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Daylight saving time starts Sunday

Don't forget to spring forward on Sunday. Daylight saving time officially begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, but most people will be setting their clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night. Hawaii and most of Arizona are the locations in the United States that do not observe daylight saving time, which ends Nov. 1.



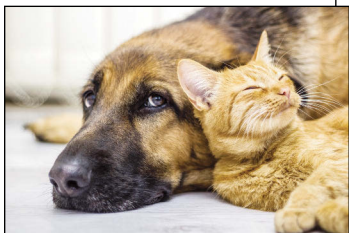
Statewide tornado drill rescheduled

As March comes in like a lion, a statewide tornado drill set for this week has been rescheduled for next Tuesday. This week's drill planned for Tuesday was cancelled due to severe winter weather across Kentucky.

Since March frequently brings hazardous weather to Kentucky, Gov. Steve Beshear has proclaimed March as Severe Weather Awareness Month. The tornado drill is being planned in conjunction with the proclamation.

The drill is currently set for 9:17 a.m. local time Tuesday. At that time, the National Weather Service will issue a tornado warning test message. Weather alert radios will activate and broadcast stations and mobile devices will air the alert, allowing the public the opportunity to practice tornado safety measures. Crittenden County's tornado warning sirens will also sound at that time.

If severe weather is forecast for next Tuesday, the drill will again be rescheduled again.



\$50 spay, neuter vouchers available

Crittenden County Animal Shelter is scheduled to sell vouchers for discounted spaying or neutering of pets from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Residents of Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties are eligible to purchase the vouchers, which can be used for cats or dogs at several area participating veterinarians. The cost for each voucher is \$50, and it must be used within 90 days with no refunds available. For further information, contact the shelter at (270) 969-1054.

Public meetings

- Livingston County Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the board office in Smithland.



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Community coming to aid of ailing

Tolu, Salem rally around family of boy battling rare disease of immune system

By **JASON TRAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Faith and support. That's what friends, family and members of communities in two counties are offering a local family currently navigating a challenging course.

In January, Salem residents Brad and Jenny Fuller learned their son, Mason, 11, was diagnosed with NEMO deficiency syndrome, a genetic condition where the body doesn't produce enough protein to adequately support the immune system. The diagnosis was made at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The condition is so rare, the hospital has treated only five patients who have had the immune deficiency.

NEMO, which stands for the sci-

Fish fry fundraiser set

A fish fry fundraiser to benefit the Fuller family will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., March 14 at the Tolu Community Center. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Twenty-inch boys and girls bicycles will be auctioned. In addition, a cake auction will begin at 7 p.m.

entific term NF-kappa B Essential Modulator, almost always occurs in boys and affects individuals in different ways.

Brad, a 1990 graduate of Crittenden County High School, said the condition affects his son's lungs, causing him to experience chronic

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Hundreds of hours of leave donated by county employees to sick co-worker

By **JASON TRAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Often, one of the kindest gestures one can make is simply giving another person time. That's exactly what public employees of the county and colleagues of Jeannie Fox have demonstrated after she came down with a serious illness.

Fox is employed through Crittenden County Detention Center as a work supervisor at the Marion Convenience Center. In February, she was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a rare disorder where the body's immune system attacks the nerves. Weakness and tingling in the extremities are usually the first symptoms to occur.

But Fox's battle with the disease proved to be very serious, as her ability to breathe was also affected.

In an overwhelming show of support, Fox's fellow county workers didn't want her to be without a paycheck to pay bills or lose benefits like health insurance while she was hospitalized and couldn't work.

As of last week, Fox's colleagues at the detention center and employees with the sheriff's office, fiscal court and road department had donated a collective 539 hours of sick time on her behalf.

Crittenden County Jailer Robbie

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Fox

Summer off for students could again be short one

STAFF REPORT

Much like the previous academic year, winter weather has played havoc with the school calendar. And it's not finished.

Prior to last month's winter storm, students in Crittenden County Schools had missed only two days of instruction due to wintry weather - Nov. 17 and Jan. 15. But the foot of snow that blanketed the county on Feb. 16 pushed that number to eight.

At the start of this week, students were already looking at a late start for summer break, but a winter storm warning for Wednesday could mean summer will be delayed even further. The forecast for Crittenden County at press time Tuesday was for the storm to bring freezing rain, sleet and heavy snow.

School for Wednesday was called off Tuesday afternoon, bringing the total number snow days in the dis-

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News as it happens

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Reading across America

A number of children's literary characters converged upon Crittenden County Elementary School Monday to help celebrate the birthday of the late Dr. Seuss and to recognize the start of Read Across America Week. Many of the students got a kick out of portraying characters in their favorite books, and some of the teachers and staff even got in on the gig, too. Pictured above is third-grader Alexis Hughes dressed as Raggedy Ann and administrative secretary Debra LaPlante as the Cat in the Hat, one of Seuss' most recognizable characters. See next week's issue of The Crittenden Press for more photos and winners from the school-sponsored activities.

