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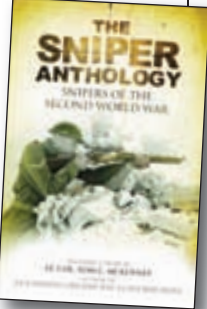
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Book signing set for Saturday

Noted local author, researcher and historian Tom C. McKenney of Marion and John B. Tonkin of Ohio will be at Crittenden County Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday for a book signing and presentation of related artifacts. They will be discussing and signing the book "The Sniper Anthology: Snipers of the Second World War." Each man contributed chapters to the compilation of stories from 10 authors.



School calendar still in question

Because Kentucky lawmakers in the House of Representatives and Senate at press time had yet to reach an agreement on how to provide relief to school districts across the state struggling to make up days missed due to winter weather, Crittenden County Board of Education has yet to amend its academic calendar from a June 5 dismissal date.

The board met Tuesday, but will wait on altering the calendar until legislation is signed by the governor allowing districts alternatives to amend their calendars. Some districts in the state have missed more than 30 days. Seventeen days have been missed in Crittenden County, with only two having been made up thus far.

The local board of ed has expressed that it would like to be able to alter its calendar so schools could be dismissed for the summer before June.

Flood insurance premiums up

Thousands of Kentucky property owners are facing yearly flood insurance premium increases as the federal government seeks to erase billions in debt from the National Flood Insurance Program.

Congress passed a law in 2012 requiring about 1 million policyholders to begin paying rates based on the true risk of flooding at their properties. But Congress amended that law this month after an outcry over the one-time increases. Policyholders would instead pay premiums that rise gradually each year.

About half of the 24,000 properties in Kentucky with flood coverage will have adjusted premiums, including about 8,000 single family residences that will see annual increases in premiums of up to 18 percent. About 1,400 businesses across the state will see a flat 25 percent rate increase.

— The Associated Press

What's your opinion? Web poll results

For this week's online poll, we asked, "Should all school days/hours of instruction missed due to winter weather be made up in their entirety?"

The majority of voters seem to favor giving school districts a break in crafting a new calendar. The results were:

- Yes: 36%
- No: 59%
- Unsure: 4%



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Air Evac to establish air medical base at CHS

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

A deal has been struck that will see a medical helicopter based in Marion in the near future.

The board of directors for Crittenden Health Systems on Tuesday night gave the nod to a lease agreement with Air Evac Lifeteam that will land one of the company's signature red, white and blue helicopters on the grounds at CHS on a permanent basis.

Air Evac will pay a monthly fee in exchange for the right to base a medical team and aircraft on the hospital campus. The air medical base should

be operational by fall.

"Our goal is to have it completed by September," said Whitney Miller, a field development manager with Air Evac, which is based in O'Fallon, Mo.

The air medical service will pay the hospital a monthly fee of \$1,700 during the first five years of the deal. That goes up to \$1,900 during the second five-year term and \$2,100 in the third.

Miller said the deal will bring in 15 full-time jobs to the county.

The move requires no capital investment from CHS, but represents a \$3 million total investment for Air Evac, which will develop roughly an acre of land behind the hospital. The

development will include a hangar, a new helipad, an office and a fueling station.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said he approached Air Evac a couple of months ago after a presentation the air medical company made to local emergency officials. CHS board chairman Charlie Hunt credits Newcom with getting the ball rolling on the agreement.

"I just made it clear to them that we probably had an opportunity for them if they wanted to pursue that," Newcom said.

Since that time, county and hospital officials have met with Air Evac

representatives a half-dozen times, according to CHS CEO Greg McNeil.

Newcom indicated Air Evac was interested in opening up access to southern Illinois by placing an air medical station across the Ohio River in Crittenden County. Miller added that the base will also be centrally located as a backup to Air Evac's current operations in Hopkinsville and Mayfield in Kentucky, Evansville, Ind., and Marion, Ill.

"We didn't just step back and throw a dart at the map," she said.

Air Evac operates both fixed wing

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Rewriting history



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Momentos from Marion High School fill a display case in Crittenden County Historical Museum's newest addition, the Marion High School Memory Room previously located inside Fohs Hall.

Museum opens with Marion High memory room, link to 21st century technology

By DARYL K. TABOR
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For a facility dedicated to preserving all things old, there will be a lot of new things associated with Crittenden County Historical Museum when it opens its doors for the 2014 season next week.

It's probably the most exciting annual premiere for the repository of history since it opened its doors in 2004 at its current home, the former First United Presbyterian Church on the corner of College and Bel-

leville streets in Marion.

Inside will be a room dedicated to remembering Marion High School and a fresh twist that incorporates handheld technology with some of the most popular exhibits in the building. Online, the museum now has a presence on social media.

The Marion High School Memory Room has a new home at the museum. The most complete collection of memorabilia related to the former city school and its Blue Terrors athletic

teams has been transplanted a block away from its former home in the basement of Fohs Hall.

It's been almost 60 years since Marion High School consolidated with Crittenden County High School, but the institution's memories have been kept alive with pictures, annuals, plaques, trophies, uniforms and scrapbooks nestled in the memory room, which was started by Shirley

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Bluegrass battle

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Penalties loom for those without health coverage

STAFF REPORT

Time is running out for the uninsured.

Under the Affordable Care Act, every American, with very limited exceptions, must have health insurance or face a penalty. And in the final days before open enrollment ends, Kentucky's health benefits exchange, kynect, has been busy.

More than 321,000 Kentuckians and about 1 in 15 Crittenden Countians are now enrolled in new health care coverage through kynect. Those numbers are expected to keep growing in the final days of open enrollment.

In the last few days, an average of more than 3,000 Kentuckians have signed up daily for health insurance as Monday's deadline approaches.

As of last Thursday, About 1 out of every 13 Kentuckians, or 7.5 percent of the state's population, had health insurance through kynect. In Crittenden County, 589 had signed up.

Nearly half of all kynect enrollees (49 percent) are under the age of 35. In Crittenden County, that percentage is 54 percent, with 175 of the total under the age of 18.

A preliminary analysis has found that ap-

Local help with kynect

Local help in signing up for kynect is available in the final days of open enrollment.

Crittenden Health Systems in Marion is offering assistance for those interested in registering for coverage through the state's health care benefits program. Appointments are available seven days a week.

Contact Jessica Roman at (270) 965-1179 to schedule an appointment.

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Something golden about special wedding anniversary

It's not every day that golden anniversaries of any type are celebrated, particularly those related to marriage. It takes a blend of luck, hard work and patience for nuptials to withstand the test of time.

Today – if you are reading this on Thursday – a special couple will be celebrating a half-century together – my parents, James and Betty Tabor. They certainly didn't want to kick up much fuss about the day, but for me, it's an occasion worth commemorating in print.



It was a different era when my parents tied the knot on a snowy Good Friday in 1964. The suit my dad wore cost \$56.65. The beautiful dress my mom donned was hand-made by her mother.

And while I, obviously, was not there, by all indications, vows were exchanged in a rather low-key, church wedding right here in Marion. There was no elaborate rehearsal or reception. The building was chosen not for its size, but because it was where my mom grew up in church. And there was no honeymoon to a far-flung tropical locale.

In other words, the wedding was not for show but for a simple purpose — to wed a couple in holy matrimony.

That day would be very

telling of the next five decades, as it has been a modest but rewarding life my parents have put together. And it has all been based on a deep Christian faith, from Day 1 to Day 18,262. Perhaps that's a big part of the reason they made it this long.

At a time when half of all marriages end in divorce, it is rare that such longevity of a bond between a man and a woman is celebrated. As mentioned, it takes a few things to make it that far.

First, you need luck and health to live long enough

to enjoy 50 years together. Then, if given the time, each half of the couple must labor hard to endure the bumps along the road. Trust and honesty must be at the core of that work ethic. And finally, a husband and wife must also exhibit never-ending patience to keep ties strong enough to outlast the rigors of five decades together.

But that all sounds very methodical and mechanical. While there is certainly a recipe to successful marriage.

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Partisan politics heats up, session winds down

As the 2014 regular session of the General Assembly winds down, partisan politics heated up. Just last week, the majority party voted the executive budget out of committee and brought the bill to the floor without giving the minority party a chance to read the bill before a full House vote. The majority party did the same thing with the approximately \$4.5 billion transportation budget and road plan.

On March 18, less than 15 minutes before the start of the meeting of the House Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, committee members received a revised version of the governor's proposed road plan and budget. This meant that committee members had only a few minutes to review a document more than 220 pages long before a vote was called. The bill passed due to the majority party having

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House District 4



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more members on the committee than did the minority party, and it was then sent immediately to the floor for a full House vote.

As the bill was being discussed on the House floor, it was discovered that the majority of road projects in districts represented by Republicans had been removed. All in all, more than \$2.7 billion in highway construction over the next six years had been stricken from the governor's original plan, including some recently awarded with construction scheduled to begin in the

next few months.

The reason for this is simple: political retaliation for those of us who, as I reported last week, stood tall against raising the gas tax. The General Assembly made a promise in 2008 that when the wholesale price of gasoline went down, Kentucky's gas tax would also decrease.

It sure would be nice to see legislators keep their word. The actions taken in the House are nothing more than political pettiness and partisan retribution. The people of our great commonwealth deserve better than the immature attitude of those who control the budget process. Perhaps someday all of us in the House, no matter what our political party might be, can work together for all the citizens of the commonwealth instead of operating in a way once reflected in the words of Nancy Pelosi, "You have to

pass the bill to see what's in it."

I voted no on the proposed transportation budget and road plan.

On a more positive note, House Bill 527, which would allow community mental health centers to add primary care to the list of offered services, passed.

I voted yes.

HB 407 also passed. This bill would allow public-private partnerships to finance major government projects in Kentucky, thus giving public agencies more flexibility to work with private industry on major projects.

I voted yes.

Another good proposed piece of legislation was voted out of the House and sent to the Senate for consideration. HB 31 expanded the prohibition against the use of eminent domain by private companies. The bill specifically addresses the proposed

Bluegrass pipeline which would be used to transport Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) through a portion of Kentucky. Property owners would retain their right to say either yes or no if their property was to be leased for pipeline use.

I voted yes.

As I write this column, eight bills from the 2014 regular session have become law and 14 await the governor's signature.

As the end of the session approaches, I expect that the executive (general fund) budget bill and transportation (road fund) budget bill will quickly head to a conference committee of House and Senate leaders. I hope that the rancor exhibited in the House these past few weeks will subside as the joint committees meet, and I am cautiously optimistic that reasonable bills will come out of these commit-

tees so that the General Assembly will meet its constitutional obligation of passing the biennium budgets.

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 Fourth 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.)

Flurry of work keeps lawmakers busy near end of session

Meetings, proceedings and workdays stretched past daylight's end last week as the session calendar hastened legislative priorities. Important bills were debated and discussed and passed from committees, from chambers and from the legislature to the governor with the hallmark intensity of the session's final days.

Work continued on the budget as lawmakers met throughout the week to discuss various details of the state's biennial spending plan. The legislature has already devoted many hours, days and weeks to the measure and much more work is still ahead before the \$20.3 billion proposal will be finalized.

We also continued to work on a responsible plan to provide relief to school districts still reeling from the effects of the winter's harsh weather on their instructional calendars. The Senate passed a plan in House Bill 211 on March 17 that would allow local school boards to extend remaining school days in an effort to complete 1,062 in-

Sen. Dorsey Ridley
(D-Henderson)
Senate District 4



Senate in Review

structional hours. The measure would give the Kentucky Department of Education the flexibility to grant waivers for districts unable to complete the mandated hours after calendar adjustments. The House-approved snow-day plan would allow school districts to waive up to 10 instructional school days.

At this writing, a conference committee has been appointed on HB 211 to negotiate a compromise between the two proposals and should soon arrive at a plan.

The Senate approved a measure last Wednesday that proposes an amendment to the state constitution that would cut the number of working days during regular legislative sessions by a third. Senate Bill

195 would also give legislative leaders the authority to call special sessions limited to 10 days total during the biennium.

Supporters of this measure say the change would more closely resemble the citizen legislature envisioned by the founders of our state and would allow more Kentuckians the ability to consider serving in a legislative office. If SB 195 is approved by the House of Representatives, the question will be posed to voters for final ratification in the 2014 general election in November.

Many other bills cleared the chamber as well:

- SB 200 is a result of months of work by the Unified Juvenile Code Task Force. The measure would make changes to the state's juvenile justice system by shifting more focus to early intervention and services provided to offenders of minor crimes. Supporters say this will help identify and address underlying issues for juvenile offenders and positively impact their outcomes.

- SB 72 would require the judicial branch to undergo redistricting every 10 years following the U.S. Census. Our current judicial district maps were determined decades ago. Massive population shifts since that time have led to uneven case loads and unequal representation across the state. Timely redistricting would help alleviate those problems and ensure each Kentuckian is served equally by their judiciary.

- SB 176 would give kinship caregivers the ability to complete an affidavit affirming their role to authorize medical treatment and educational services, including school enrollment, for the children in their care. Nearly 60,000 children in the state are primarily cared for by grandparents or other kinship caregivers. This measure would eliminate a barrier these families face when caring for their young relatives.

- SB 225 would update the state's voyeurism laws to reflect recent technological advances. The measure would outlaw a practice

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called "up-skirting" in which cell phones are used to take pictures underneath a woman's skirt without her consent.

- SB 234 would change Kentucky's sex offense laws and provide victims with added protection. SB 234 provides that a defendant's

conviction or plea of guilty to a sex offense operates as an application for a restraining order that restricts the defendant's contact with the victim of the crime.

- SB 192 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 officers are committed, trained and sworn officers. They deserve to have the necessary equipment to address whatever situation arises so they can protect our children, teachers and staff – and themselves.

These bills now go to the House of Representative for further consideration.

Much work remains in the final days of this session. As always, I encourage you to stay informed and involved.

(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.)

