? He fights Obama in public and votes for him in session and behind the scenes as do some others.

The name TEA Party was coined when millions of regular, hard-working Americans like me rose up and made their voices heard. We are tired of the so-called elite in Washington stealing from us to support all our foreign enemies. We are tired of them giving to those among us who won’t work so they will give them their votes to keep them in power all their lives.

St. Paul tells us in 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, “For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies... we exhort this by our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Most of those who would read this are those who have made their living by the sweat of their brow, just as I and most Americans who have the Bible work ethic that God taught from the beginning and Jesus and Paul reverbated.

So we are to tell these truths until people listen, because our very freedoms are being taken from us every day by the government-supported homosexuals and the communists in our government ruling



over us. Satan has followed after every good thing God made for the human race, to sully and finally destroy it for our misery so we will give up on God and end up in hell with him so he can laugh at us through-out eternity.

Millions will end up with him in hell, but neither he nor they will be laughing as the Word tells us in Revelation 20:10, “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, ...and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

The Bible is also very explicit in Ephesians 5:11 that we are to “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”

Not only do we fellowship with them, we’ve crawled right into bed with them. They are determined to call all the shots to control the world, and Americans were the ones Satan led into this evil contract. One of them even donated the land for the Tower of Babel to be built on – our arch deceiver, John D. Rockefeller Jr. The American way of life allowed him and his fellow billionaires to even have this land to donate so he could be one of the hopeful rulers. He was one of the architects of the One World Government, hiding it with some philanthropists acts.

But he, too, passed into the graves of all flesh and is reaping his rewards as all of us will.

This is all proof that when we leave the Bible instructions we invite our own destruction. America, a partner with all the anti-God and anti-American nations on earth in the United Nations, is the prime example of disobeying those Biblical instruc-

tions. Now the UN says we have to give up our guns. We let them tell parents how to raise their children or have them be taken from them. They tell America how to run our country even to our poor, all to put us under the New World Order so a few who think they are so much smarter than the rest of us will control us.

The powers that be are angry because the majority of Americans are waking up to the Devil’s devices and his emissaries who are out to destroy America because it has been called a Christian nation for centuries.

The uninformed say we were never founded on the Judeo-Christian principles that have made America the best nation on earth. Our nation has come to the rescue of free people around the world in more than two wars, and thousands of our young men are marked in those nations by little white crosses that the Devil and his are demanding be torn down, because the crosses remind them of Christ.

Those who argue are playing right into the hands of Satan. Look at any building. Tear down the foundation and every building falls.

America’s foundation of the Bible has been systematically dismantled for many years, and always by Christ-haters and wolves in sheep’s clothing. We now have a secret government and their puppet fundamentally destroying

America. Satan entered into the government school system in mid-1800s and now the NEA (National Education Association) union has succeeded in dumbing down our youth while the atheists have had the Bible and prayer removed from their ears, minds and hearts.

And what do we have? Not only their they like-minded graduates, but they do not know our history and many cannot read, write and calculate above third grade level, so they become wards of the state. They become slaves to their benefactors and miserable, hating, drugged criminals who Satan and Obama’s heroes, Cloward-Piven professors, are banking on hitting the streets with uncontrolled riots, bringing on Marshal Law and dictatorship. The dumber we are, the easier we are to control.

Ask yourselves why the low polls do not bother Obama at all? Why he said he does not plan on leaving Washington after three years? Why in that silly, so-called funny ad with Zach Galifianakis did Obama ask him, “What would it be like if this were the last President that you ever talked to?” and no one even caught it?

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

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■ Due to winter weather, Sturgis General Baptist Church has rescheduled its homecoming. It will be held March 30. Speaking at 11 a.m., will be Rev. David Davis from Smithland. Following a noon meal, The Clarks from Harrisburg, Ill. will sing at 1:30 p.m.

■ Mexico Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open 9-11 a.m., each Monday.

## Church notes

■ New Union “Ditney” General Baptist Church will have a free spaghetti lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Donations will be accepted for the Crittenden County Relay for Life team. Tumblers and T-shirts will also be available for purchase.

■ The 12-week Run for God 5K Challenge will be held weekly at 6:30 p.m., beginning March 27 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in

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# New senior center director on job

**STAFF REPORT**  
The new director of the senior citizens center in Marion got a warm welcome last Friday before she even walked through the doors for her first day on the job.  
Kim West, 39, has been named by Pennyrile Allied Community Services (PACS) as the new director of Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. West is a lifelong resident of Crittenden County, where she lives with her husband Cameron and their five children.

West  
“This feels like the perfect fit,” West said of her new job, taking a few minutes last Friday away from mingling with many visitors at the center’s monthly evening dinner and social. “I’ve been praying for God to give me the right job, and I know without a doubt this is the right one.”  
It has been more than a decade since West has been in the workforce, as she has been a stay-at-home mom for her children. But she’s not been without a focus on a career. In December, she completed two associates degrees from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. She plans to continue her education, as well, balancing that with her job as a mom and career as the new center director.  
West is also involved in the



**Kim West (standing), the new director at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center, visits last Friday evening with Martha and Paul Ingram at a chili supper and social.**

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Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community.  
West, who officially began her duties on Tuesday, replaces Alicia McDowell, who resigned last month.  
“This is just the best environment,” West said Friday night as more than five dozen visitors enjoyed a chili dinner, live music, billiards, a University of Kentucky basketball game and, of course, fellowship.  
Dinners like Friday’s, typi-

cally held on the second Thursday of each month, help raise money for the home-delivered meals program offered by PACS through the senior center. Besides the money generated from the proceeds of the dinner, Bowtanicals in Marion made a donation for a raffle.  
West will guide the day-to-day operations of the center on North Walker Street. Each weekday, the center offers a warm lunch and free activities

for visitors. There are contests of pool, bingo, cards and board games, as well as many other activities designed to help seniors live healthy, productive lives. West said she is looking forward to every minute with the visitors of the center.  
“This is the nicest environment; it’s so welcoming,” she said. “I can go home at the end of the day and feel like I’ve made someone’s day a little bit better.”

## St. Louis man charged in car theft investigation

**STAFF REPORT**  
A Missouri man is being held in Crittenden County after a car stolen from Paducah Tuesday morning was located in rural Crittenden County later that day.  
Kentucky State Police have charged John P. Hallows, 39, of St. Louis with receiving stolen property and other charges stemming from a traffic stop Tuesday in the northern part of Crittenden County.  
Just before 11 a.m. Tuesday, KSP Post 2 in Madisonville received a call in reference to a stolen 2004 GMC Envoy which had been taken from Paducah earlier that morning. The stolen vehicle was believed to be in the

area of Ky. 91 North near the Cave In Rock Ferry boat ramp in Crittenden County. Trooper First Class Darron Holliman responded to the area in an attempt to locate the vehicle.  
The trooper spotted the vehicle on Ky. 91 and conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Ky. 135 and Flannery Road. Hallows was arrested shortly after 11:30 a.m. and charged with receiving stolen property \$10,000 or more, a Class C felony; possession of marijuana and operating on a suspended/revoked license, both Class B misdemeanors; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.  
He was lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center.