Freedom Waste yet to OK new contract

STAFF REPORT

At press time Tuesday, Freedom Waste Services in Princeton had yet to accept the fiscal court's proposed contract that establishes the rules and rates for collection of residential garbage across the county and service to the county's convenience center during 2015.

The solid waste agreement, as approved by Crittenden Fiscal Court on Feb. 20, was presented to the company last week. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said Tuesday that company management has reviewed the contract but had not yet formally agreed to it. He expected it to be accepted, however.

The contract approves an increase in monthly collection rates proposed by the company in December, but does not make use of Freedom Waste-provided bins mandatory.

The company had pitched universal use of its carts as a way to lessen rate increases and make collection safer for its employees through the use of a truck equipped with an arm to mechanically dump its bins, preventing truck drivers from having to exit the vehicle on roadways to collect roadside garbage. County officials, however, thought making use of the large, heavy carts mandatory could present a burden to some of the company's estimated 1,500 residential customers in Crittenden County.

"It is the desire of Freedom Waste Service to eventually service the entire community with carts," reads an invoice being sent to customers this month. "We feel it is safer and more economical for everyone."

The proposed contract

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From one-room Oak Hall School to new CCHS, White taught generations of county students

By **JASON TRAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Although it's been more than three decades since her retirement, many of Ada White's former students are sure to remember the longtime Crittenden County teacher.

Born near Sturgis, White graduated 73 years ago from what was then Western Kentucky State Teachers College. She retired from the classroom in 1978, after 31 years in education. At 97, she is believed to be the oldest retired teacher in Crittenden County.

"Murray was new then," a quick-witted White joked about her decision to attend the Bowling Green campus and become a Hilltopper instead of attending what was then Murray State Teachers College, which was less than 20 years old when she entered college.

Times have changed, and the colleges are now known more broadly as Western Kentucky University and Murray State University.

In her pursuit of teaching,

White was following a tradition set by her grandfather and mother, who were both educators. Her mother taught in Indiana for a period of time before starting a family.

White began her teaching career at Oak Hall, a one-room school that was once located on Fords Ferry Road about 6 miles from Marion. The schoolhouse sat across the road from where the two-story Alfred Dean home used to be located.

She had only 13 students in multiple grade levels. Even with a small number of students, she recalls the one-room school not being quite large enough.

White taught one year at Oak Hall.

During the next school year, White taught students at Mattoon. For two years, she instructed third- and fourth-grade classes. She later taught at Mattoon High School.

Afterward, she spent a year

teaching at Sturgis High School in Union County.

White then married and didn't teach for the next five years. She and her husband, Robert, would eventually have three children.



White

Upon returning to the classroom, White taught at what was the first Crittenden County High School, located where the current middle school is today. She taught math classes to a multitude of students.

White said she enjoyed teaching and explaining the concepts of math to her students and helping them understand the required material.


The first group of students she taught are now in their 70s. While those students still remember her, she doesn't always remember them. She said she still thinks of them when they were younger.

After her retirement, White helped her husband operate


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DUI, energy bills meet House approval last week

There was no update from me last week because the House did not meet due to the snow and cold weather that hit on Feb. 16, but we got back to work again last week, debating and voting on a number of bills.


The first bill I want to address is House Bill 4 which is a pension reform bill for the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System (KTRS). The KTRS has an unfunded liability of over \$14 billion, and HB 4 authorizes the state to issue a \$3.3 billion bond issue to help shore up the shortfall in the system.

The \$3.3 billion loan was requested by KTRS as a way to fund the actuarial required contribution (ARC) and would be the largest bond in the history of the state. The bond was supposed to fully fund the ARC for eight years, but it turns out not to be the case. In addition to the bond, an additional \$400 million per year for the next 22 years would be needed to get the funding back to 90 percent or better.

In 2013, the General Assembly appropriated \$735 million to the KTRS for pension and benefits, and passage of HB 4 would require that amount plus the aforementioned \$400 million.

The legislature certainly shares a portion of the blame for the current underfunding, but the biggest culprit is underperforming investments. The General Assembly is responsible for less than 10 percent of the underfunding problem.

An amendment to HB 4 was proposed that would have authorized a one-year, \$520 million bond issue to cover fiscal year 2015-16. This much smaller loan would be in place of the proposed \$3.3 billion that cov-



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

House in Review

ered multiple years. The amendment also required the Public Pension Oversight Board to develop recommendations and report their findings by Dec. 1 of this year.

I voted yes on the amendment, but it was defeated.

