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County presents drug ordinance

In an attempt to help curb the distribution of synthetic drugs in the county, Crittenden Fiscal Court last Thursday introduced an ordinance prohibiting the sale or distribution of so-called bath salts and numerous forms of synthetic cannabinoids. Several Kentucky cities and counties have passed such ordinances, tired of waiting for broad state or federal legislation to combat the scourge.



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Though legislation has been introduced in both Frankfort and Washington, it has yet to be enacted. "If we can prevent one person from getting this and getting hurt, it's worth it," said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

The ordinance lists dozens of compounds known to be used in the making of the faux drugs, often more dangerous than the drugs they mimic. Once passed locally, it will provide city and county authorities the mechanism they need to charge violators.

"It's definitely something we're glad to see," said Sheriff Wayne Agent.

Annexation topic of city meeting

Marion City Council will be meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday at Marion-Crittenden County Airport to discuss a planned sewer extension and annexation along the U.S. 60 West and Airport Road area. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. City Administrator Mark Bryant said at last week's city council meeting that all but one resident has signed to allow the sewer line to run across their property to the airport.

Meetings

American Legion and Auxiliary Ellis B. Ordway Post 111 will have a potluck dinner at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m., Monday. Officers will be elected for next year, and all members are urged to attend.

What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked: "How would you rate senior citizens services available in Crittenden County?"

Seventy-nine percent of those polled believe the services for seniors in Crittenden County are at least fair. The 175 poll voters said:

- Excellent, 28 (16%)
- Good, 61 (34%)
- Fair, 52 (29%)
- Inadequate, 34 (19%)

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Gibson, livestock execs plead guilty

No local farmers owed from \$850,000-plus in restitution

STAFF REPORT

A former Crittenden County cattle buyer has pleaded guilty to multiple felony charges, including criminal syndication and theft.

Tommy Gibson, owner of Eastern Livestock, LLC, and three of the company's executives have pleaded guilty to a variety of charges in Barren-Metcalf Circuit Court.

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway and his Office of Special Prosecutions also announced that the executives of the now-defunct livestock company, based out of New Albany, Ind., have been ordered to pay restitution of all of the losses accounted for by the Kentucky Attorney General in the indictment.

Restitution for farmers who sold their livestock at the Metcalfe County auction site totals more than \$850,000.

Although Gibson also owned and operated a livestock market in Crittenden County, there were no known losses to local farmers.

Gibson, 71, who was the company's former CEO and founder, and Eastern's former Chief Financial Officer Steve McDonald, 58, each pled guilty to all counts against them. They were:

- One count of criminal syndication, engaging in organized crime;
- 17 counts of theft over \$10,000;
- 144 counts of theft under \$10,000/over \$500; and
- 11 counts of theft under

\$500.

Criminal syndication is a Class B felony carrying 10 to 20 years in prison. The Commonwealth will recommend a 10-year prison sentence for McDonald and Gibson, concurrent with any federal sentence received. Each still faces charges in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky.

According to a news release issued Tuesday by Conway's office, Gibson and McDonald admitted to being part of an on-going criminal collaboration of several people and/or entities between 2009 and 2010, the purpose of which was to commit ongoing theft by falsely inflating the balances of

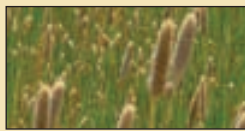
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Meeting Monday for CRP sign-ups

NEWS RELEASE

The Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up will end April 6, but a meeting next week will provide those with questions about CRP a chance to get answers.

Current contracts that expire Sept. 30, as well as land not currently enrolled, can be



CPR Deadline

The deadline for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP is April 6.

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Civic leader, banker Sullenger dies

STAFF REPORT

Doug Sullenger was a like a rock – solid during tough times and very conservative, according to one of his fiercest competitors and his friends in the banking business.

Sullenger, who retired in 1996 after 26 years as president of Farmers Bank, died Tuesday at the Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson, where he had been living for only a few weeks. He was 86.

Gordon Guess, retired president of The Peoples Bank, and a direct competitor with Sullenger's bank on the opposite street corner, remembers his colleague as a modest man and a frugal banker. "Doug was very well respected

in the banking business," Guess said. "He was very steady. In his day, he made sure Farmers Bank was like a rock."

Guess said Sullenger's legacy as a banker was that he was never greedy. He provided good service and good returns for shareholders, Guess said. He never took advantage of the customer in order to achieve profits for the bank, he explained.

Sullenger worked his way up from the bookkeeping department at the bank to become its presi-



Sullenger

dent and chairman of the board. His legacy is one of a man firm in his convictions and dedicated to his customers and community.

"He'd always drive a car he'd bought from one of his customers," Guess added.

Gareth Hardin, who succeeded Sullenger as president of the bank, remembers him in similar fashion.

"He believed in doing business with people who did business with him," said Hardin, who is also now retired from the bank.

"Doug was a hard worker. He was always there early and stayed late," Hardin recalled.

Hardin said Sullenger was the

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Senior Living

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Tim Penn breaks in a game of eight-ball on one of the two billiard tables at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion as Sam Smith (seated) and Theodore "Nic" Nichols wait their turn. The three, as well as many others, spend a portion of their day at the center, which offers meals, games, exercise and nutrition pro-

grams and a host of many other services at no charge. Smith said he prefers to spend his summer days on the golf course, but really enjoys the company he finds at the center on North Walker Street. Inside this week's edition of The Crittenden Press is an entire section dedicated to Senior Living.

School board elects for K9 approach to battling drugs

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

A review of the drug testing policy for Crittenden County students has led to some changes.

Crittenden County Board of Education and school officials have been questioning the effectiveness its testing policy put in place in 2006 under then-Superintendent John Belt. Under the policy, students subjected to random drug tests are athletes or those who drive to school. No others are tested.

Implemented as a deterrent, random drug tests served a purpose at one time, but now school officials believe they have found a better way that it involves the keen senses of four-legged cops.

Al Starnes, director of pupil per-

sonnel, and Family Resource and Community Educator Holly White

proposed to the board at a work session last week a plan to drop the current drug testing policy in lieu of a K9 Resources program. On Tuesday night, the board adopted the measure to broaden drug enforcement at school.

"We're finding that more individuals are testing positive than we ever had before," Starnes said at the work session.

The new program will begin in the next school year, hopefully reducing

the number of those offenders.

Because several students have been testing positive, it appears the original program has failed, Starnes told board members. The objective of drug testing is to be a deterrent to drug use. Starnes says the problem with the outgoing policy is that there are "no teeth in it." In other words, there is no punishment. And, he added the number of students being tested



– Al Starnes
on school drug testing policies

was too small.

"We have a limited number of individuals in the pool that we can test

and then we have a wide range of individuals that we know have things happening, and we can't test them because they're not in our pool," he said of the inadequate policy.

This school year, 12 students have tested positive for drug or alcohol use. There were 90 tested during that time frame. Two were repeat offenders.

With random drug tests, if a student tests positive, school policy states that for a first-time violation, parking permits are to be suspended for three weeks, along with suspension to all extracurricular activities. Subsequent violations add a longer period of suspension to activities.

"Because of the way the policy is written, the drug test is not a punish-

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America can still change its future course

Consider a puzzle with some of the pieces missing; it's not just frustrating, it's impossible to get the full picture unless you have all the pieces. The same is true about information: if given partial information as the truth, is it really the truth?

Under these scenarios what are we to make of an administration that tells us the unemployment rate is down to 8.3 percent yet fails to tell us that more than 1.5 million people have stopped looking for work and are therefore not reported in the unemployment rate? Don't you think the underlying fact that so many people have stopped looking for work — which means they are unemployed or at least underemployed — needs to be part of the discussion to see where we are in this "recovery?" I suspect the whole truth is something we will not get because that wouldn't be helpful to the current occupant of the Oval Office or, in fact, any occupant of that office given the same circumstances.

Another interesting take on the truth is how inflation is or is not determined. The consumer price index is the most commonly used measure of core inflation excluding food and energy published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The reason food and energy are excluded is the volatile nature of the market, but anyone



who fills their truck or car's gas tank and shops for food can tell you those two items are on a steady increase in price. Don't you think it would be a good idea if we were to consider these two important expenses we have to cope with each pay period to figure out if there is inflation or not?

One only needs to compare gas or diesel and food prices from, oh let's say, six months ago to what they are today to know the dollar doesn't go as far today as it did six months ago. I think that is also what is called inflation. I suppose if you don't take all the data into consideration, the unemployment rate and the rate of inflation are just fine.

The point I endeavor to make is the old adage that information is power, however, information is worthless if it is inaccurate or only part of the equation. Truthful information is very powerful indeed and public access to the truth has never been more available thanks to new media such as the Internet. The public's

informed involvement in our legislative and electoral processes is essential to a free America.

Thomas Jefferson said, "Educate and inform the whole mass of people...They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty." Unfortunately, in my opinion, that hasn't been happening for a very long time.

The current trend of our federal government, in particular attempting to control our lives completely, has been coming in baby steps for a very long time and is now at a full gallop with the passage and pending implementation of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). They are attempting to tell us we all must buy health insurance simply because we are alive, and they are doing it through use of the commerce clause of the U. S. Constitution. I find that particularly odd since the current administration apparently feels no restraint by the U.S. Constitution except when it is useful to meet ends.

Obamacare is a law, that if found to be constitutional, will reach into almost every aspect of our lives. If you think health care is expensive now, just wait until the government has control of it completely. Remember it was Nancy Pelosi who said "we have to sign the bill to

see what's in it."

We are finding out more about it, and we don't like it. Once again don't you think it would be a good idea if legislators actually read bills before passing them? Along with the monstrosity of Obamacare, our government is making decisions on which businesses will fail and which will not (using our tax dollars). Our legislators at the national level are even telling us what kind of light bulbs we must use.

They would like to tell us what temperature to maintain in our homes; what cars to manufacture; what produce and how much of it we may grow in our backyard gardens and the list goes on. Not so long ago in North Carolina, a four-year-old child brought a bag lunch to school her mother had prepared. The lunch consisted of a turkey and cheese sandwich, a banana, apple juice and chips. A government official believed the lunch did not meet U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines so the girl was given lunchroom reheated chicken nuggets for lunch and sent her home with a bill for \$1.25. Do we really want the government this involved in our lives? I for one do not.

I also believe there is wisdom in the words of Benjamin Franklin writing on the price of corn and management of the poor in 1776: "I am for doing good to the

poor, but I differ in opinion of the means. I think the best way of doing good to the poor is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it. "In my youth, I travelled much, and I observed countries that the more public provisions were made for the poor, the less they provided for themselves, and of course became poorer. And, on the contrary, the less was done for them, the more they did for themselves, and became richer."

I myself grew up poor and was uncomfortable in my poverty, so I worked hard to make a better life for me and my family. While I agree it may be more difficult now than it was a couple of decades ago, I firmly believe where there is a will there is a way. I ask you to think about the words of Benjamin Franklin and where we are as a nation today because of government spending and intervention in our lives. Sixty-four million people get assistance from the government. Government dollars to public schools equals government control of schools — your tax dollars at work. We owe the truly poor a helping hand but those seem to be the ones who get the least amount of help from government.

Our founders were fearless, well-educated men dedicated to ensuring our future

liberty from an oppressive monarchy knowing the heavy price they would pay. Yet they pushed forward for our independence and won it. I believe there was divine guidance in the founding of our nation and, therefore, the founding documents which called for limited government. We are entering an election year that I believe will have ramifications which will echo through the ages, and we must not vote a certain way because "it was what my daddy did."

I would like to believe that my children and grandchildren will be empowered with the same freedoms I grew up with. — the same unalienable rights endowed by their creator and guaranteed through the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. I believe we are at a turning point in America, and we have as much to lose as our founders did.

I ask that you become curious, become involved and become informed. We have much at stake. We have a choice, and we can change the direction of our nation.

(Gatewood is a retired naval officer and former Evansville police officer. He is currently the treasurer of Crittenden County's Republican committee. His opinions are his own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper. His column appears in this newspaper periodically.)

Legislature down to final days; many bills in question

By the end of this week, we will have completed 59 days of our 60-day 2012 Legislative Session. This past Friday, the Senate passed and sent to us their version of the state's biennial budgets. If all goes as expected in the next couple of days, we will finalize this budget to run state government for the next two years. Afterwards, we expect to adjourn until April 12 — our single remaining day — at which time we will consider any vetoes the governor may have issued.

The Senate's \$19.3 billion biennial budget differs relatively little from the House's budget. In my opinion, the two are closer together than any I have experienced in my 14 years of legislative service. I have mentioned this before and gone into the budget in some detail, so I will not cover that ground again, but I will mention the differences in the two we are ironing out.

The primary difference I see is that the Senate reduces the state debt somewhat by curbing bonding authority. For example, their



budget does not include bonding for \$100 million for new school construction; \$25 million for existing post graduate buildings; \$20 million for Economic Development Cabinet high-tech projects; and other smaller amounts like \$3.5 million for Rupp Arena and the Kentucky Horse Park. They also required the governor to cut almost \$100 million from state contracts over the biennium, and added those funds to the "rainy day" fund.

The Senate budget kept the House recommendation of 8.4 percent cuts for most state agencies and did not make any additional cuts to education, except to pre-school, which was cut \$7.5 million from what we pro-

posed. They did disagree with our plan to take \$19 million from coal severance revenues for the Workers' Compensation Fund and stripped our provision to use coal severance to provide scholarships to some private schools in Kentucky's eastern mountain region.

Noteworthy on the plus side was the Senate adding \$100 million more to the state's "rainy day" fund and an additional \$21 million for more social workers.

As our pace has picked up considerably in the last week or two, the amount of legislation reaching the governor's desk is increasing. Already several have been sent to him and, if signed into law as expected, they will do such things as: create an adoption assistance program for those in the Kentucky National Guard; let counties operate just one polling place in special elections for an open General Assembly seat if only one candidate is on the ballot; and include bigger vans among those vehicles in which seatbelt laws apply. The last law will now cover

those having up to 15 seats rather than the current 10, a move made in light of a 2010 tragic accident on I-65 in which 10 Mennonites in a van were killed.

Another bill tied to a specific event in 2010 is on its way to the governor after final passage in the House. In this case, we want to make sure those buying cattle are more strictly monitored. This was filed in response to the Eastern Livestock bankruptcy case, which saw cattle farmers and stockyards in Kentucky and many other states lose millions of dollars.