## Men taken to hospital after exposure, gunshot wound

**STAFF REPORT**  
Two Salem men were taken to the hospital after spending Saturday night stranded outdoors in rural Crittenden County. One of them had suffered an accidental gunshot wound.  
Crittenden County Sheriff’s Deputy Ray Agent was called to the scene early Sunday morning where the two men were found by rescue squad personnel and ambulance workers.  
According to police reports, Sammy Simmons, 54, of Salem had walked to a nearby home after daylight Sunday to get help. His friend, Edwin Barnes, 55, was unable to walk out of the woods from where their ATV had become stuck in Deer Creek. Barnes is partially handicapped.  
The men had apparently driven a Polaris Razor 4x4 ATV from near Lola to a spot in Deer Creek near Barnett’s Chapel Church. When the rig got stranded on the creek bank, they tried to get it out,

and it’s theorized that is when the gun went off, striking Simmons in the knee.  
Deputy Agent said neither man was aware Simmons had been shot. They thought he’d gotten injured trying to get the ATV off the creek bank.  
Simmons was taken to a Paducah hospital while Barnes was treated and released from Crittenden Health Systems.  
The deputy said Simmons appeared to have also suffered from a slight case of hypothermia.

## OBITUARIES

### Odom

Janie Lucille Hastings Odom, 83, of Dycusburg died March 12, 2014, at Baptist Health Paducah.  
She was a member of Caldwell Springs Baptist Church.  
Odom is survived by a son, Jim Odom of Benton; three daughters, Margaret Duncan of Grand Rivers, Ann Peek of Dycusburg and Susan Kinnis of Dycusburg; four brothers; two sisters; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.  
She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Lucille Coon Hastings; her husband, Russell “Hoby” Odom; and a sister.  
Graveside services were Saturday at Caldwell Springs Cemetery. Dunn’s Funeral Home in Eddyville was in charge of arrangements.

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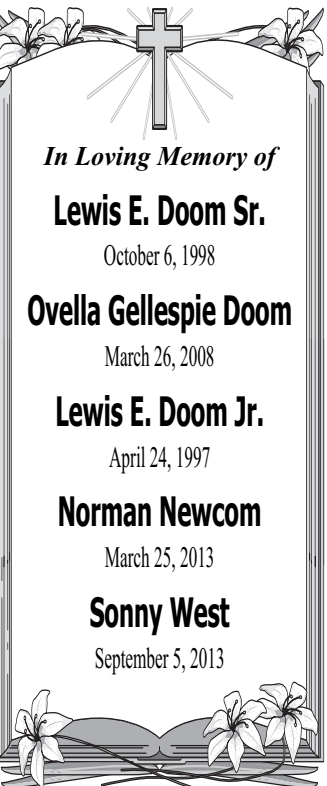
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- 18,500 acres of corn were planted in Crittenden County in 2013 with a yield of 165 bushels per acre, roughly two-and-a-half times last year's yield. The state average was 170 bushels per acre.
- 23,000 acres of soybeans were planted in Crittenden County in 2013 with a yield of 47.5 bushels per acre, also up from last year. The state average was 49.5 bushels per acre.
- 9,000 acres of winter wheat were planted in Crittenden County in 2013 with a yield of 78.3 bushels per acre, up from last year and the 10th best yield by county in Kentucky. The state average was 75 bushels per acre.
- 16,300 head of cattle (only 100 dairy) were counted in Crittenden County as of Jan. 1, 2013, up 700 from estimates from a year earlier. There were 2.24 million head of cattle counted in Kentucky.
- 27,900 acres of hay (non-alfalfa) were harvested in Crittenden County in 2012, up 3,300 from 2011 and yielding 1.45 tons per acre. The statewide average was 2 tons per acre.

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## Season hard on winter wheat

By JASON TRAVIS  
STAFF REPORTER

Winter was still in control the morning Phillip Parish examined a field planted with winter wheat. Parish, who has been farming for more than 20 years, said a cool, damp fall followed by a brutally cold winter has had an affect on the crop's growth. Even though it should be 6 to 8 inches taller by now, the Crittenden County farmer is cautiously optimistic about the success of its eventual yield.

"This winter, it just stayed dormant. It's just now coming out of dormancy," Parish said. "There is some winterkill to it but it can still come out of it. Wheat is very resilient. It wants to reproduce."

Since 1996, Parish and Chris Hooks have operated Parish and Hooks Farms in southern Crittenden County. The field Parish was examining was planted on Oct. 20. Normally the wheat would be harvested by June 10. He believes this year's harvest may be pushed back by a week to 10 days.

Meredith Hall, University of Kentucky Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, said many local farmers have also seen slow growth rates with their wheat crops compared to growth rates in milder winters. She said it is possible some yields will decrease as much as 25 bushels per acre.

Timing was another factor this winter. Hall said if snow fell before the arrival of sub-zero temperatures, it wouldn't have been as detrimental to wheat crops since the snow would have served as an insulator.



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS  
Phillip Parish of Crittenden County examines a field of winter wheat planted last October. A cool and damp fall followed by a brutally cold winter has had an affect on the crop's growth. However, Parish is cautiously optimistic on the success of this year's crop.

Parish, who grows winter wheat each year, knows the importance of a balance in temperatures from Mother Nature. A harsh winter can slow growth. Too mild of a winter can often lead to growth trouble in early spring.

"We've seen farm averages as high as 100 bushels. For wheat to be its best, you need a dry May. When it's flowering it needs dry weather to keep the diseases from growing," he said. "Then there was a hard freeze. That's devastating to a crop. If it gets too far along and you have a late March freeze

and the wheat is too big, it can really be damaging to it."

With this year's yields yet to be determined, over the last five years Parish has seen wheat yields average 80 bushels per acre.

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planting season is only a few weeks away. Parish believes the season is off to a good start in regard to soil moisture.

"We're starting out the season with good subsoil moisture. A lot of the soil we farm around here can't hold a lot of subsoil moisture but still we feel like we have got a better chance starting out fully charged," he said. "If we don't have corn planted by April 10 we start getting nervous. But that's still a while away. We should be fine."

With spring's official arrival today (Thursday), that means

## Loss adjusters needed in area

I really enjoyed meeting with the Crittenden County Cattleman's Association last Tuesday evening and the Livingston County Cattleman's Association last Thursday evening. We have great producers in our counties, and I really enjoy being able to participate in various events that are hosted around the counties.

We are really looking forward to what the new Farm Bill has in store for us. We are anxiously awaiting details of what all programs we will have and the details about them. We are truly excited to have the opportunity to offer new programs for our producers, and as soon as more details are available we will let you know.

### Loss adjusters needed

Our state office is interested in hiring a few new loss adjusters for our NAP program.

Loss adjusters are individuals who are called upon when a disaster event happens, and they are sent to the field in order to assess the damage and determine a loss. Loss adjusters are only used on an "as needed" basis, so there can be years that you could be a little busy from time to time and there could be years that you are not called upon at all.

Loss adjusters are assigned to an area that will cover multiple counties. It is very helpful to have knowledge of the different crops in the area, either having raised them your-



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self or having knowledge of the growing process.

If you are interested in additional information, please contact the office at (270) 988-2180 or stop in so we can get an application to you.

The last day to submit an application is April 15.

### Contract management

As soon as the fields dry up a little after all the snow, ice and rain, producers can resume management or maintenance activities on their CRP contracts now until nesting season starts on May 15.