It is important to note that every retired teacher has always received his or her

promised pension payment and that will continue regardless of whether or not a \$3.3 billion bond is issued. The \$3.3 billion bond issue would place a tremendous strain on our state budget with no certainty that the money would solve the problem.

For example, more than a decade ago, Illinois and New Jersey sold bonds to bolster retirement systems and they have fallen further behind from where they were when their bonds were passed. I do not feel that putting the commonwealth in further debt to the tune of another \$3.3 billion is a wise use of taxpayer money, and I voted no on HB 4. The bill, though, did pass.

HB 386 is an energy bill designed to bring Kentucky's oil and gas laws into the 21st century and address the energy industry's use of a process known as fracking, the hydraulic fracturing of rock to extract oil and gas from the ground. Fracking is already legal in Kentucky, and HB 386 would beef up landowner protections, environmental testing and rules for drilling site reclamation.

I voted yes on HB 386, and the bill passed.

Deregulation of the state's landline phone network was addressed when HB 152 was heard on the floor of the House. As I've explained in previous updates, the Public Service Commission (PSC) now only regulates "basic" landline service, which is service without any additional features such as call waiting, call forwarding, caller ID and the like.

HB 152 would essentially end state regulation of landlines in urban areas where more modern voice technology is widely available, while assuring that customers in rural areas such as those in our 4th District are allowed to keep their landline or transition to wireless or other voice technologies if they so choose.

I voted yes on HB 152, and the bill passed.

(On Monday, the Senate passed the bill, sending it to the governor, who said he would sign the measure into law. It was the first bill of the session to make it to the governor's desk.)

A bill that addresses drunk driving, or driving under the influence (DUI), passed the House.

HB 60 replaces hardship licenses that can be granted by a district court to those who have been found guilty of a DUI with an ignition interlock system. Those convicted of a DUI who need a vehicle to get to work, for example, could now be authorized to apply for an ignition interlock device.

An ignition interlock device is a system that requires the driver to blow into the device before starting the engine, and the engine could only start if the driver's breath-alcohol concentration does not exceed a pre-programmed limit which is defined as 0.02 in HB 60.

I voted yes on HB 60, and



Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) speaks last Thursday in Frankfort during debate on a bill under consideration in the Kentucky House of Representatives.

the bill passed.

A bill authorizing public-private partnerships (P3) was brought before the House. HB 443 would allow public-private partnerships in Kentucky for transportation and state government projects. P3 legislation was passed by both the House and the Senate last year, but the bill was vetoed by the governor because last year's bill included a provision prohibiting tolling on the Brent Spence Bridge, a project to widen the bridge on Interstate 75 between northern Kentucky and Cincinnati.

Quite a few amendments were proposed to the original legislation, with some passing and others not, but one amendment that needs mentioning requires that any tolling on a transportation P3 project exceeding \$100 million will expire upon repayment of the initial construc-

tion debt.

I voted yes on this amendment and it passed. I also voted yes on the final bill and HB 443 passed.

The 2015 regular session was scheduled to end March 24, but with our snow days, the calendar was uncertain as of Monday. As I noted earlier, the House did not meet the week of Feb. 16, which means we have missed four days. The Senate, however, convened on Feb. 19 and 20, meaning the Senate only missed two days.

By law, the days the Senate met, even though the House did not, count toward the days the General Assembly meets this year. Therefore, the House will only be able to make up two of the four days missed due to the weather. It is up to the discretion of the Speaker of the House when or if we will make up those days.

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

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

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

Legislation would change sex-offense laws

Last week, the Senate continued to pass a high number of bills for a short, or non-budget, year. The bills have tackled some issues that are important to Kentuckians – education, drug abuse, domestic violence and health care.

The earlier students become engaged in post-secondary education, the more likely they are to succeed. Senate Bill 110 would allow high school juniors and seniors to use Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) money to pay for up to six dual-credit hours at colleges and universities in the state. The bill would also allow these students to use the scholarship money in high school to begin career or technical education toward professional licensures or certificates. This would give students a jump start on college and is another option for students to best utilize their hard-earned KEES money.

Legislation that would make changes to Kentucky's sex offense laws and provide victims with added protection has cleared the Senate. SB 85 directs that a defendant's conviction or plea of guilty to a sex offense operates as an application for a restraining order that restricts the defendant's contact with the victim of the crime.

The bill also requires the court to give notice to the defendant of the right to a hearing and requires the hearing to be held at the time of the defendant's sentencing. If the defendant waives the right to the hearing, the court can issue a restraining order without a hearing.

Protecting the rights of victims is a priority for me and this law just corrects a wrong in our statute. This measure makes our state a safer place for these victims.

In an effort to protect in-



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(D-Henderson)
Senate District 4

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fants, SB 75 includes Krabbe disease testing as part of the newborn screening. Krabbe disease is an inherited degenerative disorder that affects the nervous system. Symptoms usually begin before age 1.