While those bills are all but guaranteed to become law in the days ahead, the House passed several others this past week that we hope will join them. Among them is a bill to include dating couples among those groups eligible for domestic violence orders. Kentucky is one of just four states that does not allow victims in these situations to obtain a DVO.

In a related item, the House also approved a bill that would let a court direct

the care and custody of pets in domestic violence cases. This would hopefully ease the mind of those who might otherwise be hesitant to leave their abuser because of fears about the safety of their animal companions. (Interestingly this issue, and animal pets in general, has been one of the top five for me in terms of constituents' supportive phone calls.)

Another initiative making it through the House this past week would add Kentucky to the list of states having a false claims act. This is designed to give private citizens financial incentive to come forward if they know of fraud involving state tax dollars. It would make those found guilty of this crime liable for up to three times the amount they had fraudulently billed the state, and the whistleblowers could receive between 15 to 30 percent of this total.

This is not small change, either. Since 1986, the beginning of the modern era of this bill — the concept dates back to the Civil War — more than \$25 billion has

been recovered by the federal government and the states that have this legislation.

Although it is not law yet, there is broad agreement in the House and Senate for a proposal to give some much-needed relief to victims of the deadly storms that plagued Kentucky on March 2. This legislation, which unanimously passed the House last Thursday, would give a sales tax exemption on building materials that affected communities need to rebuild. It also would ensure that schools in these areas do not lose any state funding for missing days due to storm damage.

Although the end of the legislative session is in sight, there is still a brief time to let me know your views on the issues before us. I hope to hear from you soon.

(Rep. Cherry Princeton Democrat serving House District 4. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County in Frankfort. His column appears regularly when the Kentucky General Assembly is in session.)

Current spending plan work is most important of session

The Commonwealth's two-year budget plan continued to dominate much of the Senate's attention this week.

This is the most important work of any even-year 60-day legislative session as well as the most time-consuming. Arriving at a two-year spending plan the Senate, House and governor can all sign off on is never a simple task. But this year — after five years of an ailing economy and the end of the federal stimulus money we used to patch together a balanced budget during the worst recession in memory — it seems even more daunting.

There is some good news out there. State revenues are finally rebounding from the economic downturn that began in 2007. That is welcome news, yes, but it still only puts us back at pre-recession revenue levels. And, in those intervening years, just as your household expenses have increased, so



have the cost of programs and services funded by the state.

We are left with a shortfall of more than \$700 million and the stark reality that agencies and programs having already endured 10 rounds of cuts, face even more cuts in the next budget cycle. Most, with the exception of a few critical areas such as Medicaid, and base funding for public schools, would endure another 8.4 percent in cuts over the next two years.

We protected education as well as we could. Under the latest version of the plan, our public universities and Education Cabinet were

spared the full impact of the 8.4 percent cut. The Senate added provisions to provide relief for school districts impacted by the recent tornadoes, including additional disaster days, and a special process to calculate SEEK funding for 2012-2013. Even with a tight budget, members of the General Assembly feel it is important to help our storm-ravaged communities to get back on track.

Legislative and judicial branches of government, not included in the \$19.5 billion executive branch budget, will face the full 8.4 percent cut, as well.

More money was eked out in a few essential areas, including social services, in response to frontline workers' overwhelming caseloads. We also provided an additional funding for transitional living for developmentally disabled Kentuckians. Even in the dire situation we are in, we must ensure that our most vulnerable citizens are

protected.

While our bleak financial situation squelches any substantial hope that major funding changes will occur in the budget plan, it is important to keep in mind that the details are not yet final. They will not be until a conference committee, comprised of members of both chambers, iron out the differences in each of their plans.

We are hopeful the final version of the budget will reflect a responsible level of debt and carry us through the next two years, to a better economy where Kentuckians are back at work and businesses big and small are thriving.

We also considered other important legislation this week, as well.

We unanimously passed House Bill 390, in an effort to decrease the theft of items containing copper or other valuable metals. The measure forbids cash payments by metal recyclers for items

– too often stolen -- such as catalytic converters and copper parts from air conditioning units. It requires that payment be made in the form of a mailed check the day following the purchase.


Under the provisions of the bill, secondary metal recyclers would also have to register with the state and undergo a background check. The bill also establishes misdemeanor and felony crimes relating to the destruction of property for the intent of stealing valuable metals. We hope this will help prevent homeowners, churches, builders, and others from dealing with vandalized and damaged property stripped by thieves of valuable metals — a growing problem that has already plagued many Kentuckians.

We passed House Concurrent Resolution 129 that establishes a task force to study our juvenile code that dates to the mid-1980s. The task force, which would be comprised of judges, lawyers

and other juvenile justice officials, would study issues ranging from status offenders, to the use of community resources, to the feasibility of establishing an age of criminal responsibility. The task force would report to the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary and LRC no later than Jan. 7, 2013.

With only a few more working days remaining, the session is quickly winding down. There is still time, though, for important measures — such as those addressing substance-abuse issues — to become law. I encourage you to take this opportunity to have your voice heard in this legislative session.

(Sen. Ridley is a Henderson Democrat serving state Senate District 4. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Webster, Union, Caldwell and Henderson counties in Frankfort. His column appears regularly when the Kentucky General Assembly is in session.)



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Ag agent Payne leaves local Extension service

STAFF REPORT

The farmers' friend is on hiatus from Crittenden County, and it could be a long time before the Extension service replaces its missing agriculture agent.

For decades, the county ag agent has been a source of information and action for local farmers and gardeners. Since 1921, 15 individuals have served as the county agriculture agent. In the past, when there has been a resignation or transfer, the position was filled within one year.

Now, because of a statewide hiring freeze in University of Kentucky Extension Services, there's no chance of filling the vacancy in the near future.

Corey Payne, a Marion native, had served as the county agriculture agent since 2005. He resigned here to accept a position with the University of Oklahoma as an Extension forage specialist for the northeast part of Oklahoma which includes Tulsa.

Nancy Hunt, the county's family and consumer sciences Extension agent, said due to the state's financial crisis, no jobs in Extension are being filled. She said Extension is not eliminating positions, but by attrition, the program continues to cut costs through the hiring freeze.

"We've been taking budget cuts every year," she said.

An ag agent's job responsibilities are varied. They provide lead-

ership for educational programs in agriculture and natural resources and require technical knowledge of subjects related to the agricultural resources of the county. In cooperation with Extension specialists, agriculture agents develop field trials, test demonstrations and result demonstrations in areas related to agricultural production and natural resources.

In the absence of an agriculture specialist, Hunt said agents from neighboring counties are pitching

in to help. Already, she said, the early warm weather has increased requests for pest and disease resource assistance. Even though there have been a high number of soil tests, she sees no reason those should be delayed.

Bonnie Baker, the 4-H agent, has degrees in agriculture so she will be called upon to lend her expertise in the absence of an ag agent, Hunt said.

While Payne's primary focus was helping farmers who were just getting started or those trying to

increase production, he also dealt often with crop crises such as insects and weed control.

"He was also very active in community programs," Hunt said, pointing out his work with the Crittenden County Cattlemen's Association and Chamber of Commerce.

The Extension office has recently hired a new receptionist. Becky Zahrtre, who has a business administration degree from Ashford University and experience in customer service, is the front-line at the Extension service. She started a few weeks ago. Zahrtre is a native of Wisconsin, but has lived here since August 2010. She, and her husband Chris, have two children.

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offered during general signup. Contracts awarded during this signup will become effective Oct. 1.

The Crittenden and Livingston County Farm Service Agency, in conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife will be holding an informational meeting regarding the general CRP signup. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., Monday at the Ed-Tech Center located on Industrial Drive in Marion.

CRP is a voluntary program that helps agricultural producers utilize various conservation practices to improve water and air quality, increase wildlife habitat and prevent soil erosion, which benefits us all. Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving covers on eligible farmland. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.

CRP is a competitive program with applications being taken and ranked on a national scale. All CRP offers are ranked based on an Environmental Benefits Index which evaluates the resource benefits to wildlife, water, soil, air, enduring benefits and cost. Producers can significantly increase their score by choosing a diverse wildlife habitat cover mix such as: CP-25-Rare and Declining Habitat-Native Grasses/Wildflowers (50-point mix). Wildlife enhancements and enduring benefits can also improve a producer's final score.

In addition to the current general CRP sign-up, the continuous CRP sign-up is ongoing. In the continuous CRP sign-up, producers can enroll the most environmentally sensitive land. For more information, contact the local FSA-USDA office or the local Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Biologist at 1-800-858-1549.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

On March 15, local participants in the National Association of Conservation Districts poster contest were honored. Pictured above are first-place winners (front row, from left) Chris Winders, a freshman; Faith Sitar, a sophomore; Kaylin McConnell, a junior; and Stacia Snow, a senior. Second-place winners (middle row) were, Logan Bingham, a freshman; Cody Caraway, a sophomore; Stacie Hearell, a junior; and Kelsey Pierce, a senior. Third-place winners (back row) were Cole Foster, a freshman; Breanna Ford, a sophomore; Stacie Hearell, a junior; and Corey Bruns, a senior.

Rock Wall Farm owners honored as 2011 Master Conservationists

NEWS RELEASE

The Crittenden County Conservation District held its annual awards banquet on March 15 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. Bill and Joanne Robison, Crittenden County residents and owners of Rock Wall Farm, were honored as the 2011 Master Conservationist. These conscientious farmers are careful to maintain adequate vegetative cover on their farm to prevent erosion. The farm's hayland and pasture ground is highly productive due to proper rotational grazing and nutrient management. The Robison's have installed many practices which are a reflection of their conservation management. These include ponds, pipelines, tanks, cross fencing to improve grazing and fencing to exclude livestock from forestland.

The conservation district also honored the winners of the annual conservation art and writing contests. Kenlee Perryman, the daughter of Tony and Rashelle, is the

county art contest winner. Chris Winders, son of Donnie and Mary Ann Winders, is the county writing contest winner. Woodall was also awarded the FFA Soil Judging Award.

Neil Decker, District Technician, was presented an appreciation award for his six-plus years of assistance to the district. Ray Gobin was presented "The Friend of Wildlife Award" for the wildlife-friendly improvements on his farm and the management of wildlife habitat.

Other awards presented during the ceremonies were: Luke Highfil, Maegan Potter, Katlin Young and Cheyenne Burris, county winners in the National Association of Conservation Districts poster contest. Burris also won first place in the seventh-through-ninth-grade division at the state competition.

The evening's program included a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the district's programs and ac-

tivities during the past year. Members of the Crittenden FFA assisting with the presentation were Corey Bruns, Daniel Patton, Stacia Snow and Tanner Collins.

Conservation District Supervisors are: Beverly Herin, chairman; Carol Hendrix, vice-chairman; Margaret Parish, secretary/treasurer; Adam Barnes; Larry Duvall; Helen Hunt and Brigham Kirk, members.

Frankie Vailes is the administrative secretary and Decker served as conservation technician assisting landusers with installation of conservation practices. Debbie Seltsam, Kentucky Division of Conservation, serves as field representative.

The banquet was sponsored by Akridge Farm Supply of Fredonia, Crittenden County Farm Bureau, Crittenden County Livestock Market, Farmers Bank & Trust Co., The Peoples Bank, and was catered by Conrad's.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

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Livingston County Livestock Auction

Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed upon arrival)

Receipts: 696 head.

Compared to last week: Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00-3.00 higher. Feeder steers 4.00-5.00 higher, with 300&600 weights 3.00 lower. Feeder heifers under 400 lbs 2.00-3.00 lower, over 400 lbs 1.00-6.00 higher.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
11	800-1200	1075	75.00-82.00	79.30
1	800-1200	1170	86.00	86.00 HD
1	800-1200	1190	70.00	70.00 LD
12	1200-1600	1342	75.00-84.00	78.85
5	1200-1600	1331	84.00-87.00	85.60

HD

| 1 | 1600-2000 | 1625 | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| 1 | 1600-2000 | 1660 | 72.50 | 72.50 LD |

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	700-800	742	74.00-75.00	74.53
16	800-1200	1075	70.00-80.00	74.71
2	800-1200	1112	81.00-81.50	81.27 HD
1	1200-1600	1220	73.00	73.00

HD

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	700-800	762	61.00-66.00	63.44
10	800-1200	994	61.00-69.00	66.71
1	800-1200	850	72.00	72.00 HD

HD

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	1500-3000	1760	102.50-107.50	104.38

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	100-200	178	240.00-245.00	242.46
7	200-300	251	212.00-231.00	219.96
20	300-400	348	196.00-210.00	204.30
72	400-500	440	187.00-198.00	191.24
42	500-600	547	167.00-184.00	177.18
14	600-700	670	143.00-158.00	144.19
4	700-800	778	133.00	133.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	200-300	258	180.00-205.00	197.30

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	100-200	190	194.00	194.00
4	200-300	272	184.00-187.00	185.36
23	300-400	359	170.00-186.00	177.64
66	400-500	441	168.00-188.00	176.26
55	500-600	552	151.00-164.00	156.70
23	600-700	679	130.00-137.50	135.69
3	700-800	723	131.00	131.00
12	800-900	839	110.00-118.00	116.13

Groups: 21 head 582 lbs 153.00 MIX

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-400	365	140.00-150.00	145.27
21	400-500	476	145.00-167.00	158.21
4	500-600	570	135.00-148.00	143.86

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	300-400	363	190.00-201.00	193.46
11	400-500	469	180.00-186.00	183.88
17	500-600	560	164.00-172.00	169.40
22	600-700	627	141.00-155.00	150.43
3	700-800	733	122.00-130.00	124.58
5	800-900	891	106.00	106.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	300-400	363	165.00-170.00	169.02
22	400-500	458	155.00-171.00	159.04
3	500-600	582	130.00-150.00	139.76
7	600-700	685	129.00-135.00	133.50
1	700-800	785	112.00	112.00

Stock Cows: Cows 4 to 9 years old and 4 to 8 months bred 800.00-1050.00 per head.

Stock Cow/Calf Pairs: Cows 3 to 10 years old with calves at side 990.00-1490.00 per pair.

Baby Calves: Beef Breeds: 130.00-230.00 per head.

Market Specialist: Chip Stewart

Source: Kentucky Department of Agriculture-USDA Market News, Louisville, Ky.

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the bank accounts of Eastern Livestock. By use of the falsely inflated accounts and check kiting, Eastern Livestock and its principles continued to buy cattle from Kentucky producers with essentially non-existent funds.