March madness: Legendary star hero to child hoopsters in 1950s

Everyone, whether they want to admit it or not, has a bucket list. For many it's a trip somewhere. Oh, don't get me wrong. I like to travel, but my bucket list included meeting three people in my lifetime. I set my sights on them many years ago and would you believe it, on a late November weekend last year, I fulfilled my wish.

My bucket list began about 10 years ago with a goal to meet three legendary basketball players from the 1950's before I died.

The first was Wayland's King Kelly Coleman. I met him down in Tennessee in 2003 and ended up writing a book about his life. King Kelly was Kentucky's first Mr. Basketball in 1956 and holds virtually every high school scoring record. No one is even close to the numbers he put up nearly 50 years ago.

Next, there was Frank Selvy, the 6-foot pivot man from Corbin who grew into one of the best 6-foot, 4-inch guards in the history of the game. After being passed on by colleges in Kentucky he, went to Furman, a small school in Greenville, S.C., where he led the nation in scoring two years in a row while setting a Division I single-game scoring record with 100 points. That record still stands.

Selvy was the National Player of the Year in 1954 before being the NBA's No. 1 draft choice.

In 2012, I met Selvy and he became a big part of a

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book I wrote about "The Boys From Corbin."

With Coleman and Selvy out of the way, I honestly thought that would be as far as my bucket list would go. The third, I thought, just wouldn't be possible. After all, I wasn't even sure he was still alive.

Several years ago, however, I found out that Bevo Francis, was indeed alive, living in Ohio. Every year returned to Rio Grande College where in 1953-54 he set every national college scoring record known to man.

Bevo was the guy. I remember as a 9-year old growing up in E'town. Whenever some of my friends and I would be playing basketball on a goal attached to the garage, we would argue over what player we wanted to make-believe we were. At the time, everyone wanted to be Bevo or Bill Spivey, a UK All-American.

"You're not good enough to be Bevo," one of my buddies yelled.

Even though he was right, neither was he, but that didn't stop any of us from dreaming.

But who wouldn't want to be like the 6-foot, 9-inch

Bevo? In 1953, all he did was average 50.1 per game that included 116 against Ashland (Ky.) Junior College. The NCAA struck this game from their official records, so Bevo came back the next year with 113 against Hillsdale College. For the season, he averaged 47.1 and was married with a small child, so his thoughts turned to financially supporting his family. Abe Saperstein quickly signed Bevo for \$12,000, a huge amount for the day, to tour with his Harlem Globetrotters.

Quickly, the rigors of 300 games a year took their toll. The wear and tear and the station-wagon travel from one city to another soon burned him out, and three years later he was out of basketball. Returning to his small Ohio town of Wellsville, he played a little here and there over the next few years, but only because he still loved the game.

Every November Rio Grande holds a Bevo Francis Basketball Classic, and Bevo attends if his health permits. So three of my friends and I headed that way, ready to take our chances on meeting the legend.

He was there, and Bevo, a humble man, was most accommodating to those who took pictures and wanted to chat about today's game compared to when he played.

"The no-calls on palming and walking are ridiculous," he said. "I'm not wild about the shot clock or the 3-point shot, either."

Remember back when

Bevo Francis was a legendary college basketball player from Kentucky who set many collegiate records. Pictured above are Bevo's teammates at Rio Grande College, (from left) Dick Myers, Dick Barr, Wayne Wiseman, Coach Newt Oliver, Bevo and Don Vyhalek.

Bevo was pouring them in so fast the scoreboard couldn't keep up, dunking was not permitted, nor was there a 3-point basket.

That first year at Rio Grande, Bevo was such a draw that the small on-campus gym couldn't be used.

"We didn't play any home games," Bevo recalled. "All on the road, and we were 39-0."

The college's enrollment back then was less than a 100, and today the school has taken on university status with 2,400 students and a modern 3,000-seat gym named after Bevo's legendary coach, Newt Oliver. It was Oliver who brought Bevo to Rio Grande. And it was Oliver who left with him to join the Globetrotters.

"I was only 28 years old when I came to Rio Grande,"

Oliver, now 90, recalled. "Bob Evans, the restaurant's founder, came the same year I did, opened his first restaurant here at Gallipolis. He told me his dad told him to make sure he had big wide front doors on it so when he goes belly-up you can park some tractors inside."

As a coach, Oliver pushed his team, scheduling games in Madison Square Garden, Boston Garden and Butler Fieldhouse because of Bevo. Still, after all those years, it was evident that a competitive fire still burned in the old coach.

"We sold em' all out," he said. "I was pushy and a lot of people didn't like me. That's OK. I didn't come here to be a minister. I came to coach. I was so mean, I didn't like myself, but we

were a big-time program in a Podunk town."

Time has claimed several of Bevo's teammates. But making the trek back to their old school was Dick Myers, Dick Barr, Wayne Wiseman, Coach Oliver and Don Vyhalek.

There's a solid Kentucky connection that keeps it all gong at Rio Grande, too. Jeff Lanham has been the athletic director there for the past 10 years. He played basketball at Union College in Barbourville where he met his wife Mary Lou Payne, who was born in Corbin.

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CHS continues cuts to stay alive

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
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It's a work in progress.
With significant expense reductions already in place, officials with Crittenden Health Systems will look for additional revenue and even more cuts in the future to help erase the red ink it reported for last year.
"We've done a lot, but we still have to do a lot more," CEO Greg McNeil said last Wednesday following the hospital's annual board meeting.
Offering a look at the health care facility's financial situation, McNeil's summary showed an operating loss of \$1.3 million for Fiscal Year 2013, which ended Sept. 30. However, in the last three months, the CEO said the hospital has carved out from its budget around \$1 million in expenses.
McNeil was hired Nov. 18 of last year to replace former

CEO Jim Christensen and was faced with the arduous task of getting the 48-bed short-term, acute-care hospital on its feet financially.
McNeil's efforts thus far represent \$1.73 million in actual and unrealized expense reductions. That figure comes from a 5-percent cut in employee wages, a reduction in staff and elimination of employer matching pension contributions. It also includes an estimated \$666,000 to be saved by implementing a defined group health insurance coverage plan for employees which pays a flat amount toward premiums rather than the current 80 percent. That change is now in the process of being made.
Though the cuts have been substantial, officials said more can be expected in order to

keep the hospital alive.
"It's going to be a hard next six months to say the least," said board chairman Charlie Hunt.
With declining reimbursements from federal entitlement programs over the last 15 years or so, CHS is not alone; it's a difficult time for hospitals across the nation, officials said.
Despite the tough road ahead, Hunt and McNeil are cautiously optimistic about the future of the non-profit health care facility.
On the revenue side, Air Evac Lifeteam will soon be paying to lease land on the hospital campus for an air medical base, Crittenden Fiscal Court kicks in \$150,000 annually to help supplement the expense to run ambulance service, the new operating



McNeil

Road plan bill absent money for U.S. 641

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky House of Representatives voted last week to approve a two-year state road plan and nearly \$5 billion to fund the plan's projects as well as Kentucky Transportation Cabinet operations and needs over the next two years. Noticeably missing, however, is any real funding for the relocation of U.S. 641 in Crittenden, Caldwell and Lyon counties.
The road plan and its companion legislation now rest in the Senate, where funding can still be shifted back into the plan. At press time, it was unclear what revisions to the legislation the Senate may make.
The House on March 18 voted 52-43 to approve House Bill 236, the funding bill that would pay for the \$4.5 billion 2014-16 Road Plan found in HB 237, which was passed by the House by a 51-43 vote. HB 236 would also fund administrative and capital project needs of the Cabinet over the biennium.
In the initial bill representing the two-year road plan, \$12 million in continued funding for surfacing and grade and drain work for U.S. 641 from Marion to Fredonia was slated for 2014. That is absent in the version passed by the House.
For Crittenden County, though, funding in the House's two-year road plan does include \$402,000 annually for Kentucky's portion of operational funding for the Cave In Rock Ferry. Illinois funds an equal portion to keep the ferry afloat across the Ohio River.
Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion), a supporter of ongoing funding for the relocation of U.S. 641 from Marion to U.S. 62 in Lyon County, opposed both mechanisms of his chamber's road plan.
Though it remains to be

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seen what the Senate will do, Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) has also vowed his support of continued funding for U.S. 641.
Also last week, the House voted to pass House Joint Resolution 62, which includes the last four years of the state's six-year road plan, or 2016 through 2020. It passed the House on a 51-44 vote.
That legislation represents the four "out years" of the six-year road plan, meaning it contains projects not backed with actual allocations found in the aforementioned biennial road plan.
In HJR 62, the ferry continues to see annual funding of \$402,000. Meantime, the money for surfacing and grade and drain work for U.S. 641 in Crittenden County has been moved to Fiscal Year 2019.
There is also \$29 million shown in the four out years for design work, right-of-way purchase, utility relocation and construction of the U.S. 641 relocation project in Caldwell County. Design work in Fiscal Year 2017 has a proposed \$1.5 million designation; right-of-way purchase in 2018 shows \$5 million; utility relocation reflects \$2.5 million in 2019; and, finally, construction funding of \$20 million is projected for 2020.
Bechler also opposed this legislation.
All three pieces of legislation are sponsored by House Appropriations and Revenue Committee Chairman Rep. Rick Rand (D-Bedford).
Of the road projects in the two-year road plan found in HB 237, Rand said \$1.86 bil-

lion are state-funded and \$2.7 billion are federal projects. Around \$182 million of the projects in the road plan are projects backed by previously-authorized state bonds, Rand said.
House Transportation Budget Review Subcommittee Chair Rep. Leslie Combs (D-Pikeville) said the Road Plan includes several major projects, notably the Louisville bridges project, work on Interstate 65 and the western Kentucky bridges projects, work on the Mountain Parkway, and work on the I-69 corridor.
There is no new debt in the road plan, Combs said. "It is all authorized in previous bienniums."
Lawmakers adjourn Tuesday for a 10-day veto recess. The 2014 session is set to conclude on April 15. Updates on U.S. 641 funding in the transportation plan will be provided on The Press Online as details become available.
Senate passes budget
The Kentucky Senate pared bond funding for construction projects and restored operational funding for universities in passing its version of a \$20 billion, two-year state budget Monday, setting the stage for negotiations with House counterparts.
Senators voted 25-2 to pass a budget featuring several similarities to the spending plan recommended by Gov. Steve Beshear and passed by the House. Now both chambers must settle on a final version and complete their biggest task this year.
Senate and House versions support pumping more money into the state's main funding formula for kindergarten through 12th-grade classrooms.
Both chambers also endorsed 5 percent funding cuts

suite is holding its own and the overall patient load through the winter was up, McNeil said.
"The hospital has been packed," he added. "We're doing a lot of things right. We're providing good care. Nurses are taking good care of people. The doctors are taking good care of people. There are a lot of positives."
Hunt, too, is guardedly optimistic about the future.
"We're doing better in a lot of different areas that I'm very pleased with as a member of the board," Hunt said, adding that the local hospital has defied naysayers who suggested the facility would be closed by now.
"Crittenden County has got to have a hospital – a viable hospital," Hunt added. "And every effort is being made right now to make sure the hospital that the community has continues."

for many state agencies, freeing up money for education as Beshear recommended. The competing budget plans each support pay raises for state employees.
Beshear, reacting to the Senate action, said there are some big differences that negotiators will have to resolve.
"I expect we will come to an agreement before the end of the session," the Democratic governor said in a statement.
House and Senate negotiators this week will try to iron out a state budget proposal for the two-year period starting July 1.
The biggest gulf between the chambers was the amount of bond funding for projects.
The Republican-led Senate authorized \$263 million in General Fund-supported bonds, down from about \$1 billion in the House version. Projects dropped in the Senate version included \$65 million in bonds to help renovate Rupp Arena and build a new convention center in downtown Lexington.
Meanwhile, the Senate version would restore a 2.5 percent cut in operating funds for universities included in the House's budget.
But the Senate plan eliminated nearly all bonded projects at universities – whether backed by state General Fund dollars or by the schools themselves.
The Senate version tweaked a provision that could lead to a new student fee to help finance construction projects at the state's two-year schools. The Senate added language requiring each college's governing board to approve the higher fees and project on its campus.
The Senate's plan also adds money for Kentucky State Police to hire more troopers.
– The Associated Press

Farmers market set to open next month

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) Certified Roadside Farm Market Program is celebrating the beginning of the 2014 season by welcoming more than 100 market members from across the Commonwealth. That includes the farmers market in Marion, which opens April 21 and runs through Nov. 1, according to Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Susan Alexander.
The local market will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
In July 1996 the KFB Certified Roadside Farm Market Program was organized to help farmers market their fruits and vegetables directly from roadside markets to consumers across Kentucky. Since then, it has expanded to include farm enterprises such as greenhouses, landscape nurseries, Christmas tree farms, vineyards/wineries, fiber farms and meat/cheese farm markets.
In joining the KFB Certified Roadside Farm Market Program, members have committed to offering quality products and service to their customers. Their acceptance by Farm Bureau tells customers that the markets meet the highest standards of quality, freshness and marketing appeal.
"The Certified Roadside Farm Market Program partners with our farm market members to educate consumers on the importance of locally grown products including fresh fruits and vegeta-

bles, meats, fiber and value-added products," said Mark Haney, president of Kentucky Farm Bureau. "Along with promotional efforts designed to attract consumers, the program also partners with farm market owners to educate the public about the importance of locally-grown and produced products."
Brochures that list Certified Roadside Farm Markets

across the state are available at Kentucky welcome centers, state resort parks, local chambers of commerce, tourism centers and county Farm Bureau offices. Consumers can also go to the 2014 Certified Roadside Farm Market website – kyfb.com/roadside – for a complete list of markets.
To learn more about the Kentucky Farm Bureau Certified Roadside Farm Market

Program, e-mail roadside@kyfb.com or visit kyfb.com/roadside. Be sure to "Like" the Roadside Farm Market page at facebook.com/KYRoadsideFarmMarkets.