In continuing my efforts to improve job opportunities, I was supportive of a Senate Concurrent Resolution of note that passed last week – SCR 103. It directs the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Kentucky Workforce Oversight Task Force. The task force would study and develop recommendations concerning the benefits, investments and funding of workforce education, which is estimated at approximately \$900 million a year.

A Georgetown University Center on Education study found there would be 55 million job openings in the economy through 2020. Twenty-four million openings would be from newly created jobs and 31 million openings will be due to retirements. It is also forecast that the United States will fall short in filling those positions by 5 million.

How technology is revolutionizing gaming and threatening traditional bingo and state lotteries was evident last week as the Senate passed two bills addressing those issues.

The first, SB 28, would make clear in the law that "Internet cafes" are illegal. The cafes are for-profit businesses that sell Internet ac-

cess for a chance to play computer-based, casino-style games in which customers can win cash prizes.

Internet cafes are located in buildings that contain banks of computers with Internet access. Each purchase at the cafe entitles a customer to a certain number of sweepstakes entries. The customer then determines whether the sweepstakes entries are winners by logging onto a computer.

Officials from Kentucky cities have seen an increase in these businesses throughout the state, often in cities bordering Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio – states that have cracked down on such businesses.

The second, SB 134, would prohibit people from purchasing Kentucky Lottery tickets over the Internet with a credit card. The legislation would instead require customers to purchase a lottery-issued prepaid card from a lottery retailer. Buying tickets online is a direct competition to retailers who sell lottery tickets. Those retailers get a 5-percent commission on lottery sales and increased foot traffic from lottery players.

Kentucky will soon launch iLottery, the online sale of lottery tickets. The iLottery is made possible by technology that allows the lottery corporation to restrict Internet sales to people who are physically in Kentucky while on the Internet.

Arguably, the closest-watched piece of legislation of the session concerns what we are going to do about the heroin epidemic. Recognizing the urgency of the issue, heroin legislation was the first bill passed out of the Senate. The House also passed a version of heroin legislation, known as House Bill 213.

Last Wednesday, the Sen-

ate Judiciary Committee heard testimony, but took no vote, on HB 213. At press time, it appeared heroin legislation was likely headed to a conference committee where we feel certain the two chambers will find a compromise.

In an effort to complete the Kentucky portion of Interstate 69, I support legislation making its way through the legislative process – HB 443, also known as P3 legislation. HB 443, which passed the House last Wednesday, would provide oversight and regulations to public-private partnerships. The bill would allow state government and major transportation projects to partner with private companies to complete public infrastructure, transportation and other needs.

Also moving through the process is legislation to stabilize the state's road fund by placing a higher floor on the level that the state's gas tax – which is tied to the wholesale price of gas – can drop. All six of the fiscal courts in my Senate district, including Crittenden Fiscal Court, have passed resolutions to request the General Assembly to stabilize the road fund revenue.

With a limited number of days remaining, I would like to hear your input on the issues before us. You can leave a message for me by calling the toll-free message line at (800) 372-7181. Citizens with hearing impairments may leave messages for lawmakers at the TTY message line at (808) 896-0305. You can also e-mail me directly at dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

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

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NEWS BRIEFS

Grand jury, circuit court dates altered

Crittenden County Grand Jury is scheduled to meet on Friday, a week ahead of its customary second Thursday of the month. The regular monthly circuit court docket is also set to be heard Friday instead of next week.

Reception for Hunt reset for next week

Due to Wednesday's inclement weather forecast, a retirement reception scheduled this week for Nancy Hunt has been postponed to next Thursday. The rescheduled reception will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marion Woman's Club building on East Carlisle Street. Hunt retired last month after 35 years as an agent with the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service.

Rogers establishing Main Street office

There is some movement on South Main Street in Marion. Tax service provider H&R Block is preparing to move one door south from its current location at 208 S. Main St. The move will take place in the coming weeks. Its current location will soon have a new occupant – it will become the office of 5th

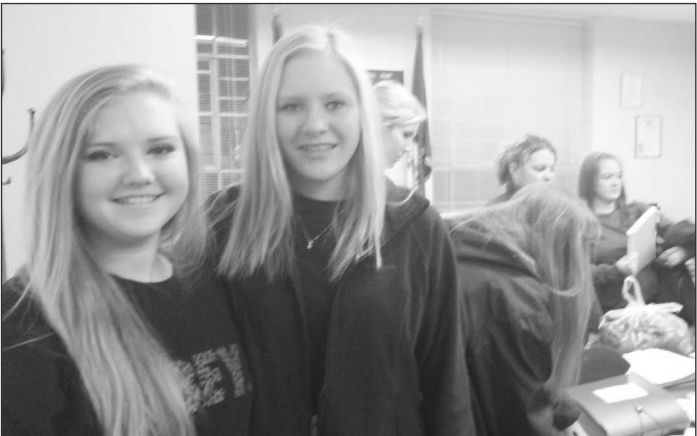


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Crittenden County High School students Alexis Gideon (left) and Alyssa West represented the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Relay for Life team at an organizational meeting at the courthouse Monday night. Anyone wishing to support the FCA team can contact sponsor Carol West at the high school.

Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers.

Former Crittenden man stabbed Friday

A former Crittenden County man was reportedly stabbed by his wife Friday in Evansville, Ind. According to WFIE News 14 in Evansville, the Evansville Police Department is investigating the domestic dispute. The television station's website reports Bradley Madden called 911 as he was driving himself to a local emergency room Friday for treatment of stab wounds to his shoulder and leg inflicted by his wife, Margaret Madden, 26. Bradley allegedly told police his wife came home early Friday, woke him up and started an argument. As he prepared to leave the couple's house, Margaret reportedly stabbed him. Police reported

the man hit his wife because he feared for his life. WFIE reports Bradley was treated at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville and Margaret was lodged in the Vanderburgh County Jail on battery charges.

I-24 lane restriction set for next week

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans to restrict traffic to one lane on the Interstate 24 Cumberland River bridge starting Monday. The lane restriction is to allow the use of a Snooper Truck to conduct a detailed inspection of the bridge at the Livingston-Lyon County line. The inspection will require a lane restriction for eastbound traffic on Monday and Tuesday, and a westbound lane restriction on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Motorists should expect to encounter a lane restriction from approximately 8:30 a.m.

to 3 p.m. each day. Motorists should be alert for slowing and merging traffic as they approach this work zone. This structural inspection is scheduled on a weather-permitting basis. All Kentucky bridges get a detailed inspection every two years with long-span bridges that cross rivers and lakes getting an additional walk-through inspection annually. Correction Due to a reporting error, information about a felony indictment was incorrect in last week's newspaper. The article incorrectly identified the alleged victim in a suspected assault by Patrick L. Murphy, 27, of Marion. Police say the alleged victim was his wife, not his father as reported.

Marion Police activity report

The following is a monthly activity report for Marion Police Department, reflecting information from February 2015. The information is provided by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

CATEGORY	FEBRUARY 2015
Miles driven/patrolled	.....2,030
Criminal investigations	.....17
Domestics	.....9
Felony Arrests	.....2
Misdemeanor arrests	.....7
Non-criminal arrests	.....8
DUI arrests	.....0
Criminal summons served	...1
Traffic citations	.....11
Traffic warnings	.....6
Parking tickets	.....2
Other citations	.....19
Traffic accidents	.....2
Security checks/alarms	.....44
Calls for service	.....245

FOX

Continued from Page 1A Kirk said the gesture will provide Fox with about six payroll checks or a little more than three months of sick leave with pay. Kirk describes Fox as a model employee who is always happy and smiling. But in early February, her health declined rapidly. Fox was flown by helicopter from Baptist Health Paducah to the University of Louisville Hospital where she was admitted to the ICU and placed on a ventilator and feeding tube. Only days before, she had experienced tingling sensations in her throat, hands and feet. She later experienced signs of paralysis and was eventually unable to breathe on her own because the disease had affected her lungs. With her health's swift decline, it was a very scary time for Fox's two children – daughter Katy Carver and son Brandon Goins. According to Robin Goins, Brandon's wife, Fox's condition has dramatically improved, and she has responded well to treatment. The ventilator was removed and she has left the ICU. As of last week, she was undergoing speech therapy which was needed due to her tracheotomy. She's also undergoing occupational and physical therapy.

Goins was hopeful Fox would be transported this week to Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. There she will receive additional rehabilitation. While a time frame for a full recovery isn't known, Goins said Fox is feeling much better and is able to both stand and walk on a limited basis. "She feels so blessed that she's got this many people that care about her and are trying to help her and our family," Goins said, recalling her mother-in-law's tears upon learning of the kind gestures made on her behalf. Kirk was impressed with the generosity of those who donated their sick time. Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Don Perry was by far the most generous, donating 100 sick hours on Fox's behalf, according to Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. Many employees donated 40 hours of time, including Crittenden County Treasurer Sue Padgett. "I've got time built up, and I've been blessed with it," Padgett said. "I just felt like I had the time, she needed it, and I wanted to help out as much as I could." Kirk applauded the effort of fellow county employees to help Fox and said he couldn't imagine so many hours would be made available for donation. "I figured if we could raise two paychecks we would be doing well," he said. "But be-

tween the sheriff's department, fiscal court, road department and jail, it just kept growing day by day." Carver said the family experienced a few scary days and were very concerned about their mother's chances of survival. She expressed her appreciation to the individuals who have donated their sick time on behalf of her mom. "We didn't realize how

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loved she is," Fox's daughter said. "Of course, we love her. But how much the community cares for her is very heart-warming."