Following several bank examinations of Eastern's operations, Fifth Third Bank of Cincinnati then decided to close Eastern's accounts and dishonor Eastern's outstanding checks in early November of 2010. This happened just days after Eastern had purchased more than \$800,000 worth of cattle in Metcalfe County. The result was the collapse of Eastern's operations and the bouncing of more than \$850,000 worth of checks to cattle producers.

Western Kentucky Livestock in Marion also closed at that time. It has since reopened under new ownership.

Shortly following Eastern's collapse in November 2010, investigators and prosecutors with the Kentucky Attorney General's Office, with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, began to piece together the details of the ongoing criminal fraud that had sustained Eastern's operations since at least 2009. Much of the evidence consisted of tens of thousands of pages of records kept by banks that held Eastern's accounts, particularly Fifth

Third Bank of Cincinnati.

The Attorney General's Department of Criminal Investigations worked closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky State Veterinarian Robert Stout, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Attorney's Office Western District and other agencies in completing the initial investigation.

Also entering guilty pleas this week were former Eastern Livestock accountant Darren Brangers, 43, of Louisville and former Eastern Livestock affiliate Grant Gibson, 48, of Lanesville,

Ind., who is the son of Eastern founder Tommy Gibson.

Brangers and Grant Gibson each pled guilty to facilitating the operations of the criminal syndicate run by Tommy Gibson and Steve McDonald, and to facilitating the several instances of theft committed by the co-defendants. The Kentucky Attorney General will recommend a five-year sentence for each of these defendants, probated upon payment of restitution.

Defendant Grant Gibson's plea agreement includes terms under which he will pay \$680,000 worth of the total restitution, with defen-

dant Darren Brangers paying \$210,000 of restitution. Distribution of restitution to approximately 170 victims will be handled by the Office of Attorney General.

The Office of Attorney General has identified all of the recipients and will be contacting affected farmers when plans have been finalized for the restitution distribution.

Final sentencing for Steve McDonald, Darren Brangers and Grant Gibson is June 12 before Barren-Metcalf Circuit Judge Phil Patton. Tommy Gibson will be sentenced on June 26.

On April 2, 1912, <

BRIEFS

Driver pulling cabin out \$343 for fines

A Benton, Ky., truck driver, who was temporarily jailed here in February because of violations with a load he was pulling, has pleaded guilty to some of the original charges. Others were dropped.

John D. Coffenberry, 60, pleaded guilty last Wednesday in Crittenden District Court to having no permit and violating federal safety regulations. A more serious charge of reckless driving was dismissed.

Coffenberry told Judge Daniel Heady that he'd been driving a truck for more than 30 years without a violation. He said there had been a mix up in the permitting process which created the issue in February. He admitted that he should have waited for the permit to be issued before hauling a 1800s log cabin from Webster County to Livingston County. He was stopped on U.S. 60 West and forced to park the load until it was properly permitted.

The driver's fines and court costs amounted to \$343.

Jobless rate falls for 8th straight month

Kentucky's unemployment rate dropped to 8.7 percent in February 2012 from 8.8 percent in January 2012, marking the eighth consecutive month the rate has declined, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET).

The February 2012 jobless rate was 1.1 percentage points below the 9.8 percent rate recorded for the state in February 2011.

The U.S. jobless rate remained at 8.3 percent from January 2012 to February 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

"The employment situation has improved steadily since last summer," said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET. "However, it is important to realize that there will be some blips on the way as businesses adapt to the new post-recession economy."

"The prospect of recovery, especially sustained recovery, is being watched carefully by all industries including manufacturing. Businesses are hedging their bets by filling positions as diverse as assembly line workers and health services positions through temporary employment services. This practice boosts overall employment, but will keep wages low."

Sheriffs alter patrols to lower fuel costs

FROM AP AND STAFF REPORTS

A pair of area sheriffs are altering the way their deputies use their cars as gas prices creep toward \$4 a gallon.

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent told The Crittenden Press he has taken it upon himself to alter his department's patrols in order to save on gas without sacrificing the safety of the public.

"I'm surprised the (fiscal) court hasn't asked me to already," he said of the cutback.

Agent said he has been asked to do so before under Judge-Executive Fred Brown when gas prices were around \$4 a gallon as they are today.

Elsewhere, Livingston County Sheriff Bobby Davidson says patrols in his county will continue, but deputies will be directed to stay in the central part of the county so they're closer to calls. Other times, he says they will combine patrols with delivering paperwork.

Davidson told WPSD-TV in Paducah that, at best, the changes will save a few hundred dollars of an average monthly cost of \$3,000 for his fleet of six cars.

Davidson says: "Every little bit helps."

History museum opens next week

Crittenden County Historical Museum opens next Wednesday for the season at 124 E. Bellville St., in Marion.

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, on display next month will be the Kentucky Historical Society' Museums to Go exhibit on the Civil War in Kentucky. The exhibit will consist of fact-filled panels offering insight into each year of the war in the Bluegrass State.

Admission is free.

Library to extend hours for summer

Crittenden County Public Library, beginning next week, will extend its hours from 9 a.m., to 6 p.m., on Mondays and Tuesdays through autumn.

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consummate community banker, concentrating on financing projects in his hometown and helping local people buy consumer goods.

"He believed in helping those right around home," Hardin said.

Wade Berry, current president of the bank, remembers times when Sullenger would see lines forming in front of windows at the bank.

"He hated to see a customer wait," Berry said.

Sullenger, he said, would

get behind a teller's window and start waiting on customers.

"The bank benefited from him for many years," Berry explained.

Sullenger was an old-school banker, Berry added, who often provided advice about thriftiness to those whom he was lending money. And, until his retirement, Sullenger never embraced the personal computer. Instead, he fingered out letters and bank loans on a Royal manual typewriter. He used the same typewriter in his extensive work for the American Legion.

Allen Summers, who for many years worked alongside Sullenger in the American Legion Post 111 and as a community leader, had the ultimate respect for the man he said was a "father figure" to him and many others.

Summers was plant manager at Potter and Brumfield which employed hundreds of people from the community. He remembers Sullenger calling him on various occasions to find out about the employment status of a potential bank customer.

"He would always say, 'I want to help them if I can,'" Summers remembered. "He was that kind of guy, willing

“Doug was a hard worker. He was always there early and stayed late.”



— Gareth Hardin
Former Farmers Bank president on his predecessor's work ethic

to help everybody and it didn't make any difference who they were.

"He was one of those people you refer to as a pillar of

the community," Summers continued. "He was one of those who kept the motor running."

Summers said Sullenger was very instrumental in the perpetual operation of the local American Legion Post 111. Sullenger served as adjutant for many years, maintaining accurate records of veterans from Crittenden County and seeing that veterans and the principles on which they had served were honored.

An honor guard from Fort Campbell will be here Friday to provide full military rites during Sullenger's interment at Mapleview Cemetery.

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- Do you drink alone when you feel angry or sad?
- Does your drinking ever make you late for work?
- Does your drinking worry your family?
- Do you ever drink after telling yourself you won't?
- Do you ever forget what you did while drinking?

Source: How to Cut Down on Your Drinking
<http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/handout.htm>

Prevention of Underage Drinking

Reducing underage drinking will require community-based efforts to monitor the activities of youth and decrease youth access to alcohol. Recent publications by the Surgeon General and the Institute of Medicine outlined many prevention strategies that will require actions on the national, state, and local levels, such as enforcement of minimum legal drinking age laws, national media campaigns targeting youth and adults, increasing alcohol excise taxes, reducing youth exposure to alcohol advertising, and development of comprehensive community-based programs. These efforts will require continued research and evaluation to determine their success and to improve their effectiveness...

March 29, 2012, quarterly bulletin

Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community

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CHAMPIONS For a Drug-Free Kentucky

Fighting Underage Drinking

...Youth who start drinking before age 15 years are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse later in life than those who begin drinking at or after age 21 years.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/underage-drinking.htm

Fighting Drunk Driving

Here are seven ways from Young Adults Educating Responsible Drinking (YAERD) that you can help fight the war on drunk driving starting from your home. If you are looking to take a more active stance please contact us and we will send you an application to become a community YAERD representative.

1 GET THE FACTS. DRINKING AND DRIVING KILLS. Even if you never drink and drive, alcohol impaired driving is still your problem, because you share the road with others.

2 DECIDE FOR YOURSELF. It is important that each of us makes a rational decision about drinking and driving. The law protects under 18s from alcohol, as it is actually a potential killer drug.

3 BE A RESPONSIBLE HOST. Never send your friends out onto the road at the end of a party after drinking alcohol. Plan to have plenty of non-alcoholic drinks available. Have plenty of food. Plan who is going to drive home—someone who will not drink alcohol, nor take drugs. Arrange to call a taxi or organize a car pool.

4 FIGHT FOR TOUGHER LAWS AND REAL PUNISHMENTS SPEAK OUT. Many YAERD members have experienced a severe sense of injustice from the United States legal system heaped upon their grief and

physical suffering. We have repeatedly called for:

A. Stronger enforcement of existing laws
B. Maximum use of existing penalties
C. Tougher overall drink/drive laws.

YAERD urges the authorities to enforce existing traffic laws more strictly and to deter drivers from committing road crimes. The camera for speeding and red-light running will be a conspicuous deterrent. Help to keep our roads safer. Write to MPs and the media, sign petitions or SPEAK OUT.

5 REPORT A BAD DRIVER. If a persistently drunk, or disqualified driver, cannot stop him/herself driving then it is time for the public to act. Inform local law enforcement when you see a possible drunk driver or a dangerous or disqualified driver at the wheel. It will be too late after he/she has killed or been killed. Victims' families live with the knowledge that had there been no criminal driving there would have been no death.

6 FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, SET AN EXAMPLE. Persuade people that drunk-driving is socially unacceptable. Actions speak louder than words. Your behavior will support your outrage at this preventable homicide on our roads. Never drive after drinking alcohol or taking drugs.

7 BE A TRUE FRIEND. Most problem drinkers and drug-takers deny their problems, their fear, their anger, their guilt; and they deny that their impaired driving is a criminal act. If you really want to help when you see your friend has been drinking and wants to drive, say NO! When your mind tells you that your friend is capable of blatantly killing other road users, Say SO! If you're convinced that he or she needs help — Say So Now!



Rx Disposal

Dispose of your unused or expired prescription drugs properly!

Both teens and young adults obtain the majority of prescription drugs from friends and relatives, sometimes without their knowledge. And in one survey, 54 percent of high school seniors said that opioid drugs other than heroin (e.g., Vicodin) would be fairly easy or very easy to get.

Protect your home!

Don't forget to clean out your medicine cabinet and drop off any unused/unwanted perscriptions at our disposal bins located at the Marion Police Department at Marion City Hall or the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department at Crittenden County Courthouse during normal business hours.

Teen Challenge 270.639.7366 www.teenchallengeky.com Teen Challenge provides youth, adults and families with an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling drug and alcohol problems in order to become productive members of society. Teen Challenge was founded by Rev. David Wilkinson in 1968.	Pennyroyal Center 24/7 HELP: 1.877.4RESPOND www.pennyroyalcenter.org Pennyroyal Center is a comprehensive Community Mental Health Center offering services in mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities and substance abuse. Pennyroyal Center has four full-service clinics covering the eight counties.	Health Department 270.965.5215 www.chfs.ky.gov The Department for Public Health is the sole organizational unit of state government responsible for all public health programs and activities for the citizens of Kentucky. Crittenden County's health department is currently located on Industrial Drive in Marion.	Celebrate Recovery 270.965.4623 Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion Celebrate Recovery is a program whose purpose is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the "6 Recovery Principles." By working and applying these Biblical principles, we become free from our addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors.
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PHOTO BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
Ryan Doom and Christopher Doom of Smithland frequent the Livingston County Public Library at least once a week. "I'm really glad they built the library here because it's a lot of trouble to have to go to Paducah. Just glad we have a library of our own." Above, librarian Summer Rhea hands Ryan his library card back before checking out his books.

Library first in Livingston County’s 213-year history

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

Although it’s only been open for three weeks, the Livingston County Public Library has seen a positive influx of visitors, all flocking to check out the new 30,000-square-foot building that also houses offices of the PVA, county attorney, sheriff, judge-executive and county clerk.

This is the first time in Livingston County history that a library has been available locally. Residents who wanted to check out books would often travel distances to McCracken, Marshall or Crittenden counties to visit the nearest library. Not having the leisure of a local library was motivation enough for the county to do something about it.

Chris Lasher, Livingston County Judge-Executive and board member of Livingston County Friends of the Library, said plans for

building a library were introduced five or six years ago and quickly snowballed.

“Our motivation was that we didn’t have a library and we wanted to be able to offer that resource,” Lasher said.

After several discussions regarding plans for the library, a compromise was reached among fiscal court members that benefited everyone involved, including the public. Instead of just constructing a library, a larger building would be put in place that would encompass county offices. Lasher said funding for the building came from bonds, two different economic funds and the mineral severance tax.

“Feedback has been excellent,” Lasher said. “The use of the library has been high with someone always coming in.”

Placed on the third floor of the building, the 9,700-square foot library offers Wi-Fi connection, 10 com-

puters, roughly 7,000 new books and DVDs. Although the library is still in its beginning phase, part-time librarians Christa Maddux and Summer Rhea said there are plans to offer lectures and skill classes in the future, as well as implementing summer reading and children’s programs.

“There’s always someone in here, even during days when you wouldn’t expect to get a lot of people,” Maddux said. “As we order more books, we expect to see more people.”

To help lower the cost of maintaining the building, motion-censored lights are used throughout the building, as well as a geothermal heating and cooling system.

“We’ve had a lot of help to get where we’re at,” Lasher said. “We can’t thank everyone enough who volunteered and worked to help get the library open by March 2. It was a lot of work but we pulled it off.”

Work on new Tennessee River bridge progressing

NEWS RELEASE

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) reports good weather has allowed contractors to make good progress in recent weeks on the new U.S. 60 Tennessee River Bridge at Ledbetter. Abnormally dry and warm weather has allowed construction to continue through the winter months.

A major sign of progress is the assembly of structural steel on the main truss starting on the east end of the new bridge. KyTC engineers report about 25 percent of the main truss has been erected. About 400 feet of the superstructure is visible on the Livingston County side.

Work is expected to start in the next few days at Pier 7 on the McCracken County side of the span. Crews will be working toward the center of the river from each side as they assemble the remaining 1,400 feet of superstructure.