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Tenn. wreck kills former 80s CCHS band director

FROM AP AND STAFF REPORTS

Former Crittenden County High School band director and teacher Mike Congiardo died in an automobile accident Friday afternoon in Jackson, Tenn., where he was band director at a local school.

Congiardo, 50, of Trenton, Tenn., was band director in Marion from 1988 to 1990.

He suffered fatal injuries in a crash with a school bus.

Police said Congiardo's 2010 Toyota Corolla ran a red light and hit the bus Friday afternoon. He was leaving a

school function at Madison Academic Magnet High School, where he was the band director.

A man who saw Congiardo before the crash said the car also hit a fence, The Jackson Sun reported.

"I asked him if he was all right," said Dr. Keith Taylor, a Jackson physician. "He told me he was, and then he shot down the street and ran a red light."

School system spokeswoman Ginger Carver said in an e-mail that Congiardo's car hit Bus 28 at an intersection

at around 4 p.m., after the car went through a red light. No students were on the bus, and the driver was not injured.

Congiardo, who spent close to 30 years teaching, was taken to the hospital by ambulance, after emergency workers cut the car open to get him out.

He died Friday evening from internal injuries from the accident. According to police, Congiardo had apparently experienced a medical condition, which led to the crash.

The investigation is continuing.

Coming road work will replace dilapidated Caney Creek Bridge

STAFF REPORT

A new bridge over Caney Creek on Bells Mines Road will be built this spring and a section of road destroyed by a fallen boulder late last year is set to be paved.

E&H Bridge and Grating Inc. of Bedford, Ind., has been awarded a \$111,916 bid to replace the dilapidated span over Caney Creek. A 3-ton weight limit remains in force on the bridge, which is located on the southern edge of the new Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

Since the WMA opened last year in northern Crittenden County, traffic across the

bridge has drastically increased, exacerbating the need to build a new bridge.

Crittenden Fiscal Court has been approved for up to \$80,000 in assistance from Kentucky's 80/20 bridge program, as it's called. The county would pay the remainder of the project cost.

No start date has been scheduled for demolition of the old bridge and building its replacement. That will be largely dependent on the weather.

Construction of the 20-foot by 40-foot span is expected to take three weeks if weather cooperates, during which time

Bells Mines Road will be closed to through traffic.

The bridge will have guardrails and a metal-grated deck.

Also, once the weather warms up for good, asphalt will be placed as a permanent repair to a portion of Blackburn Church Road in eastern Crittenden County that was gouged by more than 1,000 tons of rock that fell from a roadside bluff late last December.

The fix will cost \$4,220 to place 6 inches of asphalt over the gravel used to temporarily patch the road.

Kenergy Corp. earns state safety award

STAFF REPORT

One of the two electric utilities serving Crittenden County has earned a statewide merit for health and safety.

Kenergy Corp., which serves rural Crittenden County and portions of Livingston County and 12 other western Kentucky counties, was honored on March 11 with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The honor recognizes the member-owned electric cooperative for 509,963 hours without a lost-time accident or illness.

Kentucky Labor Cabinet Secretary Larry Roberts

praised the success of Kenergy's dedication to safety.

"It's obvious that Kenergy Corp. has made safety a top priority, and today we recognize those daily efforts that add up to more than half a million work hours without a lost-time incident," said Secretary Roberts. "Kenergy's efforts reflect a constant awareness and commitment to avoiding accidents, which can happen so quickly and, unfortunately, can have everlasting consequences."

Kenergy Corp. was established in July 1999 through the consolidation of Henderson-Union Electric Coopera-

tive (organized in 1936) and Green River Electric (organized in 1937). Now, with approximately 150 employees, Kenergy has grown to serve more than 55,000 homes and businesses.

"We are very proud of this achievement," said Kenergy President and CEO Greg Starheim. "Our business requires our employees to work in hazardous and difficult conditions each and every day. We are so pleased to be celebrating this milestone and the recognition of our employees through this award."

NEWS BRIEFS

Suspected bomb in Salem shuts road

The origin of a suspicious bag containing bomb parts found last week at a car wash in Salem is still a mystery to authorities.

On March 18, U.S. 60 near Salem was closed for about four hours after police were notified of a suspected bomb found near the Tambco Convenience Center. Police were alerted just before 4:30 p.m. by an individual who reportedly spotted a duffel bag near the car wash at the convenience store. The Paducah Bomb Squad was called in to investigate.

The duffel bag reportedly contained explosive materials and wiring. Once the bag and its contents were safely removed and disposed of, U.S. 60 was re-opened around 8:30 p.m. that night.

At press time, according to the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, the incident was still under investigation.

Livingston man to run for state House

A Livingston County man has announced his candidacy as an independent candidate to seek the 4th House District seat in the Kentucky General Assembly.

Matthew "Macky" Armstrong of Ledbetter said in a news release late last week that he intends to run for the House seat currently held by Republican Lynn Bechler of Marion.

"I'm not a politician, just a regular person," Armstrong said in announcing his intentions. "I'm running for state representative because I feel the people actually need to be heard, and they haven't been in quite some time."

Bechler will be seeking a second term to his post. He faces no opposition in the May 20 primary.

On the Democratic side, Jarrod H. Jackson of Princeton has filed for the seat. He also faces no one in the primary.

Tuesday is the deadline to

file election paperwork as an independent candidate seeking a partisan or judicial office.

Meantime, candidates for city council and school board have until Aug. 12 to file.

Tweaking of speed limit made in Burna

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has adjusted a number of speed limits across the region, including one along U.S. 60 in Livingston County.

A 45 mph speed zone along the federal highway in the Burna has been extended eastward about a quarter-mile. This new speed zone now extends along U.S. 60 from about 900 feet west of Ky. 135 to roughly 1,500 feet east of Ky 1433.

New 45 mph speed limit and speed limit ahead signs have been placed at this location.

The speed limit extension came as a result of a speed study requested by the Livingston County sheriff due to the residential nature of this section.

State jobless rate ticks up last month

Kentucky's unemployment rate inched up to 7.8 percent in February 2014 from 7.7 percent in January 2014, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

"After stubbornly staying in the mid-8 percent range for two years, the unemployment rate has now been under 8 percent for three consecutive months. During this period, employment has increased steadily, too," said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET. "Accompanying this bit of good news is a new economic reality in that the labor force and employment have shrunk compared to a year ago. That's related primarily to demographics and the aging population."

The preliminary February

2014 jobless rate was 0.4 percentage points below the 8.2 percent rate recorded for the state in February 2013.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate also ticked up slightly from 6.6 percent in January 2014 to 6.7 percent in February 2014, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

County recognizes efforts of jail staff

Four Crittenden County Detention Center workers have been recognized by Crittenden Fiscal Court for their heroic efforts to save the life of an inmate who suffered a seizure at the jail last month.

Lt. Tina Rushing, Sgt. Josh Jackson and deputies John Owen and Jeannie Fox have been presented certificates of appreciation by Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom for their actions on Feb. 13 to revive and keep alive a state inmate from Jefferson County who collapsed during a church service at the local lockup. The inmate was taken to Crittenden Health Systems the night of the incident and transferred to Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, where he died several days later.

Due to federal HIPAA privacy rules, the name of the inmate was not released.

Farmer reports to W.Va. federal prison

Former Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer reported to a federal prison camp in northeastern West Virginia Tuesday.

Farmer is serving a 27-month sentence for abusing his public office.

Farmer pleaded guilty to two felonies in September related to excess gifts purchased for visiting agriculture commissioners during a 2008 conference that were claimed by Farmer, hotel rooms used by Farmer's family during the conference and salaries for personal friends hired into the department who did little to no work on state time.

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Route to Crooked Creek Church didn't deter members

It would be nice to know the history of the following poem, but I gather the roads to Crooked Creek Church must have been in bad condition or even closed for a time, as the person who wrote this poem wanted all to know. Most of the names in the poem were at one time early prominent businessmen of Marion.

The following appeared as a letter to the editor in March 1882:
One day I thought my God I'd seek
By going to church at Crooked Creek.
I traveled over rock and rut,
But found alas! The ways all shut.
Then I thought I would go through
The farm of Carnahan and Blue;
But after all I had to wait,
For want of some good lane or gate.
There's Ira Hughes and Heg Carter,
Who's wiser than this 'tar and gart'r,
Who's fools though to think it pays
To stop up all the meeting ways.
There is Billy Hughes, Who joined his fence to lawyer Blues,
Who is a church member but never prays,
Ere he would never stop the ways.
There is Johnson we must excuse,
Who lives 'tween Rochester and Hughes.
I'd hate to live in such a pickle,
They'd squeeze him to death for a nickel.
There's Will Rochester, who thinks it pays
To stop up all the meeting ways.
Their souls to hell may all go down,
Or else they may go 'round by town.
If all those who live on the road
Would give themselves to worship God;
They'd have the love that ne'er fails,
And spend money for splitting rails.
Then by taking little pains,
We'd have good ways, gates and lanes;
And we all could go to meeting,
Where our souls could be greeting.
These men who have shut the way,

Brenda Underdown

Crittenden County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Sometimes sing and never pray;
And boast their sins for-given.
For a time – they'd shut the way to heaven.
Let us not boast of Christian reign,
Since heathenism, has come again;
But try to live like Christians do,
And let the people all go through.
Though the boys with keen desire
Will burn all your fence with fire,
Then you'll repent in later days,
That you had ever stopped the ways.

Any man that will stop the ways leading to the house of worship, unless he opens better and nearer roads, surely has no soul, and if he had a soul, it would have as much room in a buckeye as a frog would in the Pacific Ocean.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, here is some more interesting history of the Crooked Creek Church:
October 8, 1903: A Remarkable sight
Sunday, Sept. 27 was one of those bright, crisp delightful days for which September is famous and a more opportune time could not have been selected for the baptizing at Crooked Creek, where Revs. Blackburn and Conway immersed 24 young people in the presence of an audience of 600 people who had gathered on both banks of the creek and crowded every inch of space on the bluff overlooking the pool.
The candidates were led into the water in strings of six by the officiating ministers, each tier of six being placed behind the last one led in. When all were in the water and ready, the firm of Stewart and Ringo, who were on the ground for the purpose, photographed the group. It was indeed a sight to be long-remembered. The baptizing then proceeded and all passed



The image above depicts Sunday baptism in Crooked Creek. Baptisms such as these used to be a common event. The wonderful old streams of Crittenden County were said to have helped wash away many sins.

off pleasantly.
The exercises were very interesting. Those baptized were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gass; Allie Hughes; Baylis Paris; Fred Guess; Herbert McMican; Mesdames Lizzie Pope, Della Ford, Josie Gass, Laura Gass and Misses Pearl Morrill, Eva Driver, Coney Ford, Bessie Hurt, Lillie Guess, Allie Woodall, Ellen Gass, Lucy Gass and Minnie Gass; Kittie Howerton; Duke Howerton; Ina Butler and Bertie Fort.
There are nine more to be baptized next fourth Sunday at 9 o'clock. About 28 of the number were converted during the series of meetings recently held by Revs. Hopewell, Blackburn and Davis.

In 1985 Crooked Creek had its 150th anniversary. One person who attended wrote this informative little article:
Crooked Creek Baptist Church, of the Ohio River Association, celebrated its 150th anniversary June 21, 1985. There was preaching, an old-fashioned dinner on the ground, music and memories of rich history.
Even though Crooked

Creek was organized in 1835, it dates back further. It was established as an arm of Old Salem Baptist Church, some 15 miles away, in 1809.
People in those days traveled the rutted trails through dust or mud as far as 30 miles to worship, many carrying their shoes to be put back on before entering the church building. For this reason, arms of mother churches were established, so that church attendance would not be so difficult.
The early records carry names of negro slaves who worshiped with their masters and took turns guarding the "port-holes" during the Civil War.
Crooked Creek Church has stood as a sentinel in this community. People have come and gone – some transient while others have lived their entire life literally under its shadows.
And things were difficult in western Kentucky in 1809. Kentucky had been a state just 17 years. There was Indiana trouble, a severe financial depression and morals were low. But in spite of these drawbacks, Crooked Creek grew.
The Baptists bought from the Presbyterians a log building which had housed Bethany Presbyterian Church since 1803.
It was on the banks of Crooked Creek (then still Livingston County), and known as "the old log church."
They organized the United Baptist Church of Christ at Crooked Creek, now known as Crooked Creek Missionary Baptist Church. The constitution, articles of faith and rules of decorum that were compiled are still in use in 1985.
Crooked Creek, tiny as it is, has had several claims to distinction. It is the birthplace of the Ohio River Association. Fifteen churches in 1883, which had asked for dismissal letters from the Little River Association for the purpose of forming an association, met at Crooked Creek for two days, and the Ohio River Association was formed.
In 1884, a group of men from Crooked Creek helped organize the first United Baptist Church of Christ at Marion, the county seat of Crittenden County.
The present building was dedicated in 1870. It cost \$999.75.

After 178 years of worship at Crooked Creek Baptist Church, due to lack of membership and passing away of all the original members, the church officially closed its doors on Jan. 6, 2013, and the few members that were left would find another place to worship.
But the church was reopened again with a group of people wanting to start a new organization.
The Crooked Creek Church let the new membership join the church so the newcomers would not have to dissolve the church and start over.
On Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013, Crooked Creek Church had its first service with the new membership.
Once again, the church is having services and ministering to the people.
(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.)



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Right on target

Jeremiah Foster, 8, son of Tony and Lee Ellen Foster, has taken his archery skills to the next level. Foster just returned from Louisville where he won the National Field Archery Association Championship. He shot in cub male bow hunter free style division and won first place at state with a perfect 300 score. He also won the Southeast Sectional where he shot two scores of 300 to make up a perfect score of 600. There were a total of 583 participants, 17 and under, in 29 different divisions, with 1,583 total participants from all 50 states. The event took place March 15-16.

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God sentences death for certain crimes

Though man has not obeyed God's commands for death for certain sins, this does not mean God will not still carry out the sentences.

The first sin that God put a death sentence on and man disobeyed was in Noah's time.