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Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter auction results

March 3, 2015
Receipts: 350 head.
Compared to last week: No trend due to weather last week. Supply included 21% feeder steers, 57% feeder heifers, and 23% feeder bulls.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	235	330.00	330.00
4	300-350	327	315.00-335.00	329.81
8	350-400	389	305.00-320.00	311.23
7	400-450	436	277.50-300.00	286.21
2	450-500	455	280.00	280.00
6	500-550	528	242.50-257.50	249.60
1	550-600	550	250.00	250.00
4	600-650	608	220.00-231.00	225.23
3	650-700	661	218.00	218.00
2	750-800	772	190.00	190.00
3	800-850	805	184.00	184.00
1	850-900	880	175.00	175.00
2	1000-1050	1015	150.00	150.00

Feeder Steers Small and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	250-300	290	280.00	280.00
1	350-400	355	302.50	302.50
1	400-450	400	250.00	250.00
2	450-500	450	261.00	261.00
1	500-550	540	233.00	233.00
1	600-650	615	214.00	214.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	200-250	213	335.00-350.00	344.95
3	250-300	275	300.00-320.00	306.31
3	300-350	327	282.50-300.00	289.21
8	350-400	370	275.00-305.00	282.74
3	350-400	353	325.00	325.00
6	400-450	432	240.00-247.50	244.58
9	400-450	425	265.00-275.00	271.56
12	450-500	473	230.00-245.00	237.35
11	450-500	477	243.00-255.50	249.69
7	500-550	514	230.00-233.00	232.09
13	500-550	513	245.00	245.00
9	550-600	594	217.00-224.00	221.11
17	550-600	597	245.00	245.00
5	600-650	616	209.00-221.00	216.61
5	650-700	691	185.00-190.00	189.04
7	700-750	720	180.00-187.00	184.84
2	750-800	760	160.00	160.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300-350	335	240.00	240.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300-350	325	290.00	290.00
1	400-450	440	275.00	275.00
6	450-500	473	261.00-270.00	264.02
5	500-550	534	238.00-247.50	244.10
5	550-600	566	225.00-240.00	234.62
2	600-650	632	205.00-212.00	208.46
2	650-700	697	197.00	197.00
2	750-800	765	170.00-180.00	174.90
5	800-850	805	170.00	170.00
4	850-900	886	150.00-155.00	153.80

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	330	275.00	275.00
1	350-400	365	260.00	260.00
2	400-450	420	245.00	245.00
6	450-500	484	220.00-257.50	239.68
2	500-550	535	208.00-210.00	208.99
3	550-600	563	212.50-220.00	215.80
1	650-700	665	190.00	190.00
1	750-800	765	164.00	164.00
3	800-850	840	140.00-155.00	150.00

Slaughter Cows:

%Lean	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress
Breaker	75-80	1300-1760	96-103
Boner	80-85	1100-1500	100-107
Lean	85-90	1000-1300	90-100

Slaughter Bulls:

YG:	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress	Lo-Dress
#1-2	1330-2335	125-132	140	112-117

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CALENDAR

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trict to nine. It remained to be seen at press time just how this latest threat from Old Man Winter might further affect the school calendar. Temperatures through Friday were not forecast to reach above freezing, meaning little snow melt will occur to aid crews in clearing roads for the remainder of the school week. As for the school calendar, district officials had last week set May 28 as the final day for students, with graduation and the Distinguished Alumni Luncheon slated for May 29. The original school calendar showed May 15 as the final day for students, with graduation set for the same day. Hazardous weather the prior academic year pushed graduation and the last day for students to May 30. One of the eight days of school missed this year prior to Wednesday was originally scheduled to be made up Feb. 16, but Winter Storm Octavia prevented that from happening. Since Feb. 16 was not originally scheduled as a school day but a teacher planning day, it did not count as a snow day. So Octavia forced only six days of closure. At the Feb. 24 meeting of

the Crittenden County Board of Education, Superintendent Vince Clark said April 6, the day after spring break, is scheduled for the first make-up day. The remaining seven days were set to be made up May 18, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27 and 28. A teacher planning day is scheduled for Election Day, May 19. Last week's revised calendar also allowed for the school district to be closed on Memorial Day, May 25. Currently, it is uncertain how any days missed this week will be made up. Summer is already looking to be a short one for students, as the 2015-16 academic year is set to begin Aug. 11. Kentucky schools are required to have at least 1,062 hours of instructional time for students delivered in no less than 170 days of instruction. Last week, Clark dispelled a rumor that suggested because the governor had declared a state of emergency following last month's winter storm, Kentucky schools would not have to make up those snow days. Clark did indicate a district could ask for a waiver if it misses beyond 20 days of school due to weather. Because of instruction time already missed, some eastern Kentucky school districts have cancelled spring break.