The new bridge is on track for completion in mid-2014. Meanwhile, repair work has started on the existing bridge about 1,500 ft. downstream. Contractors are placing materials and rigging beneath the deck for a pier repair project.

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ment and therefore, the community’s perception is that we condone that type of activity,” Starnes said at last week’s work session. “Something needs to be put in place that will broaden the pool of those who are tested.”

And there needs to be some type of accountability for those who test positive, Starnes added.

The new program appears to satisfy those needs.

A company from Indiana, K9 Resources offers specially-trained dogs that can detect illegal drugs, pharmaceuticals, alcohol, weapons and explosives. K9 Resources will guarantee a total of 18 random visits to both the middle and high schools for a cost of \$8,856 annually. Additional visits, if needed, will cost \$1,200. Under the plan, there is no individual testing for drugs or alcohol in students’ systems. Instead, it seeks out drugs or other contraband on their person, in their lockers or in parked cars.

Unlike the random tests, using K9 Resources could result in more severe punishments. If a dog hits on any type of drugs or alcohol, police are called in right away. If drugs or other contraband are found and can be tied to a particular student, the pupil is in violation of the district’s code of conduct and disciplinary action can be taken.

For the current drug testing, Crittenden County School District was paying about \$10,000 a year. With K9 Resources, the Crittenden County Drug Coalition will pay the cost of the program for the first year. The district could then use its savings to install surveillance cameras inside the school, officials suggested.

“We want to implement, in a couple of phases, things that can help deter a lot of things that we know are happening,” Superintendent Rachel Yarbrough said. “We do not want drugs in our school and we don’t want our students exposed to them. Our ultimate goal is to keep our students and our schools safe.”

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The family of Victor Pippi Hardin is deeply thankful to all of you who lifted Pippi and our family up in prayer during his illness and passing. Your prayers gave us the strength to endure such a difficult time. All of you who came by and fellowshiped with him during his last days truly lifted his spirits and put that contagious smile on his face every day. Your visits meant the world to him and also to us.

All of the cards meant so much to him. Thanks to all of the churches inside and outside of Crittenden County and friends for faithfully remembering him in prayer and cards.

A special thank you to Bro. Wayne Garvey for standing by us and performing the beautiful funeral service along with longtime friend Bro. Jerry Thurman. Also, thanks from the bottom of our hearts to Terry and Sandy Gilbert, Brad and Valerie Gilbert, Keith and Angie Gilbert and Don Perry for guiding us through all of the arrangements and making life as easy as they could. We love you all.

To the Kentucky State Police Honor Guard, wow! That display of honor to Pippi will be remembered forever by everyone who loved him. A special thank you to Ray O’Neal and the City of Marion Police Department, Wayne Agent and deputies for honoring him.

Thank you to our Marion United Methodist Church family for providing us with meals and continuously remembering us in prayer.

Deep gratitude to those who made it possible for us to have quality loving time with Pippi during his last three weeks, we will always be indebted to: Alan and Stacy Hunt, Donald Rogers Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough and Crittenden County School District Earle C. Clements Job Corps Academy Murray State University

Also, we would like to thank Holly White and all of those who helped prepare Rocket Arena for the funeral service.

Thank you to Sherry Frazer, Sara Taylor and Tabatha Rowland and company for providing all of the beautiful music and songs.

We appreciated so much Daryl Tabor and The Crittenden Press’s acknowledgements of Pippi’s life and death.

A very special humble thank you to longtime friend and doctor Gary James and staff, Dr. William Skinner and staff, Brenda Hopkins and Marion Home Health staff, and the staff of Glenn’s Apothecary.

Pippi Hardin was a loving and kind person who loved his God, His family and all of his many friends. Thank you for paying your respects to him and helping those of us who loved him most say goodbye.

God bless you all.

Phillis, Vicki, Hogan, Addie, Stefanie, Jeremy, Kayla, Daniel & Malaika

Why do some professed Christians sin?

If only people would believe the Word of God that says in Ezekiel 18:4, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." millions would be spared everlasting punishment.

God knows I never write anything to hurt anyone, only to help, as I don't want anyone deceived and lost forever. We all can be deceived. Our only hope is to faithfully read God's word and be born again and then ask the Holy Spirit to live in us to teach us as He and He alone can teach us the mysteries of God's wonderful words.

There are two reasons why professed Christians keep sinning. Some are just plain hypocrites who profess to be Christian and know they are trying to deceive others. Some never go on unto sanctification (filled with the Holy Spirit) which is the only way and power that can live in us to help us live the righteous life God demands of us in order for us to get to Heaven; something Paul stresses several times.

One such passage is Titus 2:11,12: "For the grace of



God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world."

Also, in First Timothy 6:2,3,11, "...These things teach and exhort. If any man teach otherwise and consent not to wholesome words even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing,... perverse disputing of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing gain is Godliness, from such withdraw thyself, but godliness with contentment is great gain...But thou, O man of God, flee these things and

follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."

Other professed Christians keep sinning because they listen to people who say several things that really encourage it, like, "All Christians sin; No one can keep from sinning; Once you are saved you can never be lost."

An argument for these statements is, "If you are truly saved you will not sin willfully; no one can be perfect; no one can keep from sinning in thought, word or deed."

The sad thing in all of this is, since John Calvin, who was the first to ever teach this in the mid-1500s, millions have lived and died believing such arguments. A deacon in a church was brought to me by a friend where I was holding a revival. This man was well educated and was a principal of a school of 1,400 students, but was a married man having an affair with another woman. He said he was saved and going to Heaven.

I asked him if her husband caught them in the act

of adultery and killed him where would he go? He said he would go straight to Heaven as he accepted Jesus as his attorney and He would plead his case at the judgment and he would be safe. I said the Bible calls you a liar, quoting 1st John 2:4, "He that says, I know Him, and keeps not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." He laughed at me implying I was an ignorant woman that did not have the knowledge or right to preach.

The next day I visited him in his office and read to him Ezekiel 33:13: "When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it."

In shock he asked where was I reading that from? I raised up his Bible with his name on it and said, "From your Bible."

Millions who believe and die like this will find themselves in a devil's hell.

Isaiah 35:8 reads, "And a highway shall be there, and a way and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it..."

In the New Testament are these words found in Hebrews 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

On July 4, 1774 John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail telling her he had just heard two great sermons on "Be not partakers in other men's sins. Keep yourselves pure." and "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." He then said, "There is great pleasure in hearing sermons so serious, so clear, so sensible and instructive as these..."

If only we had people today, and especially our leaders, who not only appreciated the preaching of holiness but believed it, instead of looking for an easy way to Heaven, which never has been or ever will be. Without the cross, there is no crown.

Our great nation was built by men who believed: "Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord."

James had the crowning message on this subject in 5:19,20: "Brethren (talking to his Christian brothers), if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him (bring him back to God); Let him know, that he which converts the sinner (now he is no longer a Christian brother, but a sinner) from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

The human nature rebels against living holy. That is why we must not only be born again but filled with God's Spirit who makes us hate sin and gives us power to turn (repent) from it.

Remember Jesus' words: "You shall know them by their fruits." Matt. 7:16.

(Rev. Tedrick is a Marion minister. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper. Her column appears in this newspaper regularly.)

Church notes

■ Pleasant Grove Baptist Church will have revival beginning at 7 p.m., April 2 and ending as God leads. Evangelist will be Bro. Barry Cullen.

■ Barnett Chapel Church will have revival at 7 p.m., April 2 and ending as God leads. Evangelist will be Bro. Steve Stone.

■ There will be a community Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m., April 7 at Lola Pentecostal Church. There will be egg hunts for all ages, including adults. There will be prizes, hotdogs, popcorn and more. For more information, call 988-2190.

■ Emmanuel Baptist Church will have a block party bonanza from 2-7 p.m., April 7. There will be an afternoon of games, pony rides, Cowboy Church with Chris Clarke and a cookout. The Four Rivers Band will also be performing. For more information, call the church at 965-4623.

■ Deer Creek Baptist Church will have an Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m., April 7.

■ The Marion Church of God will have a Good Friday Night Service at 7 p.m., and all the ordinances following the Lord's instructions on that fateful night.

■ Hurricane Church will have its Easter sunrise service at 6 a.m., April 8. Bro. Jimmy Porter will be the speaker. Breakfast will be served after

the service.

■ Marion Baptist Church will host its annual Passion Play with doors opening at 6 p.m., April 13-15. Admission is free. For more information, call the church at 965-5232.

■ Marion United Methodist will have a centennial celebration April 14-15. There will be free food, games, inflatables and worship. For more information, call 965-4580.

■ The Caldwell and Lyon County Grief Support Group is held at 2 p.m., every Monday in the Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association building in Princeton. It offers an educated and trained Christian grief counselor who can guide a person through the initial stages of grief and beyond after the loss of a loved one. The group is open to everyone and there is no charge. For more information or directions, call Carma Lee Chandler at 365-6578. If unable to attend meetings on Monday nights, Bro. Mac Walls can counsel on Saturdays. Call 210-1204 to make an appointment.

■ The Marion Baptist Family Life Center's weight room and walking track will be open 5-8 p.m., Mondays, 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., Thursdays and 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturdays.

■ Marion Baptist Church will have AWANA for children ages two through fifth grade at 5:45 p.m., Sunday night along with several special classes that begin at 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday school, 10 a.m. | Sunday worship, 11 a.m.

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State Route 723, 4 miles north of Salem
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Easter comes early to Crittenden County Public Library

Last Friday, children enrolled in Crittenden County Public Library's Story Hour enjoyed an Easter egg hunt inside the building. Participants included (front from left) Alex Smith, Elliot Evans, Aubrey Grau, Aliza Maraman, Weston Rushing; (back) Alex Hewitt, Cheyenne Camp, Dougie Smith, Aubrey Hollis, Aliyah Maraman and Paris Foster. Standing is Tabby Tinsley, children's librarian and former bookmobile operator. After 11 years at the library, Friday was Tinsley's last day. Starting next month, Kathleen Guess will take over her role as children's librarian.

Pierce, Frazer selected as essay winners

NEWS RELEASE

Marion's VFW recently held a Patriot's Pen Essay and has selected a local and district winner for 2011-2012. Students participating wrote an essay on the subject, "Are You Proud of Your Country?" The winner selected was seventh-grader Francesca N. Pierce, a student at Crittenden County Middle School. Pierce received \$50 and a Patriot's Pen and Certificate from the Ladies Auxiliary and VFW Post 12022 in Marion. For winning the essay at also the District level, a luncheon was held in her honor where Pierce received another \$50 from the District VFW and \$25 from the Ladies District Auxiliary.

State winner of the essay contest was Lindsay Haralu, an eighth grade student from Harrodsburg. She was sponsored by VFW Post 6935 and Ladies Auxiliary and received the \$2,500 VFW U.S. Savings Bond. National winner Lydia G. MacFarlan, an eighth grade student, was named the 2012 Patriot's Pen first place winner. MacFarlan won a \$10,000 savings bond and was sponsored by VFW Post 1674 and Ladies Auxiliary in Siloam Springs, Ark.



Pierce

The Marion VFW also held a Voice of Democracy essay contest with the topic, "Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?" The winner was Tucker Frazer. The Crittenden County junior received a \$50 and a certificate from the Ladies Auxiliary and VFW Post 12022 in Marion. Frazer also was selected as the district winner and a luncheon was held in his honor at the district meeting where he was awarded another \$50 from the VFW District and



Frazer

\$25 from the Ladies District Auxiliary. State winner Ashley Copas, a senior at Franklin County High School, was recipient of the \$1,000 Department of Maine Scholarship "to Remember the U.S.S. Maine" award. Copas was sponsored by VFW Post 4075 and Ladies Auxiliary in Frankfort. National winner Elizabeth Scannell, a junior at Berkeley Middle College, was named the 2012 Voice of Democracy first place winner. She won a \$30,000 college scholarship which she plans to apply toward her college career. Scannell was sponsored by VFW Post 10256 and Ladies Auxiliary in Goose Creek, S.C.

Know the facts about trans fat

What is trans fat?

Trans fats are found naturally, in small amounts, in certain foods, such as beef, lamb and whole milk. They are also produced by heating liquid vegetable oil with hydrogen gas under pressure to make a more solid product that is more stable and can withstand high temperatures.

Why all the concern about trans fat?

Eating foods containing trans fat raises the level of "bad" cholesterol in your body and increases your risk for a heart attack. Trans fat also lowers the level of "good" cholesterol in the body. It is important to keep your intake of trans fat as low as possible.

What foods contain trans fat?

Trans fats are found in commercially prepared cookies, crackers, snack foods, prepared desserts, baked goods, fried foods and most margarines.

Look for terms such as "partially hydrogenated vegetable oils" and "vegetable shortening." This should give a clue that the product contains trans fats.

Ways to limit trans fat

In recipes, use vegetable oils such as, safflower, peanut, corn, soybean, olive and canola. These oils are high in monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats, low in saturated fats and do not contain cholesterol.

Limit the use of solid margarines, such as Crisco. Choose soft spread mar-



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garines. These products generally contain no trans fat. When purchasing margarine and other fats, take some time to look at the food label to see if the product contains trans fat.

Limit high fat commercial baked goods – donuts, muffins, cookies, cakes, microwave popcorn and pies. The majority of trans fat in the diet comes from these foods. The trans fat in these foods comes from partially hydrogenated vegetable oil used during preparation to increase their shelf life.

Decrease the amount of fast foods your child eats. When you have to eat fast food, choose healthier options, for example, low-fat milk instead of soda, fruit instead of a cookie and an order of small fries instead of large fries.

Include more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products, eggs, beans and peas and nuts and seeds in your child's diet.

Prepare more meals at home. When meals are prepared at home parents have control over the ingredients added.



Belt

Sandy Heady and Eugene Belt, both of Marion, were united in marriage Feb. 24 at the Smokey Mountain Wedding Chapel in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Roger and Sheryl Wat-

son were in attendance. There will be a reception at 5 p.m., on March 3 at Marion Baptist Family Life Center. All family and friends are invited. The couple requests no gifts.

Births

Curnel

Darian Kent and Mandy Curnel announce the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Jalaine Curnel, March 8 at Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. Charlotte weighed six pounds, two ounces and was 18½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Billy and Charlotte Fox of Marion and Perry Croft of Lola.

Paternal grandparents are James H. and Cosetta Faye Curnel of Marion.