In Kentucky, if you are not scheduled for a cost shared management practice, you should still be conducting maintenance activities. Maintenance activities include spot treating any areas of concern like volunteer trees, volunteer shrubs, noxious weeds, etc. Spot treating can consist of mowing the affected area or treating it with chemicals.

Please remember, if you are chemically spot treating, seek guidance as to when the best time to apply may be and how to apply the chemical in order to obtain the best result

possible.

Kentucky recommends that you mow half of your contract every year in order to help maintain the desired cover. The next year, mow the other half. This can be done in blocks or strips, whichever is more convenient for your operation.

If you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact the office. If you feel that you have an issue that you are not sure how to handle, please let us know and we can send Natural Resources Conservation Service to visit and give a recommendation.

We can add additional cost-shared management practices in your plan if needed, depending upon what year your contract is in.

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### Upcoming

- April 15: Tentative start date to sign up for Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP).
- April 15: Tentative start date to sign up for Livestock Forage Program (LFP).
- July 28: Last day to apply for Emergency Loan (Livingston County).

(Laura Kessler is the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency executive director at the Salem service center, which serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties. She can be reached at (270) 988-2180.)

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## National Ag Day set aside to recognize U.S. farming

U.S. Department of Agriculture Kentucky Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director John W. McCauley encourages everyone to take a moment to appreciate the hard working farmers and ranchers in Kentucky on Tuesday, National Ag Day. This year's theme is "Agriculture: 365 Sunrises and 7 Billion Mouths to Feed."

USDA stands behind the producers who rise before dawn 365 days a year in order to put food on the table for 7 billion people.

"We recognize the importance of agriculture and hope that the recent passage of a new Farm Bill is a sign that 2014 will be a banner year for the industry," said McCauley. "There is no better way to show

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# Coconut oil, water have health benefits

Coconut oil or coconut water, we just can't seem to get enough coconut these days.

Coconut oil comes from the fruit of mature coconuts. It is a saturated fat, and consumers are cautioned against a diet high in saturated fat. It is unique though.

Not only is it solid at room temperature, it is the only saturated fat that does not come from an animal source such as meat or dairy. The benefits of coconut oil are



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related to the fact that virgin coconut oil is high in lauric acid, a medium-chain fatty acid that raises both good and bad cholesterol levels.

Coconut water is the liq-

uid that comes from an immature or green coconut. It emerged into the public eye several years ago and still remains hot. While many producers and media sources have tabbed it as a type of miracle beverage that has potential to cure everything from heart disease to obesity, there isn't actually a lot of hard evidence to back those claims just yet.

You may see gym-goers or celebrities with coconut water in hand following a

workout or on a hot day. The idea that coconut water makes a good post-exercise drink because it contains electrolytes is only partially true. Yes, coconut water does boast electrolytes, which you lose when you sweat, but for the average light-to-moderate exerciser, if you're consuming enough water and eating healthy meals throughout the day, there is no significant benefit of coconut water over plain old H2O.

Much like containing elec-

trolytes, coconut water is also a source of potassium which is likely responsible for the claim that coconut water is good for your heart and may help prevent stroke and heart attack. The theory that potassium helps counteract the blood pressure-boosting effect of sodium is valid. The body however, cannot differentiate between the potassium in coconut water, the potassium in a banana or the potassium found in a potato. Simply, potassium is

great, but coconut water is not a miracle cure for heart disease.

There is good news. If you're looking for a drink with some flavor but want to save on calories, coconut water can be a better choice than juice. Coconut water often has about half as many calories as fruit juice and as mentioned previously, double the amount of potassium. Just be sure to choose unflavored coconut water, once you add sugar, the calories start adding up.

# Online auction to benefit local no-kill animal shelter

STAFF REPORT

New or slightly used craft items are being sought for donation toward an online auction that will benefit the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter. The auction will begin in May and end June 21.

Shelter spokesperson Melissa Guill said this may be the perfect way to re-gift a nice Christmas present and help out a great cause. Donations of new or slightly used craft or unique items are being sought. Clothing will not be accepted for the online auction.

Guill said businesses



Guill

and individuals are encouraged to donate to the auction, which helps the shelter with medical expenses, food, general care and maintenance. Guill said Green Turtle Bay has already donated a two-night stay in a two-bedroom condo valued at over \$600. Restaurant gift cards will also be available for bidding.

The items will be listed on the Crittenden County Animal Shelter's Facebook page beginning in May and will be listed until June 21, the last day of the auction. Once the auction begins, the items can be viewed at the Welcome Center in Marion. Individuals can then go online and place a bid.

Individuals who have questions concerning donations or want to donate an item may call Ann Farmer at (270) 545-7089 or Melissa Guill at (270) 965-2495 or (270) 965-4200.



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Members of the Evening Belles Extension Homemaker Club made prayer card pillows as a community service project for patients at Crittenden Hospital. Club members seated (from left) include Myrle Dunning, Margaret Gilland, Martha Fletcher and Effie Campbell; (back row) Pat Carter, club president; Algje Richards, Anne Collins and Debbie Cox. The Evening Belles Club meets at 11:30 a.m., on the second Thursday of each month at the Extension Office. Visitors are always welcome.

## Evening Belles creates prayer card pillows

Club Report

The Evening Belles homemakers met March 13 at the Extension Office with eight members present.

President Pat Carter called the meeting to order and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Martha Fletcher gave the inspirational, "The thank you note to God."

The thought of the month included "One of the most sincere forms of respect is

actually listening to what another has to say."

Effie Campbell served refreshments.

Myrle Dunning conducted roll call with members answering "Who is the oldest family member in your family," and then gave the treasurer's report.

It was decided to take \$25 out of the treasury and with member donations, the club will donate \$100 to 4-H camp.

Martha Fletcher gave a lesson on "Life Story. What is it and how do you write it?"

The majority of members made pillows to donate to patients at Crittenden Health Systems.

Recreation included a memory game given by Algje Richards. Debbie Cox won the door prize.

The next meeting will be April 10 and visitors are welcome.



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## American Legion celebrates

The American Legion is celebrating 95 years of service in posts this month. On March 15, 1919, the first Legion caucus was held by members of the American Expeditionary Force in Paris. At this time, there was a group of war-weary veterans of World War I. From this caucus resulted one of the best-known nonprofit groups in the United States. The American Legion's official name, preamble and constitution were approved May 1919. After this, Congress chartered the American Legion in September of 1919. Since that time, the American Legion has influenced many changes in America, achieved hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced important programs for our children and youth. American Legion Post 217 of Burna met Friday evening at the Post in Burna. Veterans were honored for their service and presented with a birthday cake from the Post Auxiliary president Faye Gibson. Post Commander Bob Mitchell accepted the cake donated by the American Legion Auxiliary.

## Living well workshops to be held

STAFF REPORT

If you're sick and tired of being sick and tired then the Living Well Workshops on chronic disease self-management may just be the answer. The workshops are geared to those afflicted with diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, asthma, depression, heart or lung disease, pain or other ongoing health conditions.

The workshops are from 9:30 a.m. to noon, April 2 at Crittenden Health Systems. The free workshops will meet once a week for six weeks. Snacks will be provided. A drawing for two Wal-Mart gift cards will be conducted at the end of the six weeks.