God made Adam and then made him a wife and told them to replenish the earth.

Jesus picked up on this in Mark 10 and said, "from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female...they two shall be one flesh, what therefore God has joined together let not man put asunder."

This was disobeyed in Noah's time. God saw man take wives of their choosing and called this great wickedness. He said that the imagination of the thoughts of their hearts were only evil continually.

He gave a death sentence on this evil and gave them over 100 years to repent, and they would not, so He carried out His death sentence.

We all need to understand why God put such drastic punishment on certain sins.

We all are seeing the



horrible suffering of these sins of Noah's time in our day; families fragmented, children thrown to the wolves of drug and sex peddlers and all breeding an immoral culture that will bring God's judgment again down on all.

Besides the first sin God judged in Noah's time, God also put a death sentence on adultery, human and animal sex relations, fornication, lesbianism and homosexuality.

The sin in this list the Bible talked about the most was same-sex relations.

Looking at the list of abnormalities in these acts, we see why they are so repugnant.

They fly in the face of the God of Creation who made man and woman to be the union and to multiply on the Earth that He also made, bringing forth

children for Him.

It defied the laws of biology as two males or two females cannot produce children.

It is historically a death sentence seen in Sodom and Gomorrah. In Leviticus 18, we are told that all nations before Israel were wiped out because of these evils.

Psychologically, the people involved in these lifestyles know in their hearts they are wrong and that makes them defensive and demanding, fulfilling the old adage, misery loves company. In their minds, the more people they can force to accept their sins, the more comfortable they will be. But they are never satisfied. The more victories they claim, the more they push and demand. It is the same effect alcohol has on alcoholics – the more they drink the more they have to have.

When will people wake up and realize that the more they disobey God and His word the more miserable they become? When will they realize the farther into the dark abyss of Satan's power, the more angry and blind they become?

Look at their methods.

You refuse to serve them their requests, and they torment, harass, drive you out of business and take you to court. They still have the gall to demand through every avenue open to them that we tolerate their actions, but where is their tolerance?

These acts are against all of nature. Opposites attract; likes repel! In order for natural electricity to function, there has to be male and female connectors.

It is a fact that physiologically it is not only an unnatural function of the laws of human and animal nature and physical structure, it is a physical impossibility in mating. It also is so dangerous because of the unsanitary repercussions.

Scientifically, it is found that no species are able to reproduce off-springs with two like genders. There is no way for a physical hook-up to make two become one as God made in the beginning, and produce a like creature from the union. The way they try is dirty, abnormally evil and against all God has ever done or said.

One of the worst evils from all of this is it dese-

crates God Himself as He made man in His own image. For man to drag that image into the cesspool of evil, immoral and unnatural actions brings God's wrath down on all who refuse to repent and submit to God's plan for redemption.

The 26th law in the Communist Plan for taking over America was: "Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as normal, natural, healthy."

America has obeyed this and more so every day.

This evil cancer has succeeded to convince many that the homosexuals and lesbians are born that way, and, therefore, God will not condemn them. Satan has really won a victory there.

So they have to discredit all the many times in God's word that it is sin by choice, and He puts a death penalty on it. God would never condemn a man to hell for doing something that God Himself made so they could not help it.

Some of those scriptures are found in Leviticus 18 and 20. One is, "If a man lies with mankind, as he lies with a woman, both of them have commit-

ted an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them:"

In Romans 1:26, the women who committed such sins were warned of their pending doom also.

The goal of these same-sex groups is to bring all of America to bow at their altars of submission through their propaganda that if we go against them, we are depriving them of their civil rights.

They forget that the God who made them also owns them. The owner will be the last one heard on the subject, come death and the judgment, which will surely come or I would not use my limited life warning all who will listen.

God knows I warned many and much five years ago and got shot out of the water by some. I do hope they have let honesty take over their hearts as their loved ones have a bleak future before them, and one day their children may rise up and curse them.

(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.)

Scripture warns about a deceitful, lying tongue and its consequences

By **JOEY DURHAM**
GUEST COLUMNIST

I want to bring to your heart another devotion concerning the six types of tongues found in the Word of God, and today I want to examine the second type found in scripture, which is a deceitful, lying tongue."

In Psalms 120:1-2, we read, "In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me. Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and

from a deceitful tongue."

Deceit is always characterized by a heart that is hardened to the Word of God and the will of God. Such were they that persecuted the Psalmist in today's text.

I want to say that it is possible for us, like the people in our text, to use our tongues to make the life of another person miserable by being deceitful and speaking falsehoods about that individual. How-

ever, such speech should never come from a person who seeks to glorify God in their life and accomplish God's will.

As believers, Hebrews 10:24 tells us what should be our aim towards others: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."

We need to take the warning that the judgment of God rests upon a deceitful, lying tongue, because Proverbs 6:16-17 says,

"These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood."

Sticks and stones can break bones, and lying words can definitely hurt people.

(Durham is pastor at Sturgis Baptist Church in Union County. His column appears periodically in The Crittenden Press.)

Church notes

■ The 12-week Run for God 5K Challenge will be held weekly at 6:30 p.m., beginning Thursday (today) at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion. Walkers and runners of all ages are welcome to participate. The mission is to prepare Christians to be better witnesses for Christ physically, mentally and spiritually. For more information call Jacinda Reynolds at (618) 309-3392.

■ Sturgis General Baptist Church homecoming will be held Sunday. 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.

■ Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church will hold a spring revival from March 31 to April 4. Services begin at 7 p.m. Featured will be Rev. Jeff Owens of Stonefort, Ill. Pastor Trae Gandee and the congregation invite the public to attend. The church is located 4.5 miles north of Salem on Ky. 723.

■ Maranatha General Baptist Church in Salem is resuming Sunday night services beginning at 6 p.m. If your church does not have Sunday night services, the church invites you to attend.

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

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OBITUARIES

Skinner

Jincy Heflin Skinner, 79, of Grand Rivers died March 19, 2014, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

She is survived by three sons, Walter Skinner of Burna, Troy Skinner of Grandmound, Iowa, and Wallace Skinner of Grand Rivers; two daughters, Eva Aberle of Burna and Flecia Edwards of Stuart, Fla.; two brothers, Jewell Heflin and Billy Heflin of Paducah; a sister, Carolyn Springer of Paducah; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Skinner was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert Heflin and Murriel Harris Heflin Goodwin; her husband Dewey Skinner; a brother; and three sisters.

Funeral services were Monday at Smith Funeral Chapel in Smithland with the Rev. James Oates officiating. Burial was in Cothron Cemetery in Livingston County.

Mitchell

Edna Ilene Mitchell, 91, of Houston, formerly of Providence, died March 18, 2014, at Colonial Oaks in Houston.

She was born Oct. 1, 1922, in Sturgis.

Mitchell is survived by a son, Dr. Jerry Mitchell of Manhattan, Mont.; two grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman B. Mitchell; a sister, Agnes Johnson; a brother, Ruby Belt; and her parents, Wallace and Betty Harness Belt.

A memorial service was Wednesday at Jones & Erdman Funeral Home in Providence with entombment at Lakeview Mausoleum in Providence.

McConnell ad mistakes Duke for Kentucky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sen. Mitch McConnell's latest campaign video hit all the necessary Kentucky high points: horse racing, bluegrass — and Duke basketball?

The campaign was scrambling Tuesday morning to remove an online video that features a split-second clip of Duke basketball players celebrating their 2010 national championship.

The mistake comes as the basketball-crazy state of Kentucky prepares for the biggest game of the year. Kentucky and Louisville face off in the Sweet 16 on Friday night.

"The ad was intended to highlight Kentucky's basketball dominance and obviously the web ad vendor has become so accustomed to watching national championship celebrations in the bluegrass state that they made a mistake with one of the images," McConnell spokesman Allison Moore, a Kentucky graduate, said. "Obviously we were horrified by the error and quickly changed it."

Duke's narrow 1992 win over Kentucky in a regional final of the NCAA Tournament remains a sore spot for many Kentucky fans, and the Blue Devils are still a frequent target for their animosity.

A spokeswoman for Alison Lundergan Grimes, McConnell's likely Democratic opponent, quipped that McConnell has "been in Washington so long that he doesn't know the difference between Duke and UK."

Of course, Grimes has already miffed fans by picking Wichita State to beat Kentucky in her tournament bracket.

Duffy

Jewell Beatrice Dollins Duffy, 84, of Marion died March 19, 2014, at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1930, in the Slocum community of Livingston County. She professed faith in Christ at a young age at Barnett Chapel Church during a revival.

Duffy graduated from Marion High School on May 14, 1948, and married Raymond Duffy 10 days later. The couple had a son, Nobel Glenn Duffy, who lived only six hours, as he was born prematurely.

She worked at Farmers Bank & Trust Co. in Marion from 1949 to 1990 as a secretary to Hollis C. Franklin and H.D. Sullenger. After her retirement, she was a housewife and sometimes tried her hand at writing. She loved farm animals, especially horses. Her great love was for her Lord and Savior and for the church. She taught Sunday school in much of her life.

Duffy is survived by a son, which she and her husband adopted "in their heart" several years ago, Bill and wife Phyllis Reed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Grace Newbell Dollins; her husband, Raymond Duffy; and a son, Nobel.

Funeral services were Friday at Walnut Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Congiardo

Michael Todd Congiardo, 50, of Jackson, Tenn., formerly of Crittenden County, died March 21, 2014, at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Tennessee.

He was born Jan. 25, 1964, in Jackson. He was the band director at Crittenden County High School from 1988 to 1990. At the time of his death, he was serving in that same capacity at Madison Academic Magnet High School in Jackson. During his teaching career, he served as a band director for 23 years.

Congiardo was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Humboldt, Tenn.

He is survived by his mother, Pat Congiardo of Selmer, Tenn.; a brother, Frankie and wife Debra Congiardo of Adamsville, Tenn.; his girlfriend, Wendy Lovett of Murray; as well as many extended family members.

Congiardo was preceded in death by his father, Samuel Frank Congiardo Jr.

Graveside services were held Monday at Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Ramer, Tenn.

Shackleford Funeral Directors of Selmer was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to: American Diabetes Association, Memphis Office, 5583 Murray Road, Suite 110, Memphis TN 38119; or Madison Academic Magnet High School-Band Program, 179 Allen Ave., Jackson TN 38301.

Baker

Ruby M. Baker, 88, of Marion died March 18, 2014, at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She is survived by two sons, Glen Baker of High Springs, Fla., and Jeffrey Baker of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Baker was preceded in death by her parents, Ward and Carrie Betts; her husband, Oscar Baker; and a daughter, Linda S. Baker.

Funeral services were Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis.

Pictures sought for casualties of wars

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden Press and Crittenden County Historical Society are looking for photos of men from the county killed during 20th century wars. With the help of the community over the years, photos and information have been gathered for display of nearly all of the men who gave their lives. But a few still remain.

Many of the surnames of these men are familiar to residents who still live in the area. Please help preserve their memories and commemorate the sacrifice of the following men if you have any information or photos you would be willing to share with the newspaper and historical society:

- World War I**
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- Sgt. Forrest E. Brantley (U.S. Army: Born 1913, Died Jan. 13 1945)
 - Pfc. John W. Freeman (Born 1913, Died 1943)
 - Pfc. J.D. Hodge (Born 1915, Died 1944)
 - Sgt. Herbert A. Hoover (Born Aug. 29, 1904, Died Oct. 14, 1944)
 - Staff Sgt. Denver L. Marvel (U.S. Army: Born 1920, Died 1943)
 - Sgt. Vivian McDonald (U.S. Army: Born 1917, Died May 12, 1945)
 - Pfc. Carter Shewcraft (Born 1925, Died 1945)
 - Pfc. James B. Truitt (Born 1910, Died July 11, 1944)
 - Sgt. Jack L. Woody (U.S. Army Air Force: Born 1910, Died Dec. 14, 1945)
 - Pfc. James C. Yandell (Born 1919, Died 1944)

Korean War

- Sgt. James R. Bissell (U.S. Army: Born 1928, Died June 2, 1951)

To share additional information or photos of these men, please e-mail darylktabor@gmail.com.

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More older Americans re-entering workforce

The recent economic recession hit many Americans hard. If you're over the age of 55 and are looking for employment, you are not alone. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the unemployment rate for older workers was 5.3 percent in August 2013. While this figure is down from its high of 7.2 percent in December 2009, it is still nearly twice as high as when the recession began in 2007. While long-term unemployment rose substantially across demographics, it occurred at a



greater rate for older workers compared to younger workers. Nearly 50 percent of unemployed older workers have been actively seeking employment for more than six months.

The 2012 report by the Government Accountability Office found that older

workers face several challenges to obtaining or regaining employment including high salary expectations, expensive health benefits, out-of-date skills and visible frustration during job interviews.

Eldercare has a brochure with tips to help older job-seekers brush up on their resume writing, interview techniques and application forms.

The form is available online at http://www.eldercare.gov/eldercare.net/public/Resources/Brochures/docs/Older_Jobseekers_Brochure.pdf. Other useful websites include the U.S. Department of Labor <http://doleta.gov/seniors/> and its CareerOneStop <http://www.careeronestop.org/> and AARP <http://www.aarp.org/work/job-hunting/>.

If you don't have Internet access, the public library does. Agencies in the county often offer other career services including resume help and educational classes. Many Extension offices offer educational programs and provide literature on needed skills for obtaining a job.

If you are currently receiving Social Security benefits and are thinking about re-entering the work force to supplement your income, you should realize that paid employment could affect your benefits. If you work and are older than full retirement age, you may keep all of your benefits despite your earnings amount. Full retirement age for those born between Jan. 2, 1943 and Jan. 1, 1955 is 66. In 2014, workers younger than full retirement age receiving Social Security will have their benefits reduced \$1

from every \$2 they earned over \$15,480. Those receiving Social Security benefits who will reach full retirement age in 2014 will have their benefits reduced by \$1 for every \$3 they earned over \$41,400 until they reach their birth month. Contact your local Social Security office to find out the amount you can earn while receiving Social Security payments.