Charlotte has an older brother, Charles Ethen Hunt, 8.

York

Kellie Santel and Ryan York announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Page, March 5. Emily weighed six pounds, five ounces and was 18½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jimmy and Renee Williams of Lola. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Phyllis Holloman and the late David Harris.

Paternal grandparents are Jeff and Lisa York of Marion. Great-grandparents are Diane York and the late James York and Martha James, all of Marion.

Farmer

David and Cagney Farmer of Marion announce the birth of a son, Draven Paul, Nov. 2, 2011 at Norton Hospital in Louisville. Draven weighed six pounds, four ounces and was 19½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Meri Orr of Marion. Paternal grandparents are Donnie and Ruth Ann Farmer of Marion.



Two receive recognition during speech championship

Two Crittenden County High School Speech Team members were recognized, March 24, at the Kentucky High School Speech League State Championships in Lexington. Marcus Hughes and Anna Schnittker were awarded certificates for being semi-finalists in Impromptu Speaking and Original Oratory, respectively.

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Hospital auxiliary taking applications for program

NEWS RELEASE

Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary will again host a Junior Auxiliary program for students between the ages of 16-18 who have turned 16 by May 1, 2012.

The volunteer program focuses on comforting and assisting hospital patients, their families and visitors in a responsible manner with compassion, devotion and courtesy. Volunteers will be required to donate at least three hours of service each week.

The program gives young people in the community the opportunity to contribute as responsible individuals for the well-being of our commu-

nity. Junior volunteers broaden their horizons, acquire knowledge and expand their experience by working in the hospital and by observing the many varied and interesting healthcare careers. It is a way to help students considering going into the health field. Volunteering is also helpful when filling out resumes for college and work to be able to include community service as part of their experience.

Junior volunteers are to be citizens in good standing in their community and school.

The Junior volunteers are selected once a year in a process which begins with an application submission dur-

ing the month of April. Orientation is mandatory for new junior members and held once a year. Returning junior auxiliary volunteers are exempt from the orientation.

The Auxiliary services include:

- Transporting of incoming patients by wheelchair to their destination within the hospital as well as patients being dismissed.
- Delivery of flowers and gifts to patients.

- Providing information and assisting patients, family members and visitors to their destination within the hospital. This will require knowledge of the different

departments within the hospital.

- Assisting patients with a variety of personal services such as running errands, circulation of reading material, caring for flowers and other services.

Applications and permission forms will be available from school counselors and should be returned to the counselor by April 18.

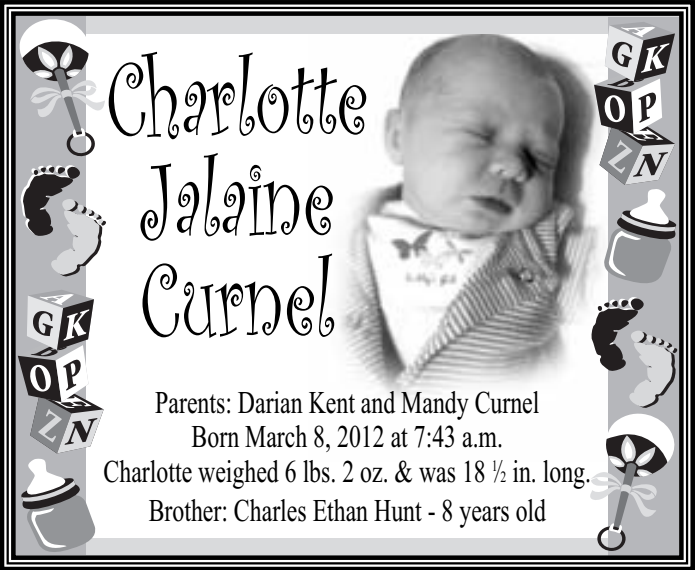
The Auxiliary is excited to offer this opportunity to the young people of the community who will enjoy the rewards that come from helping people and the friendships that develop. Volunteering is one of the greatest rewards in life.



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Author visits Crittenden County Public Library

Shelly Shepard Gray visited the Crittenden County Public Library Saturday morning to talk about her new book, "Missing." It is the first book in the series, "Secrets of Crittenden County." Gray is a New York Times best selling author who has penned several Amish romance novels, as well as few other fictional stories. Above, she signs a book for Janet Thomas.



Apron Extravaganza to be held in April

NEWS RELEASE

Whatever happened to the kitchen apron? Has it gone by the wayside like the bonnet, gloves and the handkerchief? The apron, once considered a necessity for protecting clothing, removing hot pans from the oven or gathering eggs and firewood, seems to have disappeared. It's time to dig out a favorite apron and take a trip down memory lane. Join the Cooperative Extension Service and the Pen-

nyrile Area Homemakers for an educational, fun-filled day at the "Apron Extravaganza" from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., April 20 at the University of Kentucky Research & Education Center in Princeton. Deadline to pre-register for the event is April 6. Nell Jordan, a Master Clothing Volunteer from Simpson County, will speak on "Where Have All the Aprons Gone." Everyone is encouraged to wear a favorite

apron and compete for first and second place of "Favorite Apron Awards." After lunch, a fashion show of old, new, everyday, Sunday best, unusual, diva and maybe even some barbecue aprons. "Aprons have played a vital role in our family, social and work lives for many generations. Aprons also tell the story of the life of the owner. We want to celebrate those stories," said Nancy

Hunt, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent for Crittenden County. The registration fee is \$10, which includes a catered lunch. Registration forms are available at any of the county Extension offices in the Pennyrile Area. For more information, contact the Crittenden County Extension office at 965-5236 or stop by the office located at 1534 U.S. 60 East.

Blue Knights place at state individuals

STAFF REPORT

A few players from the Crittenden County Chess Team recently competed at the State Individual Chess Championships held in Bowling Green. Cameron McDaniel won two games in the high school

division, placing sixth. Clay Stevens also won two games in the middle school division and won the trophy for biggest upset, defeating a player twice his rating. In the K-3 division, Chase Stevens won three games and fin-

ished tied for eighth, while Evan McDowell won three games in the K-1 section, winning an eighth place trophy. Skyler James won three games in the K-5 division and tied for eighth.

Most of the Blue Knights will be competing in the Western Kentucky University Open April 21, also in Bowling Green. This tournament will wrap up another successful chess season, according to Coach Greg Hollamon.

ThePressCALENDAR

Monday, April 2

■ The Crittenden County School District will be on spring break Monday through April 9.

Tuesday, April 3

■ Western Baptist Hospital will have a free grandparenting class from 5-6 p.m., Tuesday in the Atrium classroom in the doctors office building. The class provides grandparents and older caregivers with updated information, safety tips and a refresher on how to care for grandchildren. For more information or to register, call 575-2229.

■ Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12022 in Marion is offering free coffee for veterans on Tuesdays from 7 to 11 a.m., at its 412 N. College St. headquarters.

■ AARP Tax Aide Program is provided each Wednesday at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Tax counselors will be on hand from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., to assist local individuals in filing their tax returns. This free service is for seniors or anyone considered low to moderate income level. Services will be provided each Wednesday through April 11. Please make an appointment by calling 704-2160. Walk-ins accepted, but appointments preferred.

■ The Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary will have a bake sale from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., April 5 in the lobby of CHS.

■ Bro. Tim Burdon, pastor of Mexico Baptist Church, will be at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center at 10:30 a.m., April 5, to visit.

■ The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for its annual awards banquet. All nominations must be submitted to Susan Alexander by April 6. Awards that will be handed out include Chamber Person of the Year, community pride, unsung hero, volunteer of the year and customer service. For more information, call Alexander at 965-5015.

■ The Marion Ed-Tech Center will offer Elements of Underground Mining April 9 to May 3. Monday

through Wednesday from 8 a.m.-noon and Thursday from 8 a.m.-noon, at Madisonville Community College. Only 12 seats are available.

■ The second annual Mother/Daughter Tea will be held from 2-4 p.m., April 28 at the Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. Cost is \$15 per couple or

\$50 for a table of eight. Registration forms are available at Crittenden Health Systems. All proceeds go to Relay for Life. There will be a Mad Hatter hat contest, fashion show by Gran Grans Clothesline and photos available for purchase. Call Misty Pugh at 965-1020 for more information. Registrations are due by April 15.

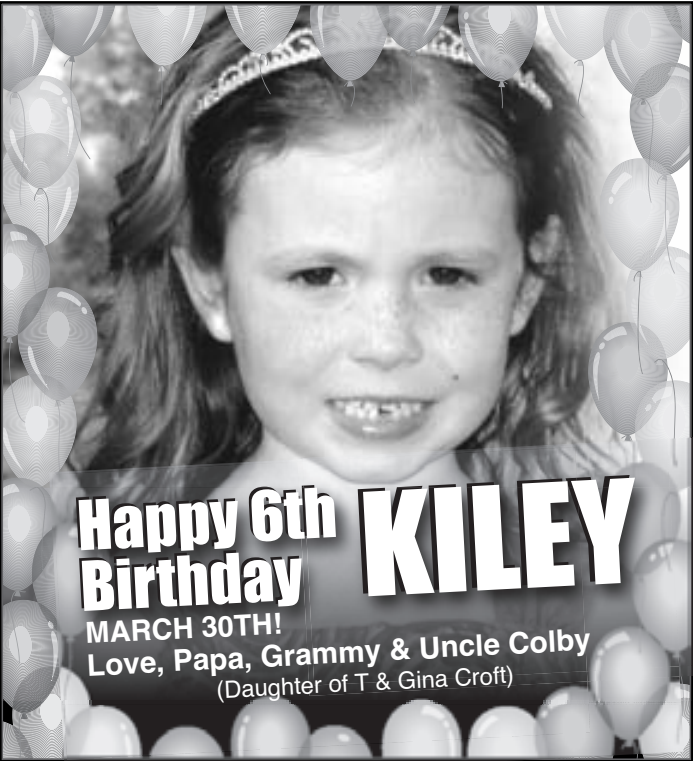


The Family of Mildred Sherer Jones will host a 90th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, March 31, 2012 2:00 p.m. at

Deer Creek Baptist Church

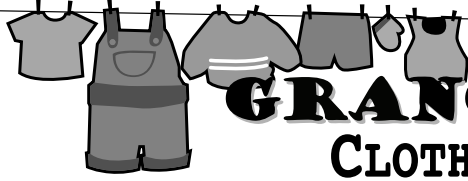
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BASEBALL

Late fee being waived
Crittenden County Dugout Club is waiving its normal late fee for baseball and softball sign ups. The \$15 penalty will not be charged to anyone who registers prior to April 1. Any player ages 4-16 may register at The Crittenden Press or by sending a completed registration form with payment to Dugout Club, PO Box 5, Marion, KY 42064. Registration will close April 14. Registration fee is \$20 for T-ball and \$25 for all other leagues. For more information, contact Chris Evans at 965-3191 or any Dugout Club member. Coaches will contact players about their team assignments after April 1.

Fredonia registration
Fredonia baseball program is registering earlier than normal for its summer youth leagues. The season starts around May 15. Registration forms are now available at Fredonia Foods and More and at the Caldwell Medical Center's front desk 7 a.m., to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sign-ups will also be accepted at the ballpark Legion building from 9-11 a.m., Saturday and again from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, April 14. Cost per child is \$25. You can also go online to Fredoniabaseball@wordpress.com. This website offers all relevant information regarding the ballpark, including a registration form. All league information is available on the website. For information, contact Jenny Whittington at 625-0340 or Donnie Conway 625-9162.

Work at ball fields
Crittenden County Dugout Club is seeking qualified individuals age 15 or older to umpire youth baseball and softball games this spring and summer. Umpires can earn \$20 to \$25 per game. Contact Mike Hamilton at 704-0283.

SOCCER

Goalie Club meets
The CCHS Soccer Goalie Club will meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 10 at the Crittenden County Middle School library.

OUTDOORS

Upcoming seasons
Youth Turkey April 7-8
Spring Turkey April 14 - May 6
Spring Squirrel May 19 - June 15
Groundhog Year Round
Coyote Year Round

BASKETBALL

Assigning secretary
The Second Region Policy Board is accepting applications from candidates interested in the position of basketball assigning secretary for the region. This is an independent contract position that includes assigning certified basketball officials for varsity, junior varsity and freshman games, among other responsibilities. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to Al Starnes, Second Region Policy Board, Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm Street, Marion, KY 42064. Applications may be faxed to 965-9064 or may be sent electronically to al.starnes@crittenden.kyschools.us. Deadline to apply is April 20.

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Crittenden County Softball Outlook



Members of the Crittenden County High School girls' fast-pitch softball team are (front from left) Megan Hunt, Courtney Beverly, Emily Hall, Kiana Nesbitt, Cassidy Moss, Hayli Hill, Charity Sitar, (middle) Carrie Peek, Khyla Moss, Jessica Tinsley, Shannah Williams, Taylor Keister, Emily Owen, Jessi Brewer, Sadie Easley, Kali Travis, (back) assistant coach Jessica Quisenberry, Kortni Jones, Chelsea Oliver, McKenzie Hewitt, Whitney Williams, Whitney Kinnis, Haylee Young, Brittney Buell and head coach Bristyn Prowell.

Four seniors lead Lady Rockets into '12 campaign

STAFF REPORT
Senior catcher and leadoff hitter Shawna Williams heads a cast of seven returning starters to a Lady Rocket softball team that has a chance to make marked improvements over last year's 6-15 club.
With a bunch of players back in the lineup from a team that lost seven games by no more than three runs a year ago, second-year skipper Bristyn Prowell thinks she's got a team that can be as good as it wants.
"It just depends on how bad they want it," Prowell said. "We have good senior leadership, but there are still some really young girls on our team."
Prowell said her club's play was inconsistent last year. She hopes experience will help eliminate errors this time.
"Last year, we would have one bad inning where we'd make errors and give up five runs. Other than that, we played well," the coach said.
Senior Emily Owen will be the primary pitcher. Owen is a very good athlete who will play collegiate soccer next year. Her success on the mound will be key in the season, Prowell said. Haylee Young, a sophomore, is improving and will be the No. 2 hurler.
Senior Jessica Tinsley returns to second base. She's the only other upperclassman on the infield. At shortstop will be freshman Chelsea Oliver, and Brittney Buell is at first. Both also started last year. New on the infield is McKenzie Hewitt, who started a year ago in the outfield.
Taylor Keister is the only returning starter

2012 Schedule

Date	Team	Time
Mar 29	Lyon County	5:30
Mar 30	Caldwell County	5:30
Apr 10	at Dawson Springs	5:30
Apr 12	sy Webster County	5:30
Apr 13	Carlisle County	5:30
Apr 16	Lyon County 2nd Region All A Classic	
Apr 19	Hopkinsville	5:30
Apr 20	at Trigg County	5:30
Apr 23	at Caldwell County	5:30
Apr 24	at Union County	5:30
Apr 26	at Mayfield	5:00
Apr 27	Trigg County	5:00
Apr 30	at Lyon County	5:30
May 3	at Heath	6:00
May 4	Livingston Central	5:30
May 7	University Heights	5:30
May 8	Dawson Springs	5:30
May 10	at Hopkins Central	5:30
May 15	Webster County	5:30
May 17	Madisonville	5:30

in the outfield. The senior also has a great deal of experience in right field. Newcomers are Whitney Williams and Whitney Kinnis, both juniors.