For more information and to register contact the Pennyryle Allied Community Services at 800-264-0643.



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## Presidential visit

Jill and Wes Berkheimer, Peggy Walker and Melinda McKinney took a copy of The Crittenden Press to Dallas, Texas when they visited the George W. Bush Memorial Library. They are pictured in the library's oval office.

## SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

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

Every day, the center at 210 North Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and use of the exercise equipment. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information.

This week's activities and menu include:

- Today: Bible study with Pastor Terra Sisco begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is hamburger on wheat bun, pork and beans, French fries and snickerdoodle.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is beef roast

with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, whole wheat roll and pears.

- Monday: Menu is chili con carne, half pimento cheese sandwich on wheat bread, saltine crackers, tropical fruit cup and oatmeal cookie.
- Tuesday: Menu is oven-fried chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll and dreamsicle gelatin.
- Wednesday: Menu is Mexican lasagna, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll and chocolate cake.
- Next Thursday: Livingston Senior Care Healthfair begins at 9 a.m. Menu includes chicken strips, baked French fries, baked beans, whole wheat bread and pineapple slices.

## Community CALENDAR

**Thursday, March 20**

- The Crittenden Hospital auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m. (today) at the new emergency management building next to Par 4 Plastics.

**Friday, March 21**

- Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. at the Crittenden County Extension Office. The program will be provided by Crittenden Health Systems on exercise.

**Saturday, March 22**

- A spring singing featuring Country Connection will be held at 5 p.m. at Brown's Country Store in Burna.

**Sunday, March 23**

- Lady Rocket Basketball will host a Be Joyful painting party at the multi-purpose room at Crittenden County High School. Classes will begin at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. All materials are provided, many styles of door hangings available. Cost is \$35. Find Be Joyful on Facebook for sam-

ples of painting projects. Registration is encouraged to ensure the project of your choice, by calling Christy Moss at (270) 836-2040 or Alison Evans at (270) 704-0447.

**Wednesday, March 26**

- Crittenden County High School will hold parent-teacher conferences from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Parents are invited to meet with any of their child's teachers any time in this time frame. If the times are not convenient, parents can email the teacher or call the school office to set up a different time to meet.

**Saturday, March 29**

- The track team will be selling ribeye sandwiches from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Conrad's.

**Thursday, April 3**

- Crittenden County Elementary School will hold Family Fitness Night from 6

p.m. to 7 p.m., for students and their families. A parent must accompany their child.

**Saturday, April 26**

- The first annual Relay for Life scrap booking crop will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center. It is sponsored by the Crittenden County Health Department. Limited spots are available. Call (270) 965-5215 for more information.

**On-going**

- Livingston County Preschool/Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. Parents can call (270) 988-2867 or (270) 928-2244 to schedule an appointment.
- The Crittenden County Health Department Relay for Life team is designing a T-shirt fundraiser for survivors and loved ones lost to cancer. Due to limited space, only names of Crittenden Countians are being accepted. To

submit names for T-shirts or for more information, call the health department at (270) 965-5215 before March 14. T-shirts will be available for purchase in April.

- All veterans are invited for coffee and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. each Tuesday at the VFW building in Marion.
- The Crittenden County Public Library hosts Lego Club at 3:30 p.m., each Tuesday when school is in session.
- Narconon reminds families that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs is on the rise. Learn to recognize the signs of drug abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free assessments and referrals. Call 800-431-1754 or visit drugabusesolution.com for more information.



# Robotics Club teaches engineering fundamentals

By **JASON TRAVIS**  
STAFF WRITER

A new robotics club is up and running full speed ahead. Designed to teach the concepts of engineering and robotics, the club meets at 3:15 p.m., each Monday and Wednesday afternoon at the Bridgeway Learning Center at Crittenden County Middle School.

The club recently completed its first project, building a clawbot mobile robot complete with an extended arm that grips. The unit runs via a wireless controller.

The club is facilitated by Neal Bryant, who teaches seventh grade science at CCMS. Bryant said the clawbot came with a 13 unit curriculum. Students studied engineering and design concepts before building the

unit. The project took a little over a month to complete.

“Some of the aspects involved are figuring out what Allen wrenches are. Some of this they can apply to the rest of their life,” Bryant said. “It’s really just exposing them to a lot of different concepts. It’s all hands-on. So I think it really sinks in better than just being told something. Being interested in it also helps.”

In addition to learning basic concepts in engineering, Bryant said students are learning problem-solving skills that help build confidence.

While the claw came already assembled, students worked to assemble the rest of the clawbot. Bryant said the building process allowed students to learn through a

trial and error process and troubleshoot as they learned the correct placement of certain wires.

“They can go places with this and do a lot of things,” Bryant said. “This type of skill involves creating things and they can use that for any discipline they pursue.”

Sixth grader Skyler James said he enjoyed learning about gears, wiring and programming. Fellow sixth grader Michael Haire said he enjoyed the entire process, from building the clawbot, to testing and driving it.

Students interested in joining the robotics club can inquire by speaking with Bridgeway Learning Center site coordinator Melissa Shewcraft at the middle school.

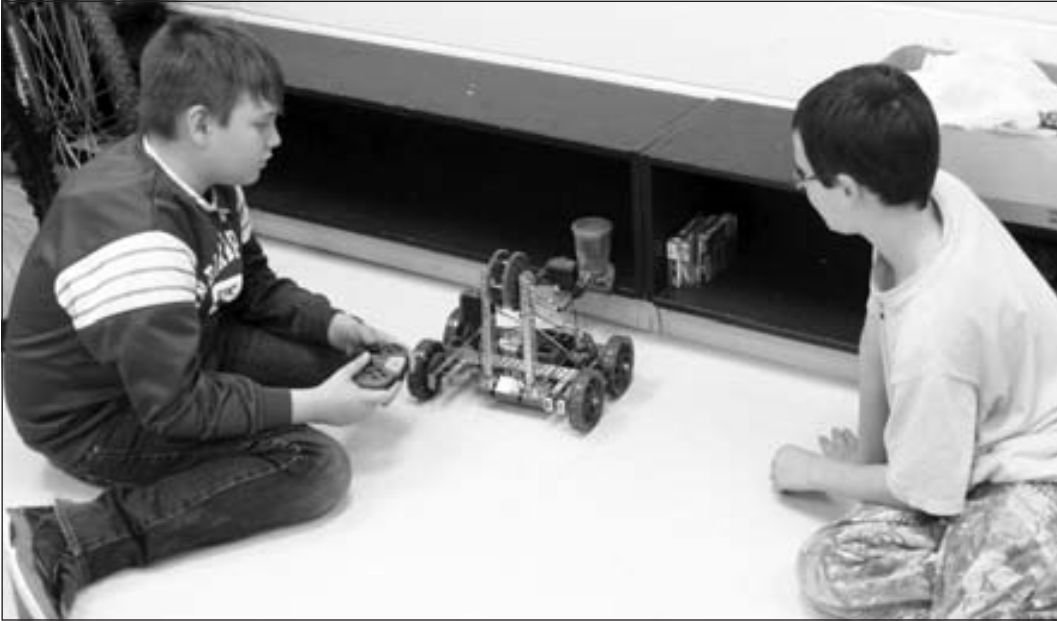


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Using a wireless controller, sixth graders Skyler James (left) and Michael Haire experiment with the clawbot they built in the robotics club at the Bridgeway Learning Center at CCMS.