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Centers offer students extended learning

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Crosswalk and Bridgeway site coordinators Cheryl Burks and Melissa Shewcraft offered presentations on the 21st Century Learning Centers at the Feb. 24 meeting of the Crittenden County Board of Education.

Both centers provide students with academic assistance, including tutoring and homework help. Enrichment programs include field trips like college visits and a variety of student-initiated clubs. A focus on health and fitness are also incorporated into both programs.

Burks is the site coordinator at the high school's

Crosswalk Learning Center. She indicated student participation has grown with Crosswalk since its inception. The center opened in the 2011-12 school year. Burks said that year, 197 students came through the program out of 343 students enrolled at the high school. In the 2013-14 school year, 283 students participated in Crosswalk out of an enrollment of 363 students. Currently, with an enrollment of 346 students, 268 have already participated.

Transportation is provided for students after both

centers' activities conclude for the day. Three buses run four days a week. Burks said transportation home is a way to eliminate barriers for students to stay at the schools and participate in the programming.

"There have been days when we haven't had transportation and you can tell a difference in attendance because so many of our students rely on that transportation," Burks said. "We are very happy to be able to do that."

Bridgeway Learning Center site coordinator Shew-

craft highlighted the importance of middle school students getting the opportunity to work one-on-one with teachers. She said not all students will raise their hands in the classroom to ask questions when they don't understand a lesson. Tutoring at the Bridgeway Learning Center meets many of those students' needs.

More than 200 students have attended programming this year. Bridgeway Learning Center is in its second year at the middle school.

Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said both programs provide an opportunity to extend learning for students. He said the

feedback he received last fall from student advisory groups indicated that students depend on both centers at the middle and high school when they need additional help with school work.

Also at the meeting, Crittenden County Schools Instructional Supervisor Tonya Driver announced that the district is going to transition away from testing with MAP, or Measures of Academic Progress, at Crittenden County Elementary School to STAR assessments from Renaissance Learning. She said teachers have been pleased with STAR assessments, which are standards-

based. STAR assessments are reported to provide more detailed data that allows teachers to focus on individualizing their classroom instruction as needed. Teachers can take data and examine each student's performance to focus on areas where a student may need one-on-one instruction in a particular subject area. Clark also shared with school board members that multiple security cameras have recently been installed at the elementary school and are connected to a DVR. The middle and high schools were already outfitted with security cameras.

Board of ed revises policy on absences

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

A revised policy on absences and excuses was one of the issues addressed at last week's meeting of the Crittenden County Board of Education.

The five-member board on Feb. 24 approved revising board policy 09.123 Absences and Excuses. Superintendent Vince Clark said the revision

is an addition of two more levels of school-to-home communication.

When a student is truant with unexcused absences, there will be

two levels of contacts. One involves the guidance counselor and the other would involve a teacher or administrator contacting the student's home to provide notification through a direct conversation instead of just the student's parent or guardian receiving a letter.

School board members also approved revising and adding board policies in regard to automated external defibrillators, or AEDs. The revision aligns practices that are already in place with policies at the board level for training of staff with AED devices. Last month, during a basketball game in Rocket Arena, a referee's life was saved after the use of an AED device by school personnel.

Clark also advised school board members on his visit to the Kids First Advocacy Conference Feb. 12 in Frankfort. The conference provides an opportunity to give local educators the opportunity to interact with legislators and state education leaders. Clark was one of 35 superintendents who had the opportunity to meet with Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner Terry Holliday.

Clark described the 90-minute meeting as a time to share both concerns and viewpoints about what school districts are facing across the Commonwealth. He described it as a good opportunity to have open conversations on a variety of matters educators are facing, from funding to evaluations.

While in Frankfort, Clark also had the opportunity to meet with legislators and share his concerns on a variety of issues, such as school calendars. Superintendents voiced their concerns that the calendar is a board of education decision and local boards of education can decide what is best for their community and region. Clark said there has been a push to have some regulation on the calendar.

Weather notes

- Due to a forecast at press time for sleet and heavy snowfall on Wednesday followed by bone-chilling temperatures, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the courthouse will be open as a warming center until the mercury climbs above the freezing mark.

- Also due to the forecast, there will be no written or road test offered this Friday for prospective drivers in Crittenden County, according to Circuit Court Clerk Melissa Guill.