Crittenden County Softball Roster

Name	Jersey	Class	Position
Shannah Williams	1	Senior	Catcher
Taylor Keister	2	Senior	Outfield
Jessica Tinsley	8	Senior	Infield
Emily Owen	16	Senior	Pitcher
Whitney Williams	12	Junior	Outfield
Whitney Kinnis	19	Junior	Outfield
Brittney Buell	21	Sophomore	Infield
Haylee Young	14	Sophomore	Pitcher
McKenzie Hewitt	13	Sophomore	Infield/Outfield
Chelsea Oliver	4	Freshman	Infield
Danielle Byarley	20	Freshman	Outfield
Hayli Hill	6	Sophomore	Utility
Khyla Moss	32	Freshman	Utility
Cassidy Moss	43	7th grade	Pitcher/ Outfield
Megan Hunt	3	8th grade	Infield
Carrie Peek	99	7th grade	Outfield
Courtney Beverly	37	7th grade	Outfield
Jessi Brewer	11	7th grade	Catcher
Emily Hall	41	7th grade	Outfield
Sadie Easley	22	7th grade	Infield
Kaylee Travis	10	7th grade	Infield
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Spring Sports Roundup



Crittenden County shortstop Chelsea Oliver makes a putout at second base during the Lady Rockets' first game this season against Mayfield.

BASEBALL

Rockets rock Cardinals

Travis Gilbert went the distance and the Rockets provided plenty of firepower, blasting Livingston Central 20-4 in five innings Tuesday at Smithland.

Gilbert struck out seven and gave up six hits and three earned runs.

Bryce Willis had the hottest of several hot sticks. On three hits, he drove in five runs. Taylor Champion and Eli Bebout knocked in three runs apiece on two hits each, and Gilbert had 2 RBIs.

Marshals beat Rockets

Travis Gilbert went 2-for-3 and Taylor Champion had the only other Rocket hit as Crittenden County lost 8-1 at home against Marshall County Monday.

Champion, who is recovering from a non-sports-related injury, was the designated hitter. He got on and scored Crittenden's only run in the third inning.

Devin Belt started the game and went 6.1 innings before Eli Bebout came on in relief. Marshall scored three in the first and two in the fourth. They also

had single-run frames in the second, sixth and seventh.

The Rockets have had trouble in the first inning and middle innings through their four games. They've allowed a total of seven runs in the first innings and eight runs in each the fourth and fifth.

The Marshall County matchup was not originally on the Rockets' schedule. The Rockets' game Saturday at St. Mary was rained out.

SOFTBALL

Girls start slowly

Errors and lack of timely hitting hurt the Lady Rockets during a weekend tournament at Lone Oak. Crittenden lost 9-2 to Massac County, Ill., 8-2 to St. Mary and 8-0 to Reidland.

Shannah Williams and Emily Owen scored all of the Lady Rockets' runs in the two games. Owen had three hits against St. Mary.

The Lady Rockets lost 11-0 to Union County Monday at Marion. Williams, McKenzie Hewitt, Brittney Buell and Jessica Tinsley each had singles for the team's only hits in five innings.



Crittenden County pitcher Eli Bebout came on in relief in the seventh inning of Monday's game against Marshall County, but by then his team was behind by seven.



Crittenden County High School's Lady Rocket basketball team held its annual awards banquet Sunday, March 18. Among those honored were (front from left) Kaitlin Binkley, Challenge Award; Mary Mattingly, Warrior Award and Senior Award; Kayla Davis, Hustle Award; Khyla Moss, Most Improved; (back) Chelsea Oliver, Impact Player Award and Leading Rebounder; Davana Head, Challenge Award; Maggie Collins, 110 Percent Award; Bailey Brown, Leading Scorer and Most Valuable Player Award; and Mallory McDowell, Challenge Award.

Commission recommends quail changes

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed several modifications to hunting and fishing regulations at its March quarterly meeting.

The commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. All recommendations must be approved by legislators before they become law.

In wildlife-related business, the commission proposed allowing more flexibility to train bird dogs outside the current Dog

Training Area Permit System.

Pen-reared bobwhite quail could be harvested for the purpose of dog training on private lands from Aug. 15 through May 15. Individuals must be licensed and fill out an application to participate. They must possess proof of the sale or ownership of the birds or a captive wildlife permit for pen-reared bobwhite quail and make sure that the training area is free of wild quail. The pen-reared bobwhite quail must be banded.

"We want to promote quail hunting and dog training and at the same time protect the wild resource,"

said Karen Waldrop, director of wildlife for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

The commission also recommended increasing the number of pen-reared birds

an individual may possess for personal use without having a non-commercial captive wildlife permit. That number has not yet been determined.

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Cotton

Virginia "Tinsy" Cotton, 95, of Symsonia, formerly of Dawson Springs, died Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Hopkins County.

She was a member of Charleston Missionary Baptist Church in Charleston and was a foster grandparent for the Dawson Springs School System.

She is survived by five daughters, Sandra Lantrip and Patsy Convooy, both of Symsonia, Phyllis Helmkamp of Marion, Debra Brown of Orange Park, Fla., and Rebecca Blanchard of Gilbertsville; 10 grandchildren, Hope Jones of Gilbertsville, Beth Convooy of Nashville, Tenn., Ronnie Beavers of Mexico, Pamela Turley and Patty Guess, both of Marion, Melissa Wallace of Hardmony, Jim Brown of Milani, Hawaii, John Brown of Orange Park, Michelle Adcock of Louisville, Bart Rushing of Madisonville; and two step-grandchildren, Roni Sisk of Princeton, Mi'Chell Huddleston of Eddyville; 26 great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gain Henry and Jennie Morris Cotton; six brothers: Cecil Cotton, Eugene Cotton, Bill Cotton, Omer Cotton, Melvin Cotton and Garland Cotton; one sister, Elsie Thomas; and one grandchild, Donnie Beavers.

Arrangements are being handled by Collier Funeral Home in Benton.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Friday at Piney Grove Cemetery in Dawson Springs with Rev. Faris Sawhneh officiating. Interment will follow in the cemetery.

No public visitation is scheduled.

Memorial contributions may be given to: Hardmony Baptist Church, 5351 State Route 1684, Paducah, KY 42001 or Lourdes Hospice, P.O. Box 7100, Paducah, KY 42002.

Johnson

Thelma Johnson, 81, of Marion died Friday, March 23, 2012 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a member of Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church.

Johnson is survived by her children, Larry and wife Gerri D. Johnson of Marion, Carolyn and her husband Lee Cessna of Hansen and Bruce Johnson of Marion; one brother, Joe King of Nashville, Tenn.; one sister, Louise Thomas of Marion; four grandchildren, Brook Cox, Kyle Johnson, Joshua Polk and Megan Settle; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard H. Johnson; one brother, Willard Rudell King; and her parents, Conrad and Louisa Myers King.

Funeral services were Monday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors with Rev. Jim Porter and Rev. Herbert Alexander officiating. Burial was in White's Chapel Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to: White's Chapel Cemetery Fund or White's Chapel Church, c/o Boyd Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 26, Salem, KY 42078.

Condolences may also be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

Quertermous

Ashley Nicole Quertermous, 15, of Salem died Monday, March 19, 2012 at her home.

She was a freshman at Livingston Central High School and a member of Lola Pentecostal Church.

Quertermous is survived by her parents, Kelly and Cindy Quertermous of Salem; two siblings, Courtney and Haley Quertermous, both of Salem; paternal grandparents, Harold Wayne and Virginia Quertermous of Salem; and maternal grandparents, Walter and Frances Manhart of Hampton.

She was preceded in death by a grandmother, Betty Catherine Quertermous.

Funeral services were Friday at Lola Pentecostal Church with the Rev. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial was in Lola Cemetery. Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

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Hodge

Mae Hodge, 80, of Marion died Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

She was retired from the Kentucky Department of Social Services and a member of the Marion United Methodist Church.

Hodge is survived by her husband, Don Hodge, of Marion; one daughter, Donna Hodge and husband Bert Croezen of Lexington, N.C.; and one sister, Margaret Robertson of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Novella McKinney Maynard; and one sister, Emma Lou Curnel.

Funeral services were Saturday at Myers Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne Garvey officiating. Burial was in Maplevue Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marion United Methodist Church, 112 S. College St., Marion, KY 42064.

Woodall

Boise Junior Woodall, 79, of Marion Sunday, March 25, 2012 at his home.

He was of the Baptist faith and had worked as a core driller in the mines.

Woodall is survived by two sons, Everett Keith and wife Lisa Woodall and Boise Christopher and wife Kaylynn Woodall, both of Marion; three brothers, James Clarence Woodall of Princeton and Harold Woodall and Frankie Woodall, both of Paducah; two sisters, Hazel Brown of Marion and Carolyn Woodall of Paducah; four grandchildren, Casey Tyler Woodall, Amanda Rene Floyd, Alli Rashae Floyd and Alyssa Morgan Woodall; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evalena Swinford Woodall; parents, Boise and Velda Conger Woodall; and one brother.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Myers Funeral Home with Bro. Roger Waters officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Hooks

Wallace Glenn Hooks, 68, of Eddyville died Friday, March 23, 2012 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

He was a four-year member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 184 in Paducah. He served as a longtime officer on the executive board, serving several years as vice-president and also several years as president. He was also a part-time farmer and a member of Hebron Baptist Church in Lyon County.

Hooks is survived by his wife of 44 years, Debbrah Talley Hooks; one son, Chris and wife Anzie Hooks of Lyon County; two grandchildren, Calvin Hooks and Caitlyn Hooks, both of Lyon County; one brother, Rondall and wife Betty Hooks of Lyon County; and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin G. Hooks and Hazel Campbell Hooks.

Services were Monday at Lakeland Funeral Home Chapel in Eddyville with Dr. Jerrell White and Larry Sanderson officiating. Burial was in Hebron Cemetery in Lyon County.

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Sullenger

Henry Douglas Sullenger, 86, of Marion died Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at Western Kentucky Veterans Center at Hanson, Ky.

Born Feb. 11, 1926 in Crittenden County, Sullenger was a lifelong resident of Marion. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II.

Sullenger attended schools in Crittenden County and graduated from Marion High School in 1944. He also attended Kentucky School of Banking at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

After graduation from high school, Sullenger was inducted into service with the U.S. Army in 1944. He received basic training and armored training at Fort Knox. He was then assigned to the 12th Armored Division in France and Germany as a tank gunner. After operations in the European Theatre of the war ended, Sullenger returned stateside in 1945 and served out his term in the military. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Upon returning to Crittenden County that same year, Sullenger went to work at Farmers Bank on Sept. 9 where he was employed for the next 50 years. He began work in the bookkeeping department and was elected cashier and member of the board of directors in 1958. He was also the bank's first trust officer when it re-opened a trust department in 1959. Sullenger became the executive vice president in 1960. He became president and chairman of the board of directors in 1970. Sullenger retired as president of the bank on Dec. 31, 1993. He continued to serve as chairman of the board until 1996. During Sullenger's term as president of the bank, its building was doubled in size, it opened its first automated teller machine and the bank's assets grew fivefold.

Sullenger was also active in civic and community affairs. He served 12 years on the Marion City Council. He was a member of the Marion United Methodist Church for more than 60 years, having served on the administrative council and several terms as church treasurer.

Sullenger was also a member of Bigham Masonic Lodge No. 256, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ellis B. Ordway American Legion Post 111.

Besides civic and community activities, Sullenger was a 50-year member of the Kentucky Bankers Association (KBA). He served one term as treasurer of the KBA and two years as a director. He was a member of the Community Bankers Advisory Council of the American Bankers Association for two years.

Sullenger was married March 1948 to the former Betty French, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Susan Yarbrough and her husband Joe of Marion; two grandchildren, Alexandra Bruenderman and her husband Kevin of Louisville, and Joseph Wheeler Yarbrough III of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sullenger was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Harrison and Allie Mae Highfil Sullenger; six sisters; and four brothers.

Services are at 2 p.m., Friday at Marion United Methodist Church with interment at Maplevue Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from noon Friday until service time at the church. Military rites will be given at the cemetery. Memorials may be made to Marion United Methodist Church, 112 S. College St., Marion, KY 42064.

Jackson

James Marvin Jackson, 63, of Marion died Saturday, March 24, 2012 at his home.

He is survived by his mother, Nancy Pearl Hall of Marion; five children, Karla Hackney of Marion, Ruth Ann Jackson of Hopkinsville, James R. Jackson of Elizabethtown, Kendall L. Jackson of Elizabethtown and Kelly L. O'Neal of Marion; two half-sisters; and eight grandchildren.

Jackson was preceded in death by one son, James Marvin Jackson, Jr.; two brothers; two sisters; and his father, James Monroe Jackson.

Funeral services were Tuesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, a story in the March 15 edition of The Crittenden Press incorrectly attributed facts taken from The Hardin County (Ill.) Independent newspaper. The story claimed the newspaper stated that Hardin County Coroner Roger Little would act as sheriff until November election to the death of Sheriff Lloyd "Smokey" Cullison.

While the reference to The Independent's reporting was taken from TheDailyRegister.com, The Independent never published that information. Little can act as sheriff for up to 60 days before the county board must appoint a sheriff until the November election, reported The Independent in its March 8 issue.

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We want to thank our parents Meri and Richard Orr and RuthAnn and Donnie Farmer for everything they have done for us. We also would like to thank Ashlee, Matt and Tabby Tinsley for taking care of our four-legged babies and our home. We will be forever grateful to have such wonderful family and friends.