Many employers value older workers for their experience, work ethic and mentoring abilities and are willing to hire older adults.

Loyd chosen as finalist in Miss Kentucky pageant

STAFF REPORT

Chiann Nicole Loyd, 13, has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss Kentucky Pageant to be held in May in Louisville. The pageant is held for girls ages 10-12.

Loyd is the daughter of Stephanie Day.

Loyd's activities include band and two years of soccer and track. She was also in Student Technology Leadership Program for two years while in elementary school. She also enjoys spending time with her 1-year-old godson, Cole, and friends and family. She enjoys cooking, baking, four-wheeler riding, going mudding and swimming, as well as anything to do outdoors during summer.

Loyd's sponsors include Crittenden County Middle School staff and students, friends, family, her grand-



Loyd

parents, Davis Pilot Car Service, Farmers Bank & Trust Co, Peoples Bank of Marion, Shawn Stinnett, Brandon

Stinnett, employees of Crittenden County Courthouse and members of the community of Marion.

The winner of the Louisville pageant in two months will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California. Pageants are held for girls ages 4-18, in five age groups.



Community CALENDAR

Saturday, March 29

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

Monday, March 31

■ A guide to planning meals will be presented by EFNEP assistant Sue Parrent at 1:30 p.m., and 5 p.m., at the UK Cooperative Extension office in Marion. Individuals can register until March 27 by calling the Extension office at (270)965-5236. A door prize will be given at each class. It is a Community Christmas approved educational class and everyone is welcome to attend.

Thursday, April 3

■ A program entitled "Plan to be tobacco free" will be held from 1 to 2 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center. It is a Community Christmas approved educational program.

■ Crittenden County Elementary School will hold Family Fitness Night from 6 to 7 p.m., for students and their families. A parent must accompany their child.

Saturday, April 26

■ The first Relay for Life scrapbooking 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 Pre-school/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

James and Betty Tabor of Marion will observe their 50th wedding anniversary today (Thursday).

The couple was married March 27, 1964, at Second Baptist Church in Marion by the Rev. Roy C. Lamberth. Their attendants were Sandra Ferguson and Tom Teer, brother of the bride.

BIRTH Manus

Jase and Mandy Manus of Murray announce the birth of their son, Elijah Zane Manus, at 2:21 p.m., Feb. 21, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jeff and Lisa York of Marion.

Maternal great-grandparents are Martha James and Diane York of Marion and the late Jimmy York and Trice James.

Paternal grandparents are Maetta Walton of Marion and Jeff Witherspoon of Cadiz.

Paternal great-grandparents are Dortha Jones of Marion and the late Norris Jones.

The baby also has a half sister, Arianna, age 4.

Faughn speaks at teachers association

STAFF REPORT

Dale Faughn of Fredonia, retired teacher of Caldwell County High School, spoke to the DCPS Future Leaders Academy of the Daviess County School System on Feb. 20. The teachers in attendance are training to become school administrators.

The group is directed by Mark Owens, director of personnel, who formerly served as principal of Caldwell County High School.

Faughn was chosen as speaker because of his working relationship with school principals during his teaching tenure. His approach in speaking was to construct an acoustic to explain the virtues of good principalship.

50th Anniversary

Mrs. Tabor is the daughter of the late Thomas Edwin and Gussie Teer.

A 1961 graduate of Crittenden County High School, she worked as a personnel clerk at Potter & Brumfield in Marion at the time of the couple's marriage. She later resigned to raise their two children, but worked as a clerk at Crit-

tenden County Public Library after several years.

Mr. Tabor is the son of the late Vernon Tabor and Esther Tabor Phelps.

A 1955 graduate of Marion High School and veteran of the U.S. Army, he worked at Tucker Funeral Home and Furniture Store in Marion at the time of the wedding.

Dunkerson named American Legion 'Veteran of the Month' for March

STAFF REPORT

Homer Dunkerson of Burna was honored March 14 by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217 as Veteran of the Month. Dunkerson has been a member of the post for several years and has devoted many hours of service to helping not only the Post but also fellow veterans.

During the ceremony, Faye Gibson, American Legion Auxiliary president, presented a framed photo of Dunkerson to the Post and presented Dunkerson with a certificate in recognition of being selected as the Veteran of the Month.

Dunkerson was born Dec. 6, 1936, to Truman and Edna (Guill) Dunkerson in Burna. He had three sisters, Nancy (Dunkerson) Hanley of Lewisburg, Ky; Debbie (Dunkerson) Mauck of Lewisburg, Ky; and Diane (Dunkerson) Leftrick of Springfield, Tenn.

He entered the military on Jan. 31, 1955, and was sent to Sampson Air Force



Dunkerson

training center in Geneva, N.Y. After basic training in June 1955, he was assigned to Forbes Air Force Base in Strategic Air Command and was attached to the military police unit in the 815th combat defense squadron where he received additional training.

In July 1956 he was assigned overseas to Anderson Air Base in Guam. Dunkerson returned to the United States in August 1958 and was reassigned to Forbes Air Force base Topeka, Kan. He was released from active duty in Dec. 1958 and served on inactive duty until being discharged in 1963.

Dunkerson met his wife, the former Jean Phelps, in 1958 in Paducah while on

In 2000, he retired after 33 years as owner of Tabor's Chevron service station in Marion.

The couple has two children, Scott and wife Melissa Tabor of Marion and Daryl Tabor of Marion.

The couple will celebrate their anniversary with members of their family.

leave after returning from overseas. They married on Sept. 19, 1959, in Gledale, Ill, and lived in Lone Oak until Sept. 1962 when they relocated to Burna.

She passed away on Nov. 25, 2012. They were married for 53 years. She had remained a valued member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217 until her death.

Dunkerson has been active and served the American Legion Post 217 in Burna three terms as commander, district one commander for one term, and Department Vice Commander Area A for one term. Members said Dunkerson's service to Post 217 has been of great value to the post and community alike.

After military service he worked for Modine Manufacturing in Paducah for 14 years. In 1973 he became self-employed in the trucking industry until retiring in 2002.

Cowan's antique road show coming April to Hopkinsville

STAFF REPORT

A Retro/Vintage/Antique seminar will be held at 10 a.m., April 23 at the Christian County Extension Office in Hopkinsville. The annual spring seminar is sponsored by the Pennyryle Area Extension Agents for Family & Consumer Sciences and Extension Homemakers.

Wes Cowan from the Antique Road Show and History Detectives will be the morning speaker. Participants are encouraged to bring one retro, vintage or antique item for a possible verbal appraisal by Cowan. The item must be small enough to display on the table where seated.

In the afternoon Sandra Staebell from the Kentucky Humanities Council and the Collections Curator at the Kentucky Museum, located on the campus of Western Kentucky University, will speak on how to date quilts according to fabrics, prints and patterns. Participants are welcome to bring a quilt which may be discussed in Staebell's presentation.

Pre-registration is required by April 16 with the Crittenden County Extension Office. There is a \$12 registration fee and includes lunch. The seminar is open to the public. For further information call the Extension office at (270) 965-5236.

Project Lifesaver is now accepting participants and donors

Project Lifesaver is a local, non-profit organization aimed at helping loved ones keep track of people who tend to wander.

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Officials to set 'Relay' date after graduation

STAFF REPORT

Uncertainty on when the school year will end has caused schedule changes for this year's Relay for Life event in Marion.

Relay for Life co-chair Natalie Parish said as of right now, this year's event does not have a finalized date because officials do not want the event to be held the same night as high school graduation. Once a date is set for graduation, Parish said the date for Relay for Life will be final-

ized and announced to the public.

Meanwhile preparations are on-going for this year's event. Parish said 17 teams have already signed up for Relay for Life and emphasized it's still not too late for more teams to sign-up. Parish said they welcome anyone who would like to have a team.

Teams can register at www.relayforlife.org/crit-tendenky.

In addition to teams from local churches, healthcare

organizations and area businesses, a group of volunteer firefighters has formed a team for this year's event.

With this year's theme being "Teaming up for a cure," Parish said it's a great opportunity for local sports teams to join Relay for Life.

In addition to the traditional luminaria ceremony in memory and honor of loved ones, a new luminaria has been designed to honor caregivers. The caregiver



Parish

Parish Lanterns
 of Love,
which can be taken home,
will also be sold this year for
\$25 each. The Torch of
Hope will sell for \$100. The
torch will have a loved one's

name engraved on an ornament. Each team has order forms.

New this year is the survivor's dinner. The sit down catered meal is for the survivor and one caregiver. It will be held at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Parish said organizers are looking for sponsors for the meal, which will be separate from the actual relay sponsors.

Donations can be of any amount local businesses or individuals would like to

give. Those donating will be recognized at the meal as sponsors. Parish said it will be a nice event to hold prior to the survivor's lap at Relay for Life.

Also on the schedule of events, on May 3, the Cali Cares team will host a children's beauty pageant at the Salem Day Festival.

The 2014 Relay for Life will be held on the courthouse square in Marion. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at Rocket Arena.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Crittenden County Schools band director Jon Nash directs middle and high school band members at a concert festival at Murray State University on March 18. The band will face state competition in May at Louisville.

School band moves on to state competition in May at Louisville

STAFF REPORT

It's becoming an annual rite of spring. On March 18 at a concert festival at Murray State University, the Crittenden County High School band received a distinguished rating and qualified again for the state festival.

Band director Jon Nash

said approximately 20 bands from across the region participated at the festival. Crittenden County will now compete at the state festival May 5-6 at the University of Louisville. The band is composed of high school and middle school students.

"The students are working incredibly hard especially considering the days we have missed due to snow," Nash said. "They continue to rise to the challenge. We still have much to improve on but I'm very proud of everything they are doing."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured (from left) are Blue Knights coach Greg Holloman, Micah Hollamon, Cameron McDaniel, Hayden Brooks and coach Don Winters. Not pictured is Cole Foster, Benny Tucker and Gage Moore.

Blue Knights compete in state team championship in Lexington

STAFF REPORT

On March 15, the Blue Knights competed in the State Team Championship in Lexington. The high school team of Micah Hollamon, Cole Foster, Cameron McDaniel and Hayden Brooks placed fifth with wins over Louisville Ballard, Montgomery County and Louisville Atherton. Benny Tucker and Gage Moore competed against 55 other players in the alternates tournament and placed ninth and 20th, respectively.

The middle school team of Skyler James, Ethan Stone, Clay Stevens and Corbin Wilson placed 14th with draws over Grant County and Tate Creek from Lexington. Clay Stevens had a perfect score of 4-0 playing on board three for the day.

The elementary school team of Chase Stevens, Gage Russell, Dennon Wilson and Cole Swinford placed sixth with a clean sweep over Sayer from Lexington and draws against Greathouse/Shyrock and Louisville Coleridge Taylor.

D.J. Morris and Evan McDowell competed against 42 other players in the alternates tournament and placed 19th and 24th, respectively.

Coaches said all three teams represented Crittenden County very well against the toughest competition in the state.



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Fire burns several acres

Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Chief Billy Arlack works to extinguish several hay bales ablaze last Friday after a fire swept across about a dozen acres of fields and brushland. The fire started near a home on Midway Road off of U.S. 60 west of Marion. In windy conditions, the blaze quickly got out of control coming near at least two occupied homes. No one was hurt and no structures were destroyed. The cause of the fire was not reported. At least six area fire departments and the Kentucky Division of Forestry were called in to help battle the fire. Kentucky's spring forest fire hazard season continues through April 30. Fires should not be started during the daylight hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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AmeriCorps volunteer ‘falls in love’ with CCMS students

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

In June, Jayna Tabor will complete her two-year service in the AmeriCorps. Tabor tutors students at Crittenden County Middle School, where she works one-on-one with them in such subject areas as math, language arts, science and social studies.

Before joining the AmeriCorps, Tabor worked at the preschool at Crittenden County Elementary School. She said the best part about her AmeriCorps service has been working with and getting to know the students at the middle school.

"I fell in love with them. I worked at the preschool and I loved them too. But there's something about the middle school that just got to my heart right away," she said. "They are finding themselves. But they're not grown yet so they still need guidance. You don't have to hold their hand like you would at preschool, but you still have to guide them and help them make decisions."

The mother of three children, Tabor and her husband Greg reside in Crittenden County. Tabor expressed her appreciation to members of the community who rallied around and supported her family after she faced a medical emergency last November. Tabor underwent surgery to remove a benign tumor doctors discovered that completely covered the left

frontal lobe of her brain. Upon learning the diagnosis, Tabor said family members placed the information on Facebook.

"It started the largest prayer chain I could have ever imagined," she said. "You don't really know how



Tabor

much you're loved or how many friends you really do have until something like that happens."

Tabor was especially touched upon learning the middle school girls' basketball team had a prayer vigil for her on the bus en route to an away ball game.

During her time in the hospital Tabor faced more challenges. She had to relearn to walk, write and feed herself. She said she didn't realize she couldn't write until she was asked if she would like to sign her signature upon checking out of the hospital and recalls using both hands to try to complete the task.

"I came a long way in a month. I surprised the doctor," she said. "Before I left the hospital I was already walking with a cane and the doctor didn't expect me to."

Tabor returned to work at CCMS after Christmas break and to a full schedule late in February. She admits to pushing herself and said ne-

gotiating stairs sometimes gives her some problems as she works to improve leg strength.

Even though she has come a long way, Tabor said at times she does get fatigued both physically and mentally.

"I still get tired. But I'm not expected to be back fully for six months to a year. I get frustrated because I am doing so well but I get tired," she said.

As summer approaches, Tabor said it will give her the opportunity to spend time with her children swimming and visiting the park. She also looks forward to taking them to the library. She finds it encouraging to see many middle school students at the public library either checking out books or working on research for homework.

As for her immediate future, Tabor will pursue a career in education. Although she has a background in graphic design, she said her service in the AmeriCorps has changed her life.

"It's really a wonderful program. Not only does it help the students but you get to do things for the community," she said. "It gave me the chance to know this is what I want to do."