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And they're off

Taylor McKinney, 7, and Caleb Combs, 6, place their cars in position at Monday night's Pinewood Derby held at Mexico Baptist Church. Also shown in the foreground is Jacob Hackney, a Boy Scout. Results from Monday night's Pinewood Derby include Joey Friedrich, Joshua Robinson and Brandon Steele, all from Sturgis, taking the top three spots, respectively. Thatcher Parrish placed fourth. Other recognitions included Best Theme Car won by Christopher Gernigin for his Batmobile. Jerry Bates won for Favorite Car. Coolest Wheels went to Parrish. Coolest Paint Job went to Lane West. Most Creative went to McKinney. Marion United Methodist Church Pastor David Combs serves as Cub Scout master and Webelos den leader. He emphasized the Pinewood Derby is a great way for Scouts to bond together over a project with their parents.



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Fohs Hall board honors Sohn

Fohs Hall Inc. Board of Directors recently celebrated the legacy of Frances Sohn and her family for their contributions to Fohs Hall. Sohn is the daughter of Julius Fohs, who in 1926 built what has become Marion's most iconic landmark. A portrait of Sohn and a resolution honoring her encouragement and financial support was recently placed in the Nunn Room of Fohs Hall below the portrait of her father. To mark the occasion, Sohn's son, Mark, was present for the recognition. Attending the event were members of the board of directors of Fohs Hall, including (from left) Shyral Estes, Linda Schumann, Tom Crider, Bonita Hatfield, Ethel Tucker, Sohn, Marie Burkhart, Judy Winn and Jo Ann Asbridge.



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February Business of the Month

Marion Main Street was honored as the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Month for February. Pictured are (from left) Chamber President Robin Curnel and board members Meredith Hall accepting the recognition for Marion Main Street, Elliot West and Randa Berry.

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A special thank you to all the Tri-Rivers Healthcare doctors, Livingston Hospital and Cumberland River Homes staff and clients and the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for their care, concern and service. May God bless each of you.

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OBITUARIES

Lanham

Sherrie Ann Lanham, 67, of Marion died Feb. 27, 2015, at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

She was a homemaker and member of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Lanham is survived by her husband, Donald Lanham of Marion; two daughters, Michelle Lanham of Marion and Christina Workman of Marion; a son, Michael Lanham of Marion; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Thomas and Mary Kathleen O'Flahardy Turley; and a sister, Sheila Kay Shewmaker.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter in Marion.

Moore

Harold G. Moore, 86, of Marion died Feb. 28, 2015, at Parkview Nursing Home in Paducah.

He is survived by two daughters, Connie Harris of Marion and Brenda Williams of West Paducah; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Moore was preceded in death by his wife, Mable Moore; his parents, Guthrie and Augusta Moore; and a great-grandchild, Camryn Hardin.

Funeral services were Monday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

— PAID OBITUARY —

Collins

Rosa Mae Collins was born in Union County on the banks of the Tradewater River on July 24, 1926. She passed away Feb. 26, 2015, at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

She was the first child of Kell Robert and Nellie Elizabeth Wheatcroft Markham. She married Wilburn Taylor "W.T." Collins on Jan. 12, 1949. To that union was born a son, Stephen.

"Miss Rose," as she was known by hundreds, taught Sunday school at First Christian Church in Sturgis for more than 58 years. She lived most of her life in and around Sullivan and worked for more than 44 years for the Sturgis Clothing Co.

She and her husband loved to travel as well as attend events associated with church, country music and good times. Mostly, she loved being with her family and friends.

Collins is survived by her husband of 66 years, W.T.; a son, Stephen and wife Caryn Collins of Lincoln, Ill.; a granddaughter, Stephany and husband Matthew Robinson of Spring, Texas; a grandson, Matt and wife Jenni Collins of Fort Worth, Texas; four great-grandchildren, Carson and Wilson Robinson and Jude Taylor and Mattie Mae Collins; several very close nephews and nieces who provided special care, Brad, Tina and Jessica Walker, Mike, Charlene and David Walker and Courtney Walker; and a host of other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Nellie Elizabeth Walker; and a brother, Robert Markham.

Funeral services were Sunday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis, with Revs. Jeff Bullock and Stephen Collins officiating. Burial was in Sullivan Community Cemetery in Sullivan.

Memorial contributions can be made to the ministries she loved to support: First Christian Church, Haitian Christian Outreach or Lincoln Christian University.

Online condolences may be made at WhitsellFuneralHome.com.

Cobb

Juanita Doom Cobb, 89, of Elkhart, Ind., formerly of Crittenden County, died Feb. 10, 2015, at Valley View Health Care Center in Elkhart.

Born Nov. 3, 1925, in Dycusburg, she was a homemaker.

Cobb is survived by two sons, Rick D. (Betty Jean) Cobb of Elkhart and Charles L. (Nancy) Cobb of Goshen, Ind.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, J.T. Cobb; her parents, Francis Marion and Addie Lee Duncan Doom; a son, J. Wayne Cobb; two sisters, Mary Guess and Lola Mae Patton; and three brothers, Jessie Doom, Rayburn Doom and Charles Doom.

Funeral services