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## FBLA members advance to state competition

Last Friday members of the CCHS FBLA along with their adviser, Amy Hardin, attended the Region 1 Leadership Conference in Owensboro where they competed in 11 categories and advanced to the state level in eight categories. They placed first in digital video production for the fourth year in a row. Students participating included Micah Hollamon, third in business calculations; Cody Hayes, first in business law; Cody Hayes, Micah Hollamon and Anna Schnittker, first in digital video production; Maggie Collins, first in job interview; Anna Schnittker, second in public speaking II; Jacob Berry and Logan Bingham, second in public service announcement; Maggie Collins and Lauren Beavers, third in scrapbook; Taylor Fritts, second in word processing; Dustin Perry, fourth in personal finance and Hayden Brooks, fourth in business math. These students will travel to Louisville April 14-16 to compete in the state leadership conference. Shown above are (front from left) Ashley Cooper, Anna Schnittker and Dustin Perry; (back row) Logan Bingham, Lauren Beavers, Maggie Collins, Jacob Berry and Cody Hayes. Not pictured are Hayden Brooks, Taylor Fritts and Micah Hollamon.



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## Digging for treasure

Students from St. Mary's Elementary School visited the Clement Mineral Museum on March 12. While visiting the museum, they dug on the mineral piles, learned about the rock cycle and toured artifacts on display in the museum. Students from Lyon County also recently visited the mineral museum.




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## Students tour renovated CCES offices, lobby

Last Friday members of Crittenden County School Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough's student advisory committee toured the renovations at Crittenden County Elementary School. The tour consisted of committee members in all three schools. The tour was led by CCES assistant principal Karen Nasserri. Students toured the new administrative offices, examined how the former lobby area was reconfigured to create additional classroom space and viewed an architect's draft for the remodeling project. Above, students listen as David Perryman and Nasserri discuss the floor plan of the remodeled facility while standing in the new reception area of the building. The tour was a culmination of the student advisory committee's discussion with Dr. Yarbrough on changes to the facility.

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Paige Hart, state 4-H president, visited members of Crittenden County’s Sew Much Fun Club along with 4-H leaders and Extension Staff. Hart promoted the Ag Tag program during her visit. The state 4-H officer team made a goal that at least one officer would visit a 4-H event this year in all 120 counties. Hart is a resident of Caldwell County and is a student at the University of Louisville majoring in biology and communications. Shown above are (front row, from left) Sadie Pile, Audrey Croft, Sara Jones, Anzie Gobin and Maegan Potter; (back row, from left) Extension Staff Nancy Hunt, 4-H Leader Cindy Davidson, 4-H Council President Sarah Ford, Extension Staff Meredith Hall, Hart, Mckenzi Zahrtre and Extension Staff Rebecca Zahrtre.

# Ag Tag Program benefits 4-H

STAFF REPORT

This March, the Kentucky 4-H Foundation is asking agriculture tag owners across the state to make the voluntary donation of \$10 through their farm license plate renewal that will provide support to programs that help create future leaders in their communities.

The Ag Tag Program evenly distributes the donations among 4-H, FFA and the Kentucky Proud program. Agriculture Commissioner James Comer started the distribution of donations in 2012 to help provide support to programs for Kentucky's youth and Kentucky agricultural economy. In Kentucky,

there are more than 160,000 farm plates bought or renewed each year. With the support of Kentucky's farmers, the commissioner's action could generate up to \$1.6 million annually.

Last year, 4-H's statewide shared total was \$160,895. The Kentucky 4-H Foundation splits the donations between the county where the funds originated and the Kentucky 4-H Foundation.

Farmers are encouraged to ask the county clerk's office about the Ag Tag Program when renewing or registering their vehicles this month. By doing so, local 4-H and FFA organizations will benefit financially.

# Signs to be removed from state right of way

STAFF REPORT

In coming weeks, all campaign and other temporary advertising signage illegally placed on state highway rights-of-way will be removed to maintain safety. According to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) officials, signs show up along state highways in greater numbers during election years.

KyTC District 1 Chief Engineer Mike McGregor said the agency is asking candidates and citizens to make sure their signs do not encroach on state right of way.

"Political signs and other advertising signs create a number of safety issues. When placed near intersections or driveways they can block the view of drivers attempting to spot oncoming traffic. Wires in typical campaign signs hamper mowing crews, creating a safety hazard," McGregor said.

Kentucky law and KyTC policy prohibit the placement of political or other advertising signs on state rights-of-way, including signs attached to utility poles or fences within the area.

Enforcement of the sign prohibition can be difficult because right-of-way boundaries can vary by highway

and location. All signage should be behind sidewalks. In areas without sidewalks, all signs should be behind the ditch line and outside areas commonly mowed or maintained by highway crews.

On four-lane highways with controlled access or limited access, no signs should be placed on the highway side of the fence line or the fence.

Illegally placed signs picked up by highway crews will be moved to the state highway garage in each county. A candidate or a campaign representative may reclaim them by showing identification and completing a claim form. Unclaimed signs will be discarded after five working days.

"Employees who are removing signs are acting in the best interest of all motorists and of maintenance crews," State Highway Engineer Steve Waddle said. "We appreciate the public's cooperation and understanding."

KyTC District 1 is responsible for 2,800 miles of roadway in Crittenden, Livingston and 10 other western Kentucky counties.

## Livestock report

### USDA Ledbetter auction results

**March 18, 2014**  
**Receipts:** 576 head.  
Compared to last week: Feeder steers traded steady, Feeder heifers 4.00-6.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady. Supply included 29% feeder steers, 58% feeder heifers, and 22% of feeders were over 600 pounds.

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	200-300	275	209.00-222.00	217.37
20	300-400	361	221.00-232.00	227.06
26	400-500	445	210.00-225.00	215.58
22	500-600	544	193.00-213.00	199.19
1	600-700	655	180.00	180.00
9	700-800	720	160.00-168.00	165.72
4	800-900	817	155.00	155.00
5	900-1000	913	151.00	151.00

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-300	248	180.00-201.00	191.45
3	400-500	472	204.00-208.00	205.36
3	500-600	543	173.00-182.00	176.12
2	600-700	678	163.00-168.00	165.47
2	700-800	762	150.00-153.00	151.52
1	800-900	875	130.00	130.00

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	200-300	260	200.00-207.00	202.94
31	300-400	353	200.00-216.00	207.58
56	400-500	455	184.00-201.00	194.70
35	500-600	545	176.00-187.00	182.91
14	600-700	626	158.00-175.00	168.43
10	700-800	735	140.00-151.00	145.18
6	800-900	824	141.00	141.00

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-300	280	190.00	190.00

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	300-400	366	210.00-228.00	220.45
11	400-500	457	200.00-223.00	213.94
9	500-600	578	188.00-202.00	191.46
5	600-700	619	174.00-188.00	182.98
4	700-800	721	161.00-163.00	162.24
1	800-900	870	117.00	117.00

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	300-400	347	180.00-190.00	186.44
8	400-500	466	181.00-196.00	189.70
3	500-600	555	160.00-178.00	171.48
3	600-700	662	157.00-168.00	162.59
1	700-800	700	145.00	145.00

**Slaughter Cows:**

	%Lean	Weight	AD	HD	LD
Breaker	75-80	1300-2085	87-95	100	85
Boner	80-85	1100-1565	87-96	100-106	79-84
Lean	85-90	1010-1500	78-88	90	72-77
Lite	85-90				

**Slaughter Bulls:**

YG:	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress
#1-2	1380-2070	100.00-104.00	117.00

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## CRIME

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signed to Crittenden and Livingston counties. Jimmy Godair, a former deputy in Trigg County, began working drug enforcement in the two counties last month, she said.