Tabor said it's easy to form a bond with students and help them reach their full potential.

"I love making a difference," she said. "But they make a difference with me."

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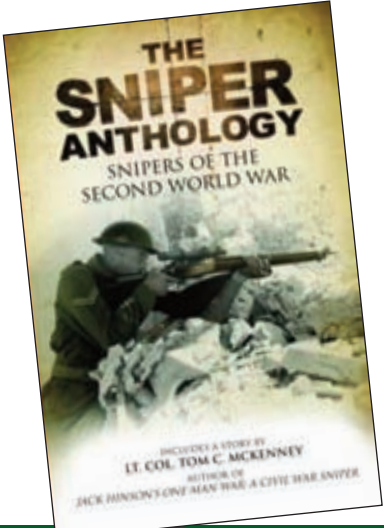
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LEGENDS OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Board of Ed looking to hire its next superintendent by May 12

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Crittenden County Board of Education is moving swiftly to find the next person to lead its school district since the announcement earlier this month that current superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough accepted the same position with the Webster County School District. The process to find her replacement has already begun. The school board is using the services of a paid consultant that will cost possibly as much as \$7,000 to help find the next superintendent.



Cook

Board chairman Chris Cook said the search for a superintendent officially began on March 14, with the posting of the superintendent's position on various Kentucky school leadership organizations' websites.

Last Wednesday, a special called board meeting was held. The school board approved using the services of Phil Eason, a consultant with the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA).

Cook said the school board is searching for the individual who can lead the school district to the next level of student achieve-

ment.

"The Crittenden County Board of Education considers the recruitment, selection and hiring of a superintendent as our most important responsibility," he said. "We take this responsibility so seriously that we have made a modest investment in the process by engaging the consulting services of Phil Eason of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators to assist us. Mr. Eason will ensure that the process remains transparent and above reproach to all of our stakeholders. We will take our time and follow our established and proven process. We will diligently seek the individual most suited not only for our schools and community but also for this particular time and season in our schools and community."

Easton said establishing a superintendent screening committee is an important first step in the selection process.

"Kentucky Revised Statute 160.352 is very clear on how a screening committee shall be established, and who will serve on it," Eason said. "This six-member committee will receive all the applications and start the screening process. So by design, this statute essentially offers everyone in the school district an opportunity to be represented in the process."

The committee is com-

Board of Education seeks parent to serve on screening committee

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Board of Education is seeking a parent to serve on the superintendent screening committee. The screening committee will screen all applicants and recommend names to the board of education. The time commitment of committee members includes a minimum of two evening meetings, as well as time to

check candidate references.

To apply to serve on the screening committee, submit by mail or hand-deliver a one-page letter with your signature, expressing your interest and your qualifications to the Crittenden County Board of Education, Attention: Screening Committee, 601 W. Elm St., Marion, KY 42064 by no later than 3 p.m. next Thursday.

prised of a cross section of stakeholders in the district and will include two teachers, elected by the teachers; one school board member, appointed by school board chairman Chris Cook; one principal, elected by the principals of the district; one parent, elected by the presidents of the parent-teacher organizations of Crittenden County and one classified employee, elected by the classified employees of the school district.

"Prior to appointing a new superintendent, the Board of Education will consider the finalists recommended by the screening committee," said Eason. "However, the board is not required to appoint a superintendent from the committee's recommended candidates. Ultimately, the board has the legal authority and responsibility to appoint the superintendent."

The screening committee should be established by next Thursday. Applications for the superintendent's position will be accepted until April 15.

The Board of Education's goal is to appoint the next superintendent by May 12, with duties to begin July 1.

Anyone in the community having questions or who would like to provide input as to the qualities of the next superintendent are urged to contact Eason at phil.eason@gmail.com or at (270) 799-1256.

Cook said when the superintendent's position was vacant in 2005 the school board used the services of the Kentucky School Board Association's superintendent search and selection service for the amount of \$7,000. Cook said Eason's contract would be comparable to that amount, if not less.



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

Objects in motion tend to stay in motion

It seemed appropriate that fourth graders at Crittenden County Elementary School launched rockets into outer space last Friday. However school spirit wasn't the main focus of this exercise. The students had been studying Newton's Three Laws of Motion in their science classes. Meredith Hall, Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources had been supplementing the course work with science lessons once a month. Hall said this month's lesson culminated with students launching their own rockets made from two liter plastic bottles. Torey Earle, the 4-H Agent for Science, Engineering and Technology from the UK College of Engineering Paducah campus, came to the school and spoke on Aerospace and Rocketry. Earle helped students place their homemade rockets on the launching pad and quizzed students on force, motion, action and reaction during the exercise. Earle (shown above) helps Bryson Baker place his homemade rocket on the launch pad.

New Human Services certificate options coming to MCC

STAFF REPORT

Madisonville Community College will offer two new certificate options for the Human Services program available in fall 2014 – Aging Services and Substance Abuse Recovery Coach.

Completion of the Aging Services certificate will prepare graduates to:

- Manage the emotional, psychological and physical challenges of the aging clients.
- Manage issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act as it pertains to assessing community resources.
- Identify processes for recognizing and reporting issues of neglect and abuse.
- Analyze various assistive technologies and interventions available to geriatric clients.
- Interpret family dynamics as they pertain to the geriatric clients.
- Identify disease processes related to brain injury and mental illness.
- Manage issues related to clients and the confidentiality of client information.

The new Substance

Abuse Recovery Coach certificate will provide training for students to:

- Understand the nature and progression of chemical abuse and dependency
- Manage the emotional, psychological and physical challenges of clients in substance abuse recovery.
- Manage issues related to clients and the confidentiality of client information.
- Analyze the etiology, progression and processes involved with change.
- Implement strategies for prevention, intervention and treatment.
- Interpret family dynamic issues as they pertain to the clients in substance abuse recovery.
- Understand addictions through the bio-social model.
- Manage group dynamics as they pertain to counseling mental health clients.

"We believe these credentials will work well as a complement for any health professional as well. It will give them added knowledge into these two important human needs," said MCC's Chief Academic Affairs Officer Dr. Deborah Cox.

According to the recent report of Kentucky's Target Industry Sectors, rapid growth has been seen in the health care and social assistance sectors over the last several years. Significant growth is projected in areas such as nursing care facilities, psychiatric and substance abuse hospitals, and services for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

MCC implemented the online Human Services program in fall 2013 to prepare individuals for entry level positions in agencies and institutions which provide social, community, educational and mental health services. Upon program completion, graduates are prepared to seek employment in various areas such as child care facilities, mental health settings, chemical dependency settings, hospitals, educational institutions, correctional facilities, geriatric settings, child and youth centers and social service agencies.

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CCHS grad launches new social media app

NEWS RELEASE

This week's worldwide launch of a new social media platform is the culmination of months of work for one former resident of Crittenden County.

SocialCoaster, a Nashville-based tech startup that launched its highly anticipated mobile app Wednesday. Founded by 25-year-old entrepreneur Jonathan Burdon, a 2006 graduate of Crittenden County High School, the app will provide the world with a new and exciting way to share experiences through photos.

"We have a lot of great social networks in the world that allow you to view your friends' photos; however, I wanted to create an easy and organized way to share memories with the entire world," said Burdon. "I think the inventor of hashtags had this goal in mind as well; unfortunately, the concept has its fundamental flaws which cause it to be overused and often in the wrong context. Our team at SocialCoaster has solved this problem!"

SocialCoaster has received well



Burdon

over \$250,000 in seed funding thus far from founder and CEO Burdon, as well as from two individuals who bring a high level of expertise to the team's board of directors. Joining SocialCoaster's board is James Grierson, vice president of business development for Bluehost, a subsidiary of Endurance International Group. Also joining the board is Robert "Bart" Frazer, a Marion attorney, who is also an investor in the startup.

SocialCoaster facilitates event management, photo-sharing and check-in features like no other mobile application I have seen," said James Grierson, SocialCoaster investor. "I have worked directly with Jonathan before and would describe him as a visionary leader with the rare ability to see several steps ahead. This talent has helped him find success over and over again in the technology space."

The app itself is very simple to use. SocialCoaster works by utilizing mobile devices' location services to provide users with a tailored view of what is happening around them. Members who have downloaded the free app are encouraged to create spots (pages) and events on SocialCoaster. At any given point, a user may check-in to any spot or event and instantly take/share as many pictures as

they would like. The photos are combined in an organized fashion with everyone else who has ever checked-in to the same spot. The result is a large collection of photos from thousands of individuals across the world, all of which are able to share their own unique viewpoint.

Stephen Hagans, one of the app's developers, describes SocialCoaster as a universal tool to share experiences. "Our unique algorithms make the app really special. When a user loads SocialCoaster they will automatically be served with a collection of interesting photos from spots nearby. We are able to utilize the users' latitude and longitude to provide them with a real-time snapshot of what is happening around them. From our tests, this has proven to be a very exciting feature."

SocialCoaster also has multiple feeds that allow users to monitor activity coming in from a specific spot or event or even see what spots are trending. In addition to giving users the ability to connect with the world, the app also includes a personal touch. With the click of a button, a user can add as many friends as they would like, communicate with them, and monitor their friends' activities.

"What a great app idea," said



SUBMITTED IMAGE

Above is a promotional release from SocialCoaster, a new mobile social media app created by a 2006 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

Brad Brach, who is a professional pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles baseball team. "I've always wondered what the game experience

was like for our fans. With this app I will be able to log in and instantly view photos taken from fans in every section of the stadium. I can even snap a few photos from the dugout and share my unique experience as well. No other app offers this level of collaborative experience."

The SocialCoaster team is excited to see what other unique methods individuals, businesses, and organizations will employ as they utilize their service.

"The opportunities are endless really! A few examples: Those getting married could ask their guests to check-in and take photos at the wedding and at the end of the night the couple can view the wedding from the perspective of their guests," Burdon said. "Or, if news is breaking at a remote location reporters and news agencies could ask eye-witnesses to check-in and share their viewpoints instantly with the world. A musician could host a photo contest and ask fans to check-in to their spot on SocialCoaster and share their unique concert experience, I get really excited when I think about the many and varied ways one will be able to utilize SocialCoaster."

Those interested in SocialCoaster may now download it for free from the Apple App Store.

AIR EVAC

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and helicopter air ambulances out of more than 100 bases across 15 states. It employs more than 2,400 people nationwide.

The service will be staffed 24/7 at the new base in Marion, which will represent the permanent home for the helicopter.

"If it's not flying, it will be here," said John Markham, director of business development and special services for the company.

Air Evac will operate independently of CHS. Hunt said residents in need will still have the option of requesting another air medical service over Air Evac. However, Air Evac will be the default service utilized in emergency situations.

McNeil said the agreement offers a real benefit to everyone – improved health care access in the community.

"We really feel like it's a good deal for the county," he said Tuesday.

According to the company's website, Air Evac, formed in 1985, has grown to be the largest independently owned and operated membership-supported air ambulance service in the United States.



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

Eighth-grader Kendra Franklin is shown how to properly administer CPR by David Webb, director of Air Evac Lifeteam 10 in Hopkinsville, as MaKensie Simpkins looks on. After taking a career placement aptitude test, several Crittenden County Middle School students were selected to join a forum at Rocket Arena on the different careers in health care.

MUSEUM

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Small in the early 1990s.

"Nobody will realize the work she put in it," said county historian Brenda Underdown of Small's effort two decades ago.

Underdown said Small wanted the memory room relocated because she didn't feel the room at Fohs Hall was being utilized enough by the community. Unlike the historical museum, Fohs Hall does not have regular hours that it is open to the public, so visits to the memory room had to be pre-arranged. However, it has always been a big draw for goers of the annual Marion High School Reunion held annually around Independence Day.

But now, the Marion High School Memory Room will be open for viewing each day the museum is open.

"I think it will create some interest," Underdown said of the relocated memory room.

The museum will reopen next Wednesday. Through October, it will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday through Saturday. Roberta Shewmaker returns as curator.

In addition to the new memory room, the genealogy



Scan the above QR code with your handheld device to link to CrittendenStories.com, the website for Crittenden County Middle School's STLP project incorporating history from the local museum.

section inside the museum has been rearranged to allow researchers better access to the books and more room to work.

Also raising new attention at the museum will be an effort by Crittenden County Middle School students to bring exhibits in the museum to life on the Internet.

Ben Thompson, a social studies teacher and the Student Technology leadership Program (STLP) instructor at CCMS, has been working with nearly two dozen students on the multimedia project. He said the project has seen each student un-

earth history and documentation on their selected historical subject matter and compile it into a final audio-visual presentation.

"My students have completed 16 videos and are close to completing four more," Thompson said Monday.

The videos are made available on Crittenden Stories.com and can also be found on YouTube by doing a search for "CCMS STLP."

Exhibits inside the museum will be tied to the videos through a Quick Response Code, or QR code, placed near the display. This matrix type of barcode can be scanned with a smartphone or other handheld device which provides a direct link to the video accompanying the exhibit. The video produced by STLP students should open automatically on the person's own device or one of three handheld tablets purchased by area businesses for use at the museum.

"The videos and tablets will be ready to use when the museum opens, unless we hit some unforeseen problems," Thompson said.

Full Body Fitness and Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion and Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem are the three businesses that each

purchased a tablet that will be made available to visitors at the museum.

Wireless Internet, or WiFi, inside the museum will be offered to visitors interested in the multimedia presentations. Therefore, it will cost nothing for them to scan the QR codes and view the videos.

"People can use the tablets or use their own devices," Thompson explained. "The only thing they need to do is connect to the 'museum' WiFi network."

While the project will help the museum find its place in the 21st century, the STLP project has a dual purpose. Thompson said his students will be entering the project in a state competition held late next month.

Besides the museum being featured on YouTube and CrittendenStories.com, it now sports its own Facebook page with pictures and information related to Crittenden County's unique history. The Facebook site can be found by searching for "Crittenden County Historical Museum" on the social media platform.