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Guardianship offers protection for disabled

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
MANAGING EDITOR

Seeing to the needs of the disabled or elderly no longer able to care for themselves can be difficult for family and loved ones. When the time comes to take over their day-to-day affairs because of self-neglect, abuse by caretakers or simply an inability to manage their own life, it can be devastating.

Many times, families — or those left behind to care for the infirm when family is absent from the picture — are left with no choice but to seek guardianship of that adult. Much the same as legal guardianship of minors, it offers a means of protection for one in need.

However, seeking legal guardianship of adults often carries with it a negative connotation. It may seem callous or as if the individual's personal freedoms are being yanked away. To make matters worse, the legal proceedings to determine guardianship were once ominously dubbed "competency hearings."

That's a phrase Rebecca Johnson never likes to hear. As county attorney for Crittenden County, she handles an average of nine "disability guardianship cases" a year. The commonwealth has changed terminology to add a bit of humanity to the process.

While establishing power-of-attorney, or POA, may meet the needs of some, it is hardly adequate for the cases in which the disabled or elderly are in a position to be taken advantage of, either by family or a paid caretaker.

"Guardianship actually protects them to a greater degree," Johnson said of the disabled. "A POA does not take away a person's right to take care of their own finances."

That leaves the door open to the potential for financial abuse



by someone simply designated as a POA.

Seeking guardianship requires a three-step process in the judicial system with built-in checks and balances before it can become finalized with the ruling of a six-person jury.

First, a petition for guardianship must be filed by a petitioner, the individual or persons looking to oversee the affairs of a loved one. The county attorney, Johnson in the jurisdiction of Crittenden County, becomes the prosecutor in the proceedings to award binding guardianship. The disabled is referred to as the respondent and is awarded a county-paid attorney if they are unable to afford their own.

"That attorney is there to make sure all procedures are followed," Johnson said.

An evaluation of the respondent is the second step in the guardianship process, with a social worker, physician and mental health professional considering the state of the respondent. The physician can even be the respondent's primary physician.

The combination provides an objective view of the respondent's condition and may determine that the individual is still perfectly capable of properly caring for his own needs. Conversely, they may be unanimous in reaching the opposite conclusion.

"They give written assess-

ments or opinions to the court," Johnson said. "Often all three agree they are in need of a guardian and cannot handle affairs."

At that point, a district judge will set a date for a jury trial, the means by which the Commonwealth of Kentucky offers the respondent an opportunity to offer their case against guardianship being awarded.

"That's important," Johnson said of the jury process. After all, "you are taking away someone's rights."

One person from the team of professional evaluators will testify during the trial, and the respondent is even given the opportunity to take the stand.

If the jury of peers decides the person is competent, life continues as it was for all parties, at least legally. Should the jurors award guardianship, it can be to one or more people or even the Kentucky Cabinet of Health and Family Services if no one steps forward to take on the responsibility of the guardian.

"What it means is taking away the right of that person to legally enter into a contract," Johnson said of successful guardianship cases. "It's a wonderful protection, mostly financially."

The newly-appointed guardian also may decide the respondent is in need of admission to a hospital or long-term care facility.

And if at any time the respondent's needs change with perhaps their health taking a turn for the better, the guardianship can be appealed through the courts.

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During the global economic downturn in 2009, many people were forced to reassess their financial futures. While some weathered the storm better than others, few came out of the recession in better shape than they entered it. Perhaps no group of people was more hurt than baby boomers or senior citizens. While some senior citizens were savvy enough to see the economic downturn coming and therefore minimize the damage done to their nest eggs, many more witnessed their retirement savings take a big hit.

In many cases, the children of those baby boomers and senior citizens are left wondering what they can do to help. Adults themselves, these children have likely also taken a financial hit as a result of the recession, and might be puzzled as to how they can help their parents or in-laws cope with financial loss. The following tips may help do just that.

■ Avoid using credit cards. Credit cards are not the solution to solving any current debt or financial problems. Credit cards are only adding more debt or, for those without any current debt, creating a bigger financial problem than the one that currently exists. While recent legislation in the United States has placed restrictions on creditors and interest rates, that does not mean credits cards are now a viable crutch for those struggling financially.

■ Discourage risk. The knee jerk reaction when one loses money in the market is generally one of two things. Some investors immediately want to pull all of their money out of the market, while others want to take on more risk. The latter is similar to someone losing money at a casino and continually doubling their bets in an effort to recoup their losses with one lucky hand. Unfortunately, there is no lucky hand when it comes to the market, and adults should discourage their parents of taking on riskier investments to recoup their lost nest eggs. Regardless of how much a person may or may not have lost during the recession, the rule of thumb that investments should grow less risky as we grow older still applies.

■ Recommend a relocation. While the housing market also took a hit during the recession, chances are your parents' property is still quite valuable. What's more, if your parents are still in the home where they raised their family, that's an asset they probably no longer need. Whether downsizing involves selling the home and moving to a smaller home or condo or selling the home and relocating to a more affordable state or city, it's an option that can free up assets and help relieve some of the stress associated with losses from the recession.

■ Discuss a fixed annuity. Fixed annuities might not be for everyone, but seniors worried about outliving their retirement savings and having no income might want to con-

sider a fixed annuity. These can be immediate or deferred, allowing seniors the chance to plan for living on a fixed income without having to jump right into it. Consult a financial advisor with your parents to discuss the advantages and disadvantages to fixed annuities.

■ Suggest retirees adjust their withdrawal rate. Current retirees can adjust their retirement account withdrawal rate and save money in doing so. While it might not be ideal to cut back spending during a time that's supposed to be carefree, the recession certainly changed reality in ways many did not foresee. As a result, cutting spending by reducing their rate of withdrawal might be the best way seniors can still enjoy their golden years and hang on to their money as well.

13 tips to manage medications safely

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Statistics indicate that the average senior takes four to five prescription medications daily and potentially two over-the-counter products as well. Individuals could be consuming 10 to 15 pills in one day. Research also indicates that a senior will use roughly 25 different prescription medications during the course of a year. Managing this many medications can be tricky.

Seniors rely on a myriad of medications for various health conditions. Oftentimes, these meds are prescribed by different specialists with little to no coordination between them. Doctors often rely on patient information regarding prescription usage to complete medical history forms and determine whether another medication is safe to take. It is easy for the elderly to forget about a medication he or she is taking or mix it up with another when the person is managing so many pills. Drug interactions can be dangerous and potentially fatal. Therefore it is essential to manage meds as carefully as possible.

1. The first step to take is to make a list of all medications that you are currently taking. If you use one pharmacy (highly advisable for record-keeping and notification of drug interactions), you can ask the pharmacy to print a list of the pills you take. It will have the actual names and show your prescription history. Make copies of this list. Store one at home in a file cabinet, and keep others in your wallet or purse to bring with you to doctors' appointments. When asked about prescriptions, you'll have your list ready and waiting.

2. Make sure you fully understand dosage and duration of medications when your doctor prescribes something. Doctors stereotypically have poor handwriting on prescriptions. Therefore, do not hesitate to ask that the instructions be repeated. Verify the instructions with the pharmacist when picking up the medication.

3. Store all medication in the original containers so that you have the proper



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Being careful with medications can mean the difference between life and death.

dosage and expiration dates. This will make renewals and dosage checks easier.

4. If you take multiple pills each day, it can be handy to use a pill organizer separated into days of the week and times of the day. At the beginning of each week, use your pill bottles to measure out what pills you need to take at each time. If you feel confused about this process, ask a family member, friend or even the pharmacy to help.

5. Read the safety information provided with prescription medications. It will tell you what you can and can't do while taking a medication, as well as potential side effects. If you have any concerns about the information, speak with the pharmacist or call your doctor. You're always better safe than sorry.

6. Store prescriptions where they are accessible by you but not by other members of the family. If you are

sharing a home with a spouse or someone else who takes multiple medications, keep your pills separate from the others. You may want to color-code bottles or organizers so you can easily see what pills are yours or your spouse's.

7. Avoid taking medication in the dark or while tired. You may take the wrong pill and risk overdose.

8. Keep medications away from young children, especially visiting grandchildren.

9. Routinely check expiration dates on bottles. Discard expired medication promptly.

10. If your doctor tells you to stop taking a medication, dispose of it promptly.

11. Always take the prescription as prescribed by a doctor. Don't play with dosage or skip pills because you feel like it. Also, don't abruptly stop taking a medication. Some prescriptions require you to gradually wean off.

12. If a medication's side effects are making you ill or you do not feel right or improved while taking a medication, consult with your doctor. You know your body best.

13. Alcohol interacts with many different prescriptions. Be careful of mixing alcohol and drugs.

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Osteoarthritis affects millions of aging men and women

While there are many benefits to getting older, few people associate the aging process with all the good things that occur as a person approaches their golden years. Instead, aging is more often associated with aches and pains than grandkids and trips around the world.

Though such associations are unfortunate, they are rooted in the reality that aging often comes with a few ailments. One such ailment many older adults deal with is osteoarthritis, which, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, affects more than 12 million men and women over the age of 65 in the United States alone. In Canada, one in 10 adults has osteoarthritis, proving this most common form of arthritis does not discriminate based on geography.

But as prevalent as osteoarthritis might be, the millions of men and women currently living with the condition are proof that it doesn't have to ruin a person's golden years. In fact, learning about osteoarthritis, its risk factors and prospective treatment options can help those men and women currently living with the condition or those concerned about developing it in the future.

What is osteoarthritis?
Osteoarthritis, or OA, is

also referred to as degenerative joint disease. The most common type of arthritis, OA occurs when cartilage begins to wear away. Cartilage is an essential part of each joint, helping to absorb shock and enabling the joint to move smoothly. OA most often occurs in the body's weight-bearing joints, which includes the hips, knees and spine.

When a person has OA, the cartilage in a joint stiffens and loses its elasticity, which makes it more susceptible to damage. Joints will be stiff in the morning, a stiffness that can last roughly 15 to 20 minutes. As the day progresses and the joints are used more and more, the pain can intensify and swelling can occur. This is typically because, as the joint's cartilage continues to deteriorate, the tendons and ligaments are stretching and causing pain.

Are there symptoms of OA?
There are symptoms of OA, but these can vary greatly from individual to individual. Some people experience few symptoms of OA even if X-rays indicate their joints have undergone significant degeneration. In addition, the pain associated with OA isn't necessarily constant, and some people can go years without experiencing any OA-related pain. Such instances are most common among people

with OA of the hands and knees.

Those who do exhibit symptoms of OA can do so in a variety of ways. Men and women with progressive cartilage degeneration in their knee joints might become bow legged or develop a limp, which will worsen as the cartilage continues to degenerate.

OA of the spine often causes pain in the neck or lower back. Severe pain can be caused by bony spurs that form along the spine, and numbness and tingling of affected body parts can result as well.

Men and women with OA of the hands can also exhibit symptoms, which are usually bony deformities along the joints of the fingers. Heberden's node is a bony enlargement at the small joint of the fingers that occurs because of bone spurs resulting from OA in that joint. A bony knob that occurs at the middle joint of the fingers, known as Bouchard's node, is also quite common among men and women with OA of the hands. While neither of these nodes is especially painful, they are associated with limited motion of the affected joint.

Patients with OA at the base of the big toes might notice the formation of a bunion, something that researchers suggest is possibly

genetic, as it can be found in numerous female members of certain families.

The Arthritis Society in Nova Scotia notes that, early on, men and women with OA will find their symptoms are typically only triggered by high impact activities. However, eventually the pain can be triggered by daily activities and might not subside until men and women get adequate rest. Some people even feel pain for most of the day, including when they are attempting to fall asleep at night.

Can OA be treated?

OA can be treated, but men and women must recognize that it cannot be cured. As mentioned above, some people's symptoms can disappear for years at a time. But they will return, and treatment, if it was ceased, must then continue.

OA is most common among people who are overweight, so one of the most effective ways to reduce pain from OA is to lose weight and get regular exercise. This takes pressure off of joints that are being

heavily taxed. To lose weight, choose a low-fat diet that features plenty of vegetables, fruits, lean proteins and whole-grains. For a more specific diet, consult a physician.

Though exercising when pain from OA is significant might seem counterintuitive, exercise is actually great for the joints. Each person is different, so consult a physician before beginning a new exercise regimen. However, don't shy away from aerobic exercises, including walking, swimming or even riding a bicycle, or strength-training exercises like weightlifting, which makes the muscles stronger and more capable of supporting the joints. And as with any exercise routine, don't forget to stretch.

Another treatment option for joints hurting because of OA is the application of a heating pad or a cold pack. Cold and heat can be applied several times per day (always cover the skin with a towel prior to application to avoid skin damage). But those nursing an injury should only apply cold for the first few

days. Medications are another treatment option for OA. Discuss medications, which can include over-the-counter anti-inflammatory pills, such as Advil, Aleve or Motrin, prescription medications, and corticosteroid injections, with a physician who can help determine the best course of action.

While surgery is not a necessary course of treatment for the majority of OA sufferers, for some it is. Surgical options can be a minimally invasive arthroscopic procedure, a joint fusion surgery wherein the joint is removed and bones are held together with screws, pins or plates, or a complete or partial joint replacement. Another surgical option is an osteotomy, a procedure where a section of the bone is cut and removed to improve joint alignment and stability.

More information about OA is available at the Arthritis Society Web site at www.arthritis.ca.

Boomers turning to online dating

Individuals over the age of 50 are turning more frequently to Internet dating to find a new significant other.

After losing a loved one or completing a divorce, many baby boomers are considering getting back into the dating pool. Internet dating sites often provide a good number of candidates for busy people to consider. In busy times filled with work responsibilities and family obligations, logging on to the computer to find a date can be much easier than finding a date in a social setting.

Twenty-two percent of the registered members of Match.com are over the age of 50. There's a good chance that other popular dating sites also have a growing

number of older participants as well. There are also dating sites geared to the over-50 crowd to make narrowing down prospects even easier.

Finding oneself in midlife and looking for a date or new mate is actually quite common. Thousands of people are in the same situation. In a September 2003 study of singles aged 55+, The American Association for Retired People discovered that 49 percent said of respondents cited, "Having someone to talk to or do things with" as the most important reason for dating.

Seniors dating can have a unique set of challenges in comparison to younger daters. These include:

- Habits or routines that

have developed after months or years of living single.

- Added baggage from divorce.

- Older children who may not be keen to their parents dating again.

- Elderly parents who need care.