The Marion police chief also said Kentucky's House Bill 463, legislation enacted in 2011 to reduce the number of people in jails for drug offenses, has been partly responsible for fewer felony cases. A number of drug offenses that were considered serious crimes prior to 2011 are now only minor offenses.

The only two indictments this year were handed down by a grand jury that finished its work in January. A new grand jury was empaneled in February. So far, the new jurors have heard just three cases. Twice a no true bill was returned and one case has been continued three times.

A grand jury determines whether or not to indict, which means to bring a for-

mal, criminal charge against an individual for a felony. Grand jurors do not decide guilt or innocence.

The grand jury is made up of 12 individuals. Nine must agree before an indictment can be returned. If a grand jury decides that sufficient evidence does not exist, it returns a no true bill. Sometimes cases are completely dismissed and sometimes they are remanded to district court where the accused's charges are handled as misdemeanors.

## FARM

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our support for farmers and ranchers than to begin implementing a new Farm Bill - legislation that will provide farmers, ranchers and consumers alike supportive results."

While the American economy is rebounding and gaining strength, the agricultural economy has remained strong and at its best. Looking ahead, the U.S. has seen a trend toward aging farmers; however, according to the recent Census of Agriculture, the nation is beginning to reverse that trend. There is an increase in the number of farmers under the age of 35.

And although the agriculture industry promises a bright future, many farmers and ranchers are still recovering from natural disasters that occurred over the last few months, including the continuing drought. Fortunately, these producers were still able to grow the commodities that Americans rely on in order to remain a food-secure nation. U.S. farmers and ranchers have also continued their legacy of protecting natural resources and environmentally sensitive land through the use of conservation programs.

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## RUNNING

### 5K race this month

There will be a Spring Fling 5K at 9 a.m., Saturday, March 29 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Proceeds benefit the Lady Rocket softball team. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25.

## OUTDOORS

### Hunting seasons

Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Coyote Nighttime	Feb. 1 - May 31
Turkey Youth	April 5-6
Spring Turkey	April 12 - May 4

### Shooting Sports program

The 4-H Shooting Sports program is organizing for the upcoming season. Shooting Sports is open to any boy or girl between the ages of 9 and 18. Enrollment in Shooting Sports can be the first experience in 4-H for a child. Local leader Carolyn Belt explains that there are 13 different disciplines included in the program such as Shotgun (12 and 20 gauge), Rifle (.22 cal. bolt action, air and BB), and Archery (compound bare and recurve, bowhunter and target) but there must be a certified coach in that area for it to be available locally. For information contact the Extension office at 270-965-5236.

## BASEBALL

### Late registration deadline

Crittenden County Dugout Club has registered more than 200 youngsters for youth baseball and softball. If your child missed registration deadline last weekend, there's still one last chance to pay a \$15 penalty and register this week. Registration will close Saturday. Teams will be selected this weekend and rosters will be frozen in ages 7-12. Mail your registration form to PO Box 5, Marion, KY 42064 this week or deliver it to The Crittenden Press. Registration forms are available at The Press Online sports link or on the Crittenden County Dugout Club Facebook page.

### Summer ump jobs

Anyone interested in being an umpire for Crittenden County's summer youth baseball and softball games should contact Lefe Riggs at (270) 564-5000. There will be two area clinics and umpires need to attend one of them. Clinics are in April at Fredonia.

## SOCCER

### Youth clinic March 22

The Lady Rocket Soccer team will host a soccer clinic for boys and girls ages 4-12 on Saturday, March 22. This will be a three-hour clinic from 9 a.m., until noon. Registration starts at 8:45 a.m., at the Lady Rocket soccer field at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Cost is \$15. For more information, call Kristee Shoulders (270) 339-0496 or Kory Wheeler (270) 704-0279.

## TRACK

### Benefit sale March 29

Crittenden County track and field boosters will be selling rib-eye sandwiches from 10 a.m., until 2 p.m., at Conrad's Food Store on Saturday, March 29.

## FOOTBALL

### Alumni football tix

Tickets for the April 26 Crittenden vs. Caldwell alumni tackle football game are now on sale. Cost is \$10 each. Crittenden County's football program will receive half of all early ticket sales, but admission at the gate goes to the game's organizer and does not benefit the scholastic football program. Tickets are available at Myers Auto Parts. All Crittenden youth football players and cheerleaders get in free by wearing their team jersey.

## BASKETBALL

### Four on All-PAC team

Four Crittenden County basketball players were named to the All-Pennyrile Athletic Conference Basketball Team. They were Devin Belt and Aaron Owen on the boys' side and Cassidy Moss and Chelsea Oliver for the girls. The conference includes teams from Crittenden, Webster, Union and Hopkins Central.



Pictured are 2014 Lady Rocket softball players (front from left) Josie Tapp, Brandy Book, Chaylee Wolf, Kaitlyn Hicks, Hannah Cooksey, Emily Hall (middle) Charity Sitar, Megan Hunt, Carrie Peek, Courtney Beverly, Bristen Holeman, Khyla Moss, Cassidy Moss, (back) head coach Cheyanne Warriner, Danielle Byarley, Kali Travis, Brittney Buell, Kiana Nesbitt, Macye Shoulders, coach Sammi Jo Quisenberry and coach Emily Bebout. Not pictured Jessi Brewer.



### Into the Future

Crittenden County's softball team hasn't won more than seven games in a single season in more than a decade. This year's club is very young, but the future looks bright based on the talent. Pictured above is centerfielder Kali Travis getting a single back to the infield as Kaitlyn Hicks plays shortstop and Courtney Beverly second base. At left, freshman pitcher Cassidy Moss fields a bunt during last week's game against Carlisle County. Second-year Lady Rocket skipper Cheyanne Warriner says Moss is not only a great young pitcher, but she also fields her position very well. The catcher is Megan Hunt.

### SOFTBALL

## Lady Rockets field youngsters

Crittenden County returns just three regular starters from last year's 5-19 club. Back are pitcher Cassidy Moss and outfielders Danielle Byarley and Kali Travis.

Others expected to play crucial roles are junior Khyla Moss, sophomore Megan Hunt, freshmen Courtney Beverly, Jessi Brewer and Kiana Nesbitt and eighth-grader Kaitlyn Hicks, who started at shortstop last week.

The team's only senior, Brittney Buell, was injured in an auto accident a few months ago and will miss part of the season as she continues to recuperate.

Second-year skipper Cheyanne Warriner said her team will be aggressive at the plate.

"I was very impressed with what I saw in our season-opener against Carlisle. We only had two strikeouts," she said.

The club lost that game 7-4, but it was close the whole way. Three Carlisle runs in the fifth broke open a tie game. Travis, Byarley and Hicks had two hits apiece.

"We are young, and with losing five starters, I've filled almost every position with players that have little to no varsity playing time," the coach said. "So, the pressure is on, but we'll settle in once we get a few games under our belt."

Cassidy Moss, just a freshman, is developing into one of the area's best pitchers. She's competitive, fields her position well and works very intelligently to hitters, the coach said.

Moss struck out seven and allowed just five hits against Carlisle County Friday.

### LADY ROCKET SCHEDULE

March 13 Carlisle County  
March 17 Caldwell County  
March 18 at Union County  
March 21 at Hopkins Central  
March 22 at Todd Central Invitational  
March 24 at Paducah Tilghman  
March 25 at Lyon County  
March 27 Livingston Central  
March 28 Webster County  
March 29 Hardin County, Ill.  
April 1 Henderson County  
April 5 Crittenden Round Robin  
April 7 at Dawson Springs  
April 8 at McLean County  
April 10 Union County  
April 15 All A Classic  
April 21 Paducah Tilghman  
April 22 Lyon County  
April 24 at Trigg County  
April 25 McLean County  
April 28 Hopkins Central  
April 29 University Heights  
May 1 at Hopkinsville  
May 2 at Livingston Central  
May 6 Dawson Springs  
May 8 Trigg County  
May 10 at Webster County  
May 12 at Caldwell County

### LADY ROCKET VARSITY ROSTER

Player	Position	Grade
Courtney Beverly	P-Inf.	Fr.
Bristen Holeman	Inf.	Fr.
Jessi Brewer	C, 1B	Fr.
Megan Hunt	C, Inf.	So.
Brittney Buell	1B, OF	Sr.
Cassidy Moss	P, SS	Fr.
Danielle Byarley	OF, P	Jr.
Khyla Moss	3B	Jr.
Emily Hall	OF	Fr.
Kiana Nesbitt	1B	Fr.
Kaitlyn Hicks	SS, P	8th
Kali Travis	CF	Soph.

## Rockets open with tough losses

### STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's baseball season is off to a tumultuous start, but coach Denis Hodge isn't ready to throw in the towel.

Quite contrary, in fact, Hodge is confident his team will be pretty good once it settles into the season.

A late start because of basketball season and the weather has left the baseball club searching for its legs, and its identity early this spring.

So far, Crittenden has used almost a dozen different pitchers against two of the best baseball programs in western Kentucky. The results haven't been great, but Hodge says his team is still working as though this is preseason.

"We're going to be okay," he said.

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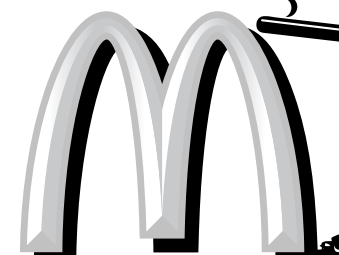

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# Crittenden County Rocket Baseball

Player	Position	No.	Jake Ellington	OF	5	Brenden Phillips	C	25
Devin Belt	P, Inf	10	Travis Gilbert	P, Inf	18	Paxton Riley	C, Inf, OF	6
Seth Birdwell	Inf	9	Dylan Hollis	C, OF	13	Shelby Robinson	Inf, P	21
Nick Castiller	Inf	14	Ethan Hunt	Inf, OF, P	24	Bobby Stephens	Inf	2
Taylor Champion	OF	15	Ryan James	Inf	17	Will Tolley	Inf, P	0
Alex Cosby	OF, P	16	Jared Lundy	P, Inf	3	Taylor Yancy	OF, P	3
Adam Driver	P, Inf	20	Maeson Myers	P, Inf, OF	28			



Members of the 2014 Rocket baseball team are (front from left) Taylor Yancy, Jake Ellington, Ethan Hunt, Bobby Stephens, Maeson Myers, Shelby Robinson, Will Tolley, (middle) Seth Birdwell, Nick Castiller, Brenden Phillips, Travis Gilbert, Alex Cosby, Ryan James, Dylan Hollis, (back) coach Ronnie Howton, coach Donnie Phillips, Taylor Champion, Devin Belt, Jared Lundy, Adam Driver, coach Brad Gilbert and head coach Denis Hodge. Not pictured Paxton Riley.



After sitting out last season with an injury, Shelby Robinson has been on a hitting tear. The Rocket infielder is pictured here leading off at second during Tuesday's win over Webster County.

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Crittenden County Middle School's 2014 baseball players are (front from left) Sean O'Leary, Kyle Castiller, Matt Lynn, Cody Belt, Devin Porter, Payton Riley, Pate Robinson, (middle) Cruce Collyer, Logan Belt, Jake Gibson, Ryan Belt, Devon Nesbitt, Mason Hunt, Blake Curnel, Cole Wood, Hunter Holeman, (back) coach Todd Riley, Gavin Dickerson, Ethan Dosssett, Noah Sallin, Adam Beavers, Clay Croft, Branan Lamey, Hunter Boone and assistant coaches Craig Dosssett and Shawn Holeman.

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## ROCKET BASKETBALL AWARDS



Crittenden County's Rocket basketball team held its awards banquet Sunday. Among those honored were (front from left) Noah Dickerson, Best 3-Point Percentage; Devin Belt, Most Improved and Co-MVP; Zach Tinsley, Best Field Goal Percentage; Ryan James, JV Most Improved; (back) Taylor Champion, Hustle Award; Aaron Owen, Team Captain, Offensive MVP and Co-MVP; Travis Gilbert, Teammate Award and Best Free Throw Percentage; and Noah Hadfield, Challenge Award and JV MVP. Not pictured was Laura Tinsley, Parent MVP.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 14-02

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING MARION

CODE OF ORDINANCES

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular called meeting held on March 17, 2014, at 6 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular called meeting of the City Council held on February 17, 2014, at 6 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows: This Ordinance adopts the 2013 S-29 Supplement to the Marion Code of

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March 17, 2014 (1t-37-c)

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The Kentucky Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on April 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the case of *In the Matter of: An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Big Rivers Electric Corporation from May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013*, Case No. 2013-00449, for the purpose of examining the application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Fuel Adjustment Clause from May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013. The hearing will be held in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

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# Winter hard on mineral museum

By JASON TRAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

For years, the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum has helped preserve invaluable artifacts while educating visitors about Crittenden County's once-thriving fluorspar industry. Now, the museum needs the public's help. Winter weather has played havoc with the museum's flat roof causing water leaks that threaten both irreplaceable displays and documents.

Tina Walker, director of the mineral museum, said after the 2009 ice storm, the roof began leaking in multiple locations. She said repair work on the roof held up until late last year when winter weather created more problems during last December's winter storm.

"I came in and ceiling tiles were on the floor. It was just a terrible mess throughout the building," Walker said.

The leaking roof became worse and caused more damage after the winter storm at the beginning of this month.

"For about three to four hours all I did was basically run around this building placing buckets to catch water leaks. That's how bad it was. Every room in the building leaked except two," she said.

The gift shop and the newly remodeled display room were the only two rooms in the museum where the roof didn't leak. However, Walker said the roof does leak in the room containing Ben Clement's historical documents. Thick plastic was used to cover the documents. Walker said assistance was needed in climbing to the ceiling and lodging a bucket to collect the water.