The museum contains hundreds of exhibits featuring local history on two levels inside the old church. Admission is free, though donations are accepted.

KYNECT

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proximately 75 percent of all enrollees report that they did not have insurance before signing up for health-care coverage through kynect, which launched Oct. 1 of last year.

Individuals who remain uninsured as of Tuesday could face a financial penalty of \$95 or 1 percent of their income, whichever is greater. That penalty applies to every uninsured member of a household and increases from year to year.

"Tens of thousands of Kentuckians have taken the initial application steps and know they are eligible for a subsidy to help lower the cost of purchasing health insurance," Carrie Banahan, executive director of kynect, said in a news release. "In these final days of open enrollment, we strongly encourage those folks to complete their applications and choose a plan. After March 31, subsidies to help cover the cost of a private health plan won't be available again until the fall enrollment period – and by that point, being without insurance may cost you on your taxes."

Since Jan. 1, hospitals and other health care providers have received more than \$45 million in payments for services provided to individuals newly eligible for Medicaid coverage.

These include payments of \$18 million to Kentucky hospitals and \$15 million to Kentucky pharmacies. The vast majority of the nearly 20,000 newly insured patients seen by hospitals and reimbursed for services

would have been considered indigent prior to Medicaid expansion and most likely would have been written off as uncompensated charity care by the hospitals.

Gov. Steve Beshear's decision to expand the income eligibility requirement for Medicaid to 138 percent of the federal poverty level has allowed many low-income Kentuckians access to health care, many for the first time. These include individuals making less than \$15,856 a year and families of four with income below \$32,499. These figures don't include reimbursements to healthcare providers for patients with new private health insurance, according to the news release from Beshear's office.

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GOLDEN

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riages, the key ingredient cannot be measured or adequately described in words.

That, of course, is love.

There are many degrees and types of love. My parents have shared them all along the way.

While the 50 years have not been perfect, each hurdle has been met with love

above all the other tools deployed in a successful marriage.

You may ask, what does a 40-year-old single guy know about love and marriage? Well, not a lot, but I know what I have seen.

Since getting married, my parents have never spent a night apart in anger. There have been no affairs or coverups. Financial decisions have been shared. The addition of chil-

dren was carefully planned. Each backed the other when it came to discipline of those children. And when one has been down, the other has always been there to pick them back up.

My parents' marriage started with humble beginnings, as that borrowed bridal scrapbook of memories on the corner of my desk documents. But what it turned into is golden.

It has been a shining ex-

ample of what a marriage should be. If only we could all be so lucky as to share what they have and make it this far.

I would be remiss if I did not close with this: Happy anniversary, Mother and Daddy. And thanks for the opportunity to say that to the world's best parents.

(Daryl K. Tabor is editor of The Crittenden Press. He can be reached at (270) 965-3191 or thepress@the-press.com.)

Farm Bill fact sheet available

Maybe, just maybe, we might be on our way to spring. I haven't talked to one person who wasn't ready for spring. Hope everyone is doing well and gearing up for spring planting.

Late-file crop reports

We would like to remind anyone who did not certify their wheat or other small grain fall seeded crops to do it as soon as possible. We currently have provisions so that we do not have to charge a late file fee. However, with new farm bill regulations being written, we do not know if that waiver will apply for the entire year or not.

Basically, if you have not certified any crop that you have planted, please do so as soon as possible as to avoid having to pay for a late file.

LIP program

Livestock producers, please remember, if you had an adverse weather event cause livestock losses, you

Laura Kessler
Executive Director
Salem USDA FSA



Around the Farm

need to document these losses as accurately and detailed as possible, as we are going to have a retroactive livestock program that covers deaths due to adverse weather. I have heard that several livestock producers lost cattle in the cold wintry weather we had in January and February due to the ice and snow. These losses will possibly be able to be claimed in the programs that we have coming. However, the more documentation you have to support these deaths the better. So make sure to document the days the deaths occurred and due to what event, as well as any additional information that will support the incident.

If you have losses in the future, please remember to adequately document the situation surrounding the event. Many producers these days have cameras on their phone, so a picture would definitely contribute to the documentation. Again, losses need to be due to an adverse weather event. A few examples could be lightning strike, flash flooding, blizzard or some other act of nature. If you would like to read more about the Livestock Indemnity Payments program or other programs, please see the fact sheet located at tinyurl.com/2q9cch. As always, you are more than welcome to stop in the office, and we can supply you with a paper copy of the fact sheet.

Farm Bill fact sheet

We recently received a new fact sheet that has some basic information about what's in the new

2014 Farm Bill for Farm Service Agency. It shares some basic information about a few programs, discusses AGI and payment limitations, compliance and some loan information. If you would like a copy of the fact sheet, you can always stop in the office or you can use the following link tinyurl.com/2q9cch.

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).
- May 15-Aug. 1: Nesting season. No activity should be conducted on CRP ground.
- 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.)

Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter auction results

March 25, 2014
Receipts: 1,210 head.
Compared to last week: Feeders traded mostly steady with supply including 25% feeder steers, 44% feeder heifers, and 15% of feeders were over 600 pounds. Slaughter cows and bulls traded 4.00-5.00 higher.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	100-200	195	225.00	225.00
9	200-300	259	220.00-240.00	227.97
21	300-400	347	221.00-237.00	227.98
57	400-500	437	211.00-227.00	216.35
51	500-600	513	194.00-210.00	202.77
6	600-700	637	180.00-183.00	180.47
6	700-800	718	165.00-172.00	170.32
1	800-900	835	151.00	151.00
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	274	180.00-203.00	192.19
3	300-400	377	203.00-219.00	213.01
17	400-500	482	190.00-210.00	202.34
20	500-600	553	178.00-193.00	187.82
6	600-700	631	168.00-176.00	174.02
Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	500-600	534	111.00	111.00
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
20	200-300	269	211.00-226.00	220.26
61	300-400	351	208.00-224.00	213.51
78	400-500	439	191.00-211.00	198.96
61	500-600	535	180.00-190.00	183.99
23	600-700	631	163.00-175.00	167.19
4	700-800	750	138.00-148.00	141.72
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	200-300	253	201.00-210.00	207.44
20	300-400	370	188.00-206.00	199.78

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
31	300-400	359	210.00-225.00	218.72
66	400-500	441	200.00-220.00	207.87
33	500-600	540	185.00-204.00	193.04
26	600-700	633	170.00-180.00	175.73
8	700-800	743	153.00-163.00	157.28
3	800-900	801	151.00	151.00
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
13	300-400	355	182.00-208.00	193.04
16	400-500	479	178.00-195.00	187.24
35	500-600	571	172.00-183.00	180.52
8	600-700	661	152.00-167.00	160.09
5	700-800	753	135.00-144.00	136.73

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Winter difficult on state, county roads

STAFF REPORT

State, county and city road crews have been busy patching potholes in between almost weekly weather events this winter. With a break from the snow and ice over the last few days, crews have managed to put a dent in the number of potholes that have been plaguing motorists. Wide swings in temperatures this winter have contributed to an uptick in the number of potholes and compromised stretches of roadways in the county. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said several county roads are in a state of disrepair. "The long harsh winter has created a great deal of work for our road department, and we are extremely busy attempting to make temporary repairs," he said on a Facebook post. "Our goal at this point is to make the roads as safe and passable as possible." Newcom said Chapel Hill Road, in particular, is in poor shape. There are at least three spots at cross drains where the road is crumbling and will require major repairs. "At this time we have no access to oil or asphalt as the plants have not resumed operations for the season due to the continuing cold weather," Newcom added. "Once we can access these needed products, we will begin to make more permanent repairs." This winter has been equally as hard on state roadways. While they don't count each and every pothole they fill, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) highway crews across the region track the use of equipment, personnel and materials by activity. That allows them to keep tabs

on the cost of filling holes in the pavement. So far, pothole patching expenses are up about 20 percent over the same time last year, with a substantial amount of spring pothole season remaining. In Fiscal Year 2013, KyTC spent more than \$1.9 million on pothole patching statewide. So far, in Fiscal Year 2014, Kentucky highway crews have spent more than \$2.4 million filling in potholes with more than three months to go in the current fiscal year. There's actually a lot of science in the way potholes develop. It all comes down to high moisture, wide temperature swings and impact loading of passing traffic. Moisture filters through cracks in pavement. It then expands as it freezes to push roadway base materials aside. That creates a weak spot in the pavement above, allowing it to break. That, in turn, allows the impact loading of vehicle tires to push more material aside. That allows more water to soak in to accelerate the process and create an ever-growing pothole. During the winter months, highway crews are limited to the use of cold mix to fill potholes. At times, state crews have used a hot box to heat up recycled asphalt for pothole patching. Hot material tends to stick in the hole better and last longer than the cold mix patching material. To report a pothole on a state roadway, go to www.511.ky.gov, look for "Travel Info," then click on "Report a Pothole." To report one on a county road, contact the judge-executive's office at (270) 965-5251 or your magistrate. To report a pothole on a city street, call Marion City Hall at (270) 965-2266.



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Pick of the litter

Christina Cook of Marion picks from a selection of tree seedlings offered Monday at the Crittenden County Conservation District office on East Bellville Street in Marion. Cook plans to plant the trees on the family's 60 acres in rural Crittenden County. The pawpaw, yellow poplar, shellbark hickory and northern red oak trees purchased by the conservation district to be distributed were matched with a contribution of white pines made by the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

USDA encourages registration for programs

STAFF REPORT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia today recommended that farmers and ranchers who plan to participate in FSA programs register in advance. Producers are encouraged to report farm records and business structure changes to a local FSA Service Center before April 15. Enrollment for the disaster programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, including the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) will begin by April 15.

"We expect significant interest in these programs," said Garcia. "Early registration should help improve the sign-up process and allow us to expedite implementation of the programs. I strongly encourage producers to complete their paperwork ahead of time."

Examples of updates or changes to report include:

- New producers or producers who have not reported farm records to FSA.
- Producers who have recently bought, sold or rented land. Those producers need to ensure that changes have been reported and properly recorded by local FSA county office personnel. Reports of purchased or sold property should include a copy of the

land deed, and if land has been leased, then documentation should be provided that indicates the producer had/has control of the acreage.

- Producers that have changed business structures (e.g. formed a partnership or LLC) need to ensure that these relationships and shares are properly recorded with FSA. Even family farms that have records on file may want to ensure that this is recorded accurately as it may impact payment limits.

Farm records can be updated during business hours at FSA Service Centers that administer the county where the farm or ranch is located. Producers can contact their

local FSA Service Center in advance to find out what paperwork they may need. In addition, bank account information should be supplied or updated if necessary to ensure that producers receive payments as quickly as possible through direct deposit.

While any producer may report farm records and business structure changes, it is especially important for producers who suffered livestock, livestock grazing, honeybee, farm-raised fish or tree/vine losses for 2011, 2012, 2013 or 2014 and may be eligible for assistance through one of the four disaster programs. make a difference with me."

Republicans gear up for May 20 primary

STAFF REPORT

The Republican Party of Crittenden County is gearing up for the May 20 primary election.

On April 4, the GOP will be hosting its Pennyrile Area Dinner in the multi-purpose room at the middle school. Invited guest speakers are U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, Congressman Ed Whitfield, Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jamie Comer, 4th Kentucky House District Rep. Lynn Bechler, U.S. Senatorial candidate Matt Bevin and

Kentucky gubernatorial candidate Hal Heiner. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and will not be sold at the door. A limited private reception with the guest speakers begins at 5:30 p.m. in the high school library. Tickets for the event are \$100 per person or \$125 per couple. The reception includes reserved dinner seating. Tickets can be purchased at the GOP headquarters at 110 S. Main St. in Marion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Thurs-

day, Friday and Saturday. You may also call (270) 871-1145. Republican candidates in the primary will also be meeting with the public beginning next week. On Tuesday, the GOP will host a candidate meet-and-greet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the courthouse. Candidates will also visit Mattoon Fire Department on April 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Finally, the party's three candidates for jailer will visit with the public from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 6 at the courthouse.

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CCHS Schedules

TODAY (Thursday)
Softball hosts Livingston
Baseball hosts Livingston
Track at Caldwell County
FRIDAY
Softball hosts Webster
Baseball hosts Graves
SATURDAY
Softball hosts Hardin Co.
Baseball hosts Hardin Co.
TUESDAY
Softball hosts Henderson

PARK

Restroom renovation

Restrooms are being renovated at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The renovation will take about six weeks to complete. Meantime, there are portable restrooms available near the concession stand.

RUNNING

5K run is Saturday

There will be a Spring Fling 5K at 9 a.m., Saturday 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

TRACK

Benefit sale Saturday

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

BASEBALL

Fredonia sign ups

Fredonia Recreational Baseball League will offer T-ball for ages 3-5, Rookie League for players ages 6-8 and Major League for players ages 9-13. Log onto Facebook.com/fredoniabaseball to learn more. You may register at the park's Legion building from 4-6 p.m., April 3, 4, 7 or 8. Registration deadline is April 30. For more information, contact Donnie Conway at 270-625-9162 or dconwayii@yahoo.com.

FOOTBALL

Alumni tackle game

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 local high school football program. Tickets are available at Myers Auto Parts and The Crittenden Press. All Crittenden youth football players and cheerleaders get in free by wearing their team jersey.