- Physical appearance woes, such as wrinkles and extra weight.

- Medical conditions that may be embarrassing or serious.

- Self-esteem issues from being out of the dating loop for so long.

Baby Boomers now represent more than a quarter of the population, and many are being spurred on by children to look into online dating.



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Access your abilities as an aging driver

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When a person first earns a driver's license, they've earned more than just the right to legally operate an automobile. To many drivers, a driver's license is symbolic of freedom and self-sufficiency.

The significance of a driver's license never truly dissipates, which makes it difficult for aging men and women to address their abilities as a driver and whether or not they can still safely share the road with other motorists. Though many drivers can safely stay behind the wheel well into their golden years, others begin to recognize their skills are starting to diminish as they approach senior citizen status. For those who want help gauging their abilities as a driver, some self-examination can help.

Assess your eyesight

Healthy eyes are essential to being a safe driver, and drivers can assess their eyesight in a number of ways. In addition to visiting an eye doctor for an eye examination, drivers should look for signs that they're having difficulty with driving. If signs and street markings aren't so easy to read anymore, you might need a new prescription for eyeglasses. When the glare of headlights at night makes it difficult to see, your driver's seat might need to be adjusted or you might want to consider antiglare eyeglasses that make it easier to see at

night.

Assess your comfort level

Safe drivers are also comfortable drivers. To assess your comfort level as a driver, ask yourself the following questions before getting back behind the wheel.

- Is it troublesome to look over your shoulder and change lanes?
- Has steering become difficult?
- Has your reaction time when switching from the gas pedal to the brake pedal decreased?

If you can answer "yes" to any of the questions above, then it could be that you're beginning to lose strength, coordination and/or flexibility, which can make it more difficult to operate a motor vehicle. Answering "yes" doesn't mean you have to give up your driver's license. In fact, your doctor might be able to prescribe therapies or medicines or suggest a fitness regimen that can make it easier for you to comfortably drive a car. In addition, if you're having trouble steering or operating a motor vehicle in any way, you might just want to find a vehicle that's easier to drive, such as one with an automatic transmission that has power steering and brakes.

When assessing your comfort level, also examine your mental state while driving. If other drivers make you uncomfortable or traffic signs

are confusing, this can make it difficult to safely operate an automobile. Such feelings when driving could also be a side effect of a particular medication, so discuss the issue with your doctor to see if that's the case and if there are any alternatives.

Honestly address loved ones' concerns

Aging drivers are often the last to notice if their abilities behind the wheel are starting to diminish. Loved ones are often put in the position of talking to aging drivers about their abilities, and this can cause friction. If loved ones have expressed concern about your abilities as a driver, honestly address these concerns, even if it's initially hurtful or embarrassing to do so. Your loved ones are sharing their feelings out of genuine concern for your well-being, so don't look at it as an assault on your self-sufficiency. Some organizations, including the AARP and AAA, offer driving classes for mature drivers to help them more adequately handle the challenges aging drivers might face.

Aging drivers face obstacles they may or may not be prepared for. When such challenges arise, that doesn't necessarily mean it's time to stop driving entirely. Instead, honestly weigh a host of factors before deciding if it's still safe for you to be behind the wheel.



Aging drivers should weigh a host of factors when determining if it's still safe for them to be on the road.

What's next after retirement?

Scores of people spend their working days dreaming of the moment they are eligible for retirement. They may have retirement counted down to the minutes and seconds, particularly if they've been in a job that hasn't been the most enjoyable. But many people find that once they retire they do not know what to do to fill their time. Boredom actually may be a side effect of retirement, and some people actually want to go back to work.

Much of the focus when planning for retirement concerns finances. All other factors take a backseat. Therefore, there may be emotional issues that arise during retirement, and retirees are not always prepared to deal with such issues. Having a post-retirement plan in place can mean the difference between happiness and having a hard time adjusting, according to experts. Here are some tips that can help anyone ease into the golden years.

- Establish goals. After working for years, the idea of setting goals can seem counterintuitive. But goals can give life direction and have you looking forward to things in the future. Goals also motivate retirees to get up in the morning now that a commute to work isn't part of the daily schedule.

- Donate time or money. Giving back to others, whether to the community or to a charitable organization, can feel good and give retirees some structure. Volunteering your time at a place can give life some sort of purpose outside of a job.

- Start a home-based business. Just because you retire doesn't mean you have to fully retire. Now may be the opportunity to start a business venture you have always dreamed about, whether that is something hands-on or

just serving as a consultant.

- Try new things. Part of goal-setting is to add things to the list you've never done before, which can boost feelings of excitement. You may discover a new interest that becomes a passion. Now that you have time to explore new hobbies, they might prove more rewarding.
- Meet with people. Part of what makes work fulfilling is the opportunity to get out of the house and interact with others who are not members

of your family. It's easy to fall into a rut when you are not being mentally stimulated by conversation from different people.

- Realize it's alright not to love retirement. Just because the grass seemed greener in someone else's yard, doesn't mean it always turns out to be that way. It is OK to accept that maybe retirement isn't entirely what you expected and to make changes that can enable the experience to be better.

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Fish market once viable business on Ohio River

This article appeared in The Crittenden Press, July 15, 1982, written by then staff writer Darrell Monroe. It's one of those articles that is worth a second printing for the history and memories that it recalls. Written 30 years ago, it sure brought back memories for me, for it used to be the time when the Cave In Rock Fish Market was where everyone got their fish.

Fresh fish cookouts were an annual summer event at the Cave In Rock Park and the fish was always bought at the floating fish market, then brought back up the hill to a picnic area and cooked on the available grills with the wood that was supplied by the park. Fried in a black heavy iron skillet floating in hot grease it was a meal everyone looked forward to. Fish just always taste better cooked out in the fresh air. But I remember well how all the parents of us small children were very careful that we took our time to eat and chew each bite well for fear of us getting choked on a bone. A jar of dill pickles was always close by, for the liquid to preserve the pickles was 'suppose' to soften the bone if we did get one caught in our throats. Guess that sounds funny now days.

July 15, 1982

Cave In Rock Fish Market

People used to come here from all over the areas, owner Curt Odell said. There'd be a steady line here all the time. Odell, who bought the nearly 50-year old floating barge market in August 1978, said at one time river travel and the park campers were plentiful. But when gas went up in '79, traffic died down, and so did the fish market. Odell said when he first took over the business, there were two more docks strung from the barge down the banks of the river. "We had some big days then," he said.

"I've seen the day when you couldn't get a boat tied in," agreed Harold Patten who established the market in 1935. It began going down in the late 1950's although it's still holding on. "I've seen 52 businesses close in town since I've been here, but I expect the fish market will struggle on."

Patten said the crowd left when the state took away the wood. "Used to, we'd supply wood from the park to campers to kindle their fires for the fish. We'd have 6,000 people come through on Sundays ... the big day."

Nowadays, Odell, his wife Paula, business partner Pat Wood and helper Larry Flynn, might well be the



only ones visiting the barge on a given day. "Our volume of wholesale is still fairly good, but the profit's not hardly enough to make it," Odell said. "We've lost money ever since gas went up and traffic went down."

The fish market and dock is the only stopping place for boats to fuel up between Kentucky Lake and Evansville, Ind. "As far as walk-on business, there used to be standing room only in here, but that's never a problem now," he said.

Odell said that he basically uses only one supplier now. That's down from the 60 odd fishermen all over the river and lakes Patten used to supply his business. That was necessary when orders were large. "Whereas we used to supply a daily order of 200 to 300 pounds of fish, it's now 100," he said.

Although the market is not what it used to be, it still operates year round from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. "We're not in a dead run like we were my first three years, but we get by," Odell said.

Fish offerings of the quiet river-flavored market include fiddler catfish, boneless, hi-fins, buffalo, drums, smoked sturgeon and carp. There's also shrimp, frog legs and turtle on the market's billboard.

"The best sellers are the fiddlers around here," Odell said. The large fish tend to be more oily. Odell prefers buying his fish already dressed down but he does buy them straight from the fisherman's net as they bring them in from the area lakes and rivers. We keep fresh dressed fish on hand daily, as well as several thousand pound in a freezer.

"I've got a semi-trailer freezer filled with 8,000-10,000 pounds of fish in it right now. The idea is to keep a couple of thousand pounds on stock and rotate it." Odell said the fish hanging in the freezer are used to fill big orders and supply area restaurants. If a customer comes onto the barge and places an order, the market worker visits the cooler, washes the fish, weighs it out then dresses is as requested. The market also keeps live fish in cages outside which may be



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Part of the Ohio River's history is the old floating barge fish market that used to be tied up near the Cave In Rock Landing. In 1982, the fish market was struggling to keep afloat with the business and a bad economy.



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All part of a day's work for Jim Stone, Daryl Sherer, (standing at the table) and Tom Sherer in the background, as they scraped their mussel shells for loading. The shells would be sent to a market in Tennessee where they could be cut into pieces, sacked in burlap and sent to Japan's oyster beds. This picture was taken in July 1982.

dressed out if asked for or used to stock ponds.

The fish market is moving slow, but Odell said they get by. "All my recreation is spent here or on the water," he said. "That compensates for the money loss. We don't spend any time elsewhere."

Although the market doesn't see jammed packed crowds very often, if at all these days, it lives on by the return of satisfied customers. (Now just a memory of yesteryear, for those of us lucky enough to have been a part of these earlier times.)

Ohio River musselers

Another great article that was featured with the Fish Market story is Ohio Mussel(ers). Area fishermen gather shells for living. (Father and son, Tom and Daryl Sherer and Jim Stone featured in this article are now all deceased.)

as hard to find" in the Ohio as one might think. They're found covered on stabilized bottoms of the river. Sherer said he and Stone began digging mussels this summer because of a slump in the commercial fishing industry.

At this point, the market price is around \$550 a ton for good Ohio River shells. However, the market is about closed on Ohio Shells because of their inferiority compared to those found in The Tennessee River. Sherer said he and Stone will most likely move on the Cumberland and Green Rivers when they finish their present digging on the Ohio.

After a load of mussel shells is collected, about a ton and a half, the two take them to the Tennessee Shell Company at Camden, Tenn., where the shells will be cut up, sacked in burlap and shipped to Japan. The Japanese make cultured pearls using the mussel shells. The mussel shell is made of the same substance a pearl is. They're cut into little minute slugs and placed in a cage of oysters. The production of a pearl is speeded up by using the mussel slug, Sherer said.

The way to dig for the mussels is to have a 16 foot Braille (2 by 4 inch board) which has 16 inch chains spaced 2.5 inches apart along it. On the end of each chain is a group of six hooks with four prongs each. Each prong can be no larger than 1.25 inches. You drop that and it sweeps the river bottom. The mussels are embedded in the bottom. When they are feeding, their shells are open and the hooks will touch one and snap shut. You can tell by the feel when you've got a load and

you bring them up.

If the shell isn't at least two and a half inches long, it has to be thrown back into the water. Once the shells are fished out of the river, they are steamed in a 1,000 gallon tank to help clean and open them. The mussel is then scraped away and the shells sorted before they are piled into the truck for shipping. The mussel meat is used for fish bait, Sherer said. The Indians ate mussel but I don't recommend it, he added.

According to Sherer, there are six varieties of mussel in the Ohio River. You've got a variety of shells, he said. There's the wash board, the largest type, three ridge, pig toe, maple leaf, pistol grip and nigger head. They've all got scientific names, he added, but they're commonly known in the market by their descriptive names. The value of a shell is determined by its thickness and the hardness of its white coating. If the shell is discolored any, it's discarded. That's because if it's discolored, the pearl the shell is used to start would be discolored too.

The modern day Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer duo doesn't mind that they are the only ones digging for mussels, they see it as just another way to work the land and water for a living. If it's not fishing, this is it, one of them said in regard to their work. "Being out here on the water - you get out here early and you're not bothered with the world's problems .. that's more valuable to us than the money," the two agreed.

(It's great to have these wonderful articles from a different time, even though it was only 30 years ago.)

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2011 49	BAKER JACK & VICKEY	\$13.87
2011 80	BELT ALTON	\$134.02
2011 98	BELT MICHAEL	\$9.87
2011 109	BENTON GEORGE R	\$139.93
2011 110	BENTON GEORGE R & BRENDA	\$42.38
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2011 146	BRADFORD CHARLES	\$17.26
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2011 265	CORNE LARRY	\$66.03
2011 275	COZART ANGIE D	\$60.12
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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that on March 21, 2012 Bill Kemper of 6018 State Route 135, Marion, KY 42064 was appointed Executor with will annexed of Helen C. Kemper, deceased, whose address was 6066 State Route 135, Marion, Ky 42064. Stephen Arnett Attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Executor before the 21 day of September, 2012 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court
Madeline Henderson, Clerk
(1t-38-c)

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND
RELOCATION OF GRAVESITES**

On February 21, 2012, the Crittenden Fiscal Court adopted a resolution allowing Bobby Grogan, at his own expense, to remove and relocate five gravesites marked "Buntun" from his farm located near the Cumberland River, Dycusburg, Kentucky to the Dycusburg Cemetery. Anyone having any interest in this matter should address their comments or concerns within 60 days from February 23, 2012 to Bart Frazer, Attorney for Bobby Grogan, P.O. Box 361, 200 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. (270) 965-2261. (11t-45-c)frp

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Arts Extravaganza

Crittenden Elementary



Among students participating in last Thursday's Arts Extravaganza – an arts display, drama, dance and musical show at Crittenden County Elementary School – were (clockwise top left, and from left in each photograph) reacting to the anthology "A Patriotic Salute" were Dalton Wood, Travis Boone, Ethan Curnel and Coleman Stone; waving colorful handkerchiefs were Mary Perryman and Hadlee Rich; line dancers were Mallory Lynn, Kaityln Guess, Raylee Belt and Alyssa Bozeman; on the xylophone were Carly Towery and Chandler Middleton; with speaking parts were Gavin Dickerson and Shea Martin, and Devin Porter and Sawyer Towery; moving to the beat of an African American cultural dance tune "Little Johnny Brown" were Erica Darnell, Skilyn Jenkins, Hayden Jones and Benjamin Evans; and four girls who had speaking roles in the drama portion were Cassie Suggs, Faith Turner, Kenlee Perryman and Caitlyn Lynch. Teachers who coordinated and choreographed the event were: Lynette Miller, music teacher; Carolyn Traum, librarian; Angela Starnes, dance and physical education; and Suzanne Brown, art instructor.



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