After consulting with car-



Winter weather played havoc on the roof of the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum. Museum director Tina Walker points to damaged ceiling tiles below which minerals are on display. Walker has also had to place a bucket to catch rainwater to protect copies of Clement's personal documents. The documents themselves are wrapped in plastic as a secondary precaution.

penters, Walker was told the only way to fix the roof is to replace it. Estimates indicate replacing the flat rubber roof with a gabled roof with trusses would cost less, with estimates ranging from \$40,000 to \$48,000.

"Of course, once we get that done, we have several thousand dollars worth of damage in painting and ceiling tiles that are going to have to be replaced," she said.

Walker is asking for the public's assistance in replac-

ing the museum's roof by making donations toward the Raise the Roof campaign. The goal is to raise \$50,000.

Donations can be made to: Clement Mineral Museum, P.O. Box 391, Marion, KY 42064. Individuals are asked to specify that donations go toward the roofing campaign.

Experts have suggested Ben Clement's collection can never be duplicated or equaled. It is regarded as the largest and finest collection of

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fluorite samples in the world. Officials want to keep the priceless artifacts in the museum safe for future generations to enjoy, emphasizing the museum itself is a jewel for the tourism industry which can help bring in dollars to the local economy.

"It's preserving the history of the community. In the mid-1900s, fluorspar was the main industry (here). We have the beautiful specimens that came out, we have the mining equipment and the historical documents and photos. That's what we're trying so hard to preserve," Walker said.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Free seedlings offered Monday

Free tree seedlings will be offered to the public from 10 a.m. until noon Monday, in front of the Conservation District office located at 118 E. Bellville Street in Marion. Seedlings will include pawpaw, yellow poplar, shellbark hickory, northern red oak and white pine. Quantities will be limited per person. The conservation district encourages persons throughout Crittenden County, urban and rural, to take advantage of this opportunity.

The pawpaw, yellow poplar, shellbark hickory, and northern red oak seedlings were purchased by the Crittenden County Conservation District with a matching contribution of white pines made by the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

### Evans appointed to park board slot

Chris Evans has been appointed by Crittenden Fiscal Court to Marion-Crittenden County Park Board to replace Jim Tolley, who resigned his post on the board last month.

In a letter to Crittenden County Judge-Executive, Tolley said he decided to give up his seat on the board after accepting an out-of-town job.

Evans has served on the park board in previous years.

### Bechler stands up for prison guards

Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) pledged on Monday that he will work with his colleagues in the Senate to make sure a statute that would pay retention bonus for Kentucky's corrections officers be fully funded in the Commonwealth's two-year budget. Rep. Bechler pushed for the additional funding in the House, but it was not included in the plan passed last week.



"More than a decade ago, the person who previously represented the people of the 4th District proposed the original bill to pay retention bonuses, but not one dollar has yet been committed and the law has been passed over multiple times in budget negotiations," said Rep. Bechler. "Our corrections officers deserve better than empty promises and

### Marion Police activity report

The following is a monthly activity report for Marion Police Department, reflecting information from February 2014. The information is provided by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

CATEGORY	FEBRUARY 2014
Miles driven/patrolled.....	2,282
Criminal investigations .....	5
Domestics.....	1
Felony Arrests.....	1
Misdemeanor arrests.....	8
Non-criminal arrests.....	8
DUI arrests.....	3
Criminal summons served.....	1
Traffic citations.....	18
Traffic warnings.....	9
Parking tickets.....	0
Other citations.....	75
Traffic accidents.....	7
Security checks/alarms.....	77
Calls for service.....	218

being passed over for funding. This is why I have and will continue to push for money to be committed under the law toward the retention bonuses our corrections officers have been promised."

Rep. Bechler made his case to provide general fund dollars for retention bonuses during debate in the House last week on the budget bill, and with less than two weeks to go in this year's

regular session Rep. Bechler plans to work with budget leaders in the Kentucky State Senate to hopefully bring the funding to fruition.

### Upgrade of audio at arena sought

Improving the audio-video system inside Rocket Arena was a topic at a Crittenden County Board of Education work session on March 11.

Crittenden County High School Principal Rhonda Callaway addressed board members on behalf of the PTO in regard to the audio-visual system at the facility. Callaway stressed a better system would be helpful not only for basketball games or other school functions, but for community functions as well.

Callaway said the PTO has been limited in fundraising opportunities and would like to pursue other options. That includes exploring what other school districts are doing in regard to their audio-video systems.

The board gave permission for that exploration, including what schools with recently remodeled gymnasiums have done to improve sound and video quality.

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John Wyatt Maddux

David and Allison Maddux of Marion announce the birth of a son, John Wyatt, February 7th, 2014 at Baptist Health in Madisonville. He weighed 6lbs., 4oz., and was 20 in. long.

Maternal grandparents are Dan and Mindy Wood of Marion.

Paternal grandparents are Greg and Karen Maddux, also of Marion.

## Three sentenced to jail in circuit court

STAFF REPORT

Three men were sentenced to prison last Thursday by Circuit Judge Rene Williams, two after pleading guilty to crimes and another for violating probation.

Judge Williams also sentenced another Crittenden County man, Charles Brent Beard, 50, to prison last week during a proceeding in Webster County.

One felony charge against Beard was dismissed for lack of evidence and another was reduced from a more serious charge. He pleaded guilty to felony possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and received a three-year sentence that will run concurrent with convictions for four other misdemeanor drug charges.

- Mitchell Peek of Marion pleaded guilty to second-degree trafficking in a controlled

substance. The judge sentenced him to five years, but the prison time was probated for a period of five years.

- Brett Allen Brian, 20, of Benton, Ky., received pretrial diversion on a case where he was charged with stealing items from a vehicle. The judge ordered him to complete the three-year diversion program and to pay \$1,250 restitution to the victim.

- Michael Elliot, 38, of West Point, Ky., had his felony probation revoked after a parole officer testified that Elliot had absconded and failed to report his whereabouts since last fall.

## CRAYNE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

will have its  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 5**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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*I'm 57 years old and was born and raised in Crittenden County. I am married to my wife of 29 years, Kathy. We have 8 children and we have been foster parents for 11 years. During that time, we have had more than 100 children in need of a temporary, safe haven in our home.*

*We are members of Repton Baptist Church where I serve as minister of music and teach Sunday School. My life philosophy is place GOD first and all else falls into place. God, Family and Country, in that order.*

*I have been a life-long supporter of the Republican Party and the principals that it stands for: Fiscal responsibility; smaller, less-invasive government; and moral and social responsibility.*

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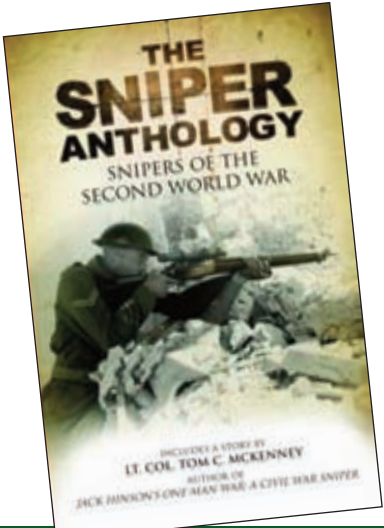
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