2014 CCHS schedule

Rocket Varsity Football
Aug. 22 FULTON CITY
Aug. 29 WARRIOR BOWL
Caldwell vs. Union
Aug. 30 WARRIOR BOWL
Crittenden vs. Hopkins Central
Sept. 5 Open
Sept. 12 UNION COUNTY
Sept. 19 WEBSTER COUNTY (HC)
Sept. 26 at Muhlenberg County
Oct. 3 at Marshall County
Oct. 10 MURRAY (*Pinkout*)
Oct. 17 BALLARD MEMORIAL
Oct. 24 at Caldwell County
Oct. 31 Open
Nov. 7 Playoffs

BASKETBALL AWARDS



Crittenden County High School's girls basketball team held its annual post-season awards banquet Thursday at Rocket Arena. Among those honored were (front from left) Taylor Johnson, Sportsmanship Award; Chelsea Oliver, MVP and Scoring Leader, Rebound Leader, Steals Leader and Deflections Leader awards; Courtney Beverly, Sportsmanship Award; Francesca Pierce, Challenge Award; Mallory McDowell, Assist Leader Award; Kiana Nesbitt, Warrior Award; Khyla Moss, Warrior Award; (back) Landry McKinney, Manager Letterman; Meredith Evans, Challenge Award; Amanda Lynch, Challenge Award; Cassidy Moss, 110 Percent Award; Marie Riley, Hustle Award; and Maggie Collins, 110 Percent Award.

Cool start keeps softball girls 1-7

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County (1-7) loaded the bases with one out in the last inning, but didn't do much damage as the Rocket girls fell 5-1 at Lyon County on a cold Tuesday evening for softball. Lyon (2-3) scored most of its runs early the escaped a couple of late threats by the CCHS offense.

Another cold one at Paducah

Crittenden County managed just three hits in a 12-5 loss to Tilghman in a frigid outing on Monday. The first three batters in Crittenden's lineup – Kali Travis, Kaitlyn Hicks and Cassidy Moss – provided the only base hits, but six walks and three Paducah errors helped the Rocket girls make it close for a time. Tilghman led 6-4 after three, but posted six more in the fourth through sixth innings to win going away.

Moss went the distance on the mound, striking out four and allowing just one earned run. Crittenden made seven costly fielding errors.

Lady Rockets 1-2 in tourney

The Lady Rockets played well Saturday in the Todd County Invitational Tournament, but was able to pull off just one win in three games. They lost two games by just one run each.

In the opener, Crittenden led tourney host Todd Central 3-1 after three innings, but couldn't hold the edge and lost 4-3. Danielle Byarley, Brandy Book, Courtney Beverly, Kali Travis and Moss all had hits for Crittenden. Moss pitched the entire five-inning game, striking out eight and walking none. She gave up five hits and one unearned run. Five CCHS errors were costly for the defense.

In the second game of the day, Crittenden trailed the entire way, but made a game of it by scoring three runs in the last inning against Cumberland County. The Lady Rockets lost 4-3 after managing just two hits. Those were off the bats of Moss and Hicks. Hicks had one RBI. Moss pitched the entire game, striking out seven and walking none.

Cumberland did not score an earned run in the game as Crittenden made four errors.

The Lady Rockets picked up their first win of the season in their last game of the tournament. CCHS beat Clinton County 10-1 as Moss threw a two-hitter and struck out a dozen and walked none.

Crittenden rattled Clinton's pitcher with 10 hits. Moss had two hits and two RBIs. Hicks also had two hits and an RBI. Megan Hunt, Beverly, Book, Byarley, Kiana Nesbitt and Holeman each got hits in the game.

The girls' fielding improved too in the final game as CCHS made just one error.

Girls fall 5-1 to Hopkins Central

The Lady Storm broke open a close game with three runs in the fifth inning to win 5-1 at Marion on Friday.

Bristen Holeman scored the Lady Rockets' only run after Cassidy Moss hit a bases-loaded, one-out single in the sixth. Crittenden was unable to get anything else going offensively in that frame and stranded three runners.

Kaitlyn Hicks and Moss had two hits apiece for CCHS. Moss pitched seven innings, struck out nine and walked one. She allowed eight hits and five earned runs.

Lady Rocket shutout at Union

Cassidy Moss and Bristen Holeman were the only base runners for Crittenden County March 18 at Union County as Lady Braves hurler Ayla Hendrickson pitched a 10-0 no-hitter.

Hendrickson struck out seven. She faced 16 batters in five innings to record the hitless game.

Union County scored three runs in the second and fifth innings and posted runs in all of the other frames in the five-inning, mercy-rule contest.

Crittenden committed five errors in the contest which didn't help Lady Rocket pitcher Cassidy Moss.

Moss went the distance, allowing 10 hits, walking one and striking out seven.



Crittenden pitcher Cassidy Moss struck out 12 to lead her team to its first win Saturday.

Rockets stumble in 6th as Lyon gets 5th victory

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County (1-3) opened its Fifth District schedule Tuesday with a disappointing 4-2 loss at Lyon County.

The Lyons jumped out to a 2-0 lead early, but Crittenden tied it in the third. Dylan Hollis got the rally going when he singled and stole his away around the horn, then scored on an errant throw. Travis Gilbert knocked in Taylor Champion to tie the game.

It remained deadlocked at 2-2 until Lyon got two runs in the last of the sixth. Rocket relief pitcher Devin Belt walked the leadoff man, but struck out Lyon's No. 3 and 4 hitters before an error on a popup to shortstop opened the door for Lyon (1-4) to win the game.

Last week, Crittenden County beat

the socks off Webster County 15-0 March 18 at Marion. Taylor Champion, last year's team batting leader, ripped three hits against Webster to lead the Rocket onslaught.

Travis Gilbert and Shelby Robinson had two hits apiece. Devin Belt drove in three runs and Brenden Phillips and Robinson knocked in two apiece.

Adam Driver started the game picked up the win, striking out five over four innings. Belt finished off the five-inning game in relief. Webster managed just one hit off the Rockets.

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Melton and Clayton, Clayton (4) and Melton (4); Driver, Belt (5) and Phillips.



Crittenden's Alex Cosby leads off first base against Webster.



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Crittenden's Noah Dickerson and Zach Tinsley in the 200 meters.

Track and Field Results for Crittenden and Livingston

Here are results from the March 18 track and field meet at Marion. Results are for Crittenden and Livingston athletes only.

BOYS

3200 Relay 1. Crittenden (10:09) D.Watson, Greenwell, L.Brooks, J.Belt
110 Hurdles 3. G.McConnel (21.87)
100 Meters 4. L.Wallace (12.03)
800 Relay 1. Crittenden (1.49) L.Wallace, A.Sitar, A.Yates, N.Dickerson
1600 Meters 3. LC-C.Cooper (6:04), 4. LC-K.New, 5. J.Belt, 8. J. Greenwell
400 Relay 1. Livingston (49.12) 2. Crittenden (J.Russelburg, T.Hood, N.Rogers, S.Zahrte)
400 Meters 1. LC-T.Rogers (1:00.53), 3. LC-C.Kitchens (1.02.56), 4.

N.Rogers (1:03.22), 6. LC-D.Croft (1:05.88)
300 Hurdles 2. Crittenden J.McConnell, 5. A.Hood
800 Meters 2. Crittenden I.Abbott (2.39), 3. J.Belt (2.39:05), 4. LC-K.Elder (2:40), 5. J.Greenwell (2.51), 7. L.Brooks (2.53)
200 Meters 1. Crittenden L.Wallace (26.30), 3. LC-A.Stafford (26.64), 4. Z.Tinsley (26.90), 5. LC-C.Kitchens (27.33), 6. LC-J.Sharp (28.03)
3200 Meters 3. LC-D.Wood (15.05)
1600 Meters 2. Crittenden (4.35), 4. Crittenden (5.10) J.Belt, J.Greenwell, A.Sitar, Z.Tinsley
Long Jump 4. Crittenden A.Yates, 5. N.Dickerson, 6. LC-P.Croft, 7. LC-

H.Grimm
High Jump 3. Crittenden A.Yates
Triple Jump 2. Crittenden A.Yates, 6. LC-J.Berry
Shot put 2. N.Hadfield, 7. LC-P.Croft, 8. S.Zahrte

GIRLS

3200 Relay 2. Crittenden (13:58) M.Sitar, N.Tabor, A.Sitar, A.Schnittker
100 Meters 1. K.Crass-LC (14.30), D. Pobanz-LC (15.53), N.Shuecraft (15.66)
800 Relay 1. Crittenden (2:17.55)
1600 Meters 1. M.Sitar (6:42), 8. A.Sitar (8:50)
400 Relay 1. LC 1:00 3. Crittenden 1:04
400 Meters 1. LC-L.Givens (1:14), 3.

A.West (1:27), 6. LC-S.Maynard (1:40)
800 Meters 3. LC-T.Layne (3:14), LC-D.Dudley (3:34), 8. A.Sitar (3:55)
200 Meters 1. LC-D.Pobanz (31.97), LC-K.Crass (33.8)
3200 Meters 1. A.Sitar (15.54)
1600 Meters 1. Crittenden (15:45) A.West, C.Cochran, N.Shuecraft, M.Sitar
High Jump 1. LC-B.Combioin, 3. L.Cochron
Long Jump 3. LC-A.Quinn, 4. H.Suarez
Triple Jump 1.E.Matanad
Shot Put 3. A.Tabor 4. LC-C.Cooper, 5. K.Graham, 6. D.Hart, 7. M.Zahrte
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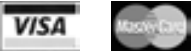
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Former county road foreman pleads guilty

STAFF REPORT

The former head of Crittenden County Road Department has resigned his position with the county after pleading guilty last week to charges he was leaving tobacco products and a lighter for inmates on work release from Crittenden County Detention Center.

Phillip Stone pled guilty in Crittenden District Court last Wednesday to three misdemeanor counts of second-degree facilitation to promoting contraband.

He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, probated for two years so long as conditions of his probation are met. Those stipulations include submission to and payment for random drug testing, as well as no criminal convictions during the two-year period. Also

as a condition of his probated sentence, Stone was required to resign his position as county road foreman within five days, which he did, according to Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newman.

Stone was never arrested, but had been suspended without pay since being served a criminal summons on Feb. 20 by Crittenden County Sheriff's Department. The charges were brought by Kentucky State Trooper First Class Darron Holliman, who began investigating the incident Jan. 28.

Stone was accused of leaving tobacco products on multiple occasions for inmate Jake Newman and a cigarette lighter for inmate Oliver Richardson on one occasion. He would place the items in

a location where the trustees could pick them up later, according to Trooper Stu Recke, a public information officer with the state police.

Newman is facing three counts of promoting contraband, a Class A misdemeanor, while fellow trusty Richardson is facing one count of the same charge. Both remain lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center and face an April 16 pretrial hearing date.

Since the investigation, inmate labor has not been utilized at the convenience center. Because of the risk, County Jailer Phil Parker said it is unlikely he will allow trustees back at the center while he remains in office, which will be until a new jailer is elected in November.

Local woman studying to become ordained minister

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

It's been a very busy couple of weeks for Shelley Hunt. The Crittenden County resident has just concluded mid-terms and is in the process of writing papers for course work. Hunt is currently in her second semester enrolled at Memphis Theological Seminary, where she commutes once a week to attend classes.

The wife and mother of two teenagers, Hunt is studying to become an ordained minister. A member of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Hunt fills in regularly at churches for pastors that are either away or at churches without a full-time pastor. Last Sunday she filled in for a pastor at a Hopkinsville church.



Hunt

Hunt accepted the call into ministry in October 2012 after attending a woman's conference in Illinois. However, Hunt said she felt the call into ministry years earlier.

"I realized that my life is only given to me because God gave it to me. I was living the Christian life I wanted to live, not the Christian life God wanted me to live. From that point forward, I surrendered and allowed God control," Hunt said about accepting the call into ministry. "I just knew. Peace has come over me."

Hunt said part of her initial reluctance was the fact that church leaders are typically not women.

"I am a woman. There are

more of us (pastoring) now than 15 years ago. There was a very limited amount of women that were church leaders," she said. "Giving in to something like this is huge. With surrender into ministry, not only do you give up control, but you open up the door to persecution. You open the door for people to point their finger and judge you."

Hunt will receive her masters of divinity after completing 87 college credit hours. She said there are many women currently enrolled at the Memphis seminary, which includes student enrollment from different denominations.

Hunt isn't alone in being called to preach the Word of God. Several area churches in Crittenden County have women in leadership positions. Revs. Lucy Tedrick, DeeAnn Thompson and Terra Sisco each pastor local churches.

Sisco has been in ministry for over 14 years, first as a youth pastor, then as pastor at United Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Norris City, Ill., beginning in Jan. 2005. In February 2011 she became the pastor at Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Crittenden County.

She said all ministers need to represent God well and show His love.

"It's important to show God's characteristics and that you truly love people," Sisco said. "When you show people you truly love them it opens up their hearts to receive from your ministry."

Sisco credits Hunt's devotion to both her family and her calling.

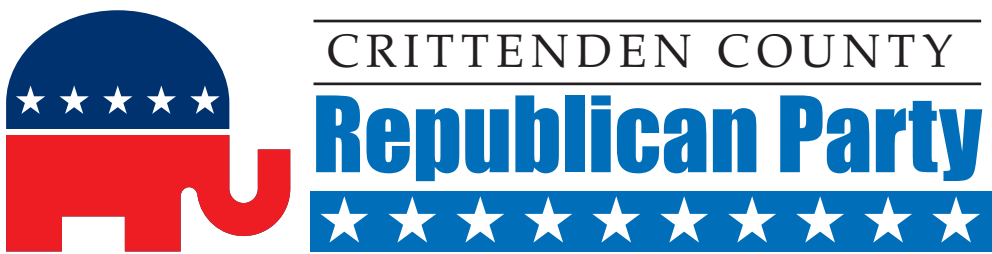
"She just loves the Lord so much and desires to do what's pleasing in His sight," she said. "She's striving very hard to be a good student, wife and mother and a good church member too."

Hunt emphasizes she isn't trying to take away anyone's role.

"I am out to help and do what God has called me to do. We are sons and daughters created by God, created equally," she said.

Hunt said her calling is accepted by her family and describes it as a journey they are all on together.

"When I surrendered into the ministry in Oct. 2012, it wasn't just me that surrendered. My whole family surrendered," she said. "I know the spiritual growth I have experienced. I see it in my husband and my children. It's beautiful. It's truly a blessing to see us all grow spiritually together and pick up the slack from one another and understand and respect that this is for God. This was the intent for God's people. Especially those God called to spread the word and be a messenger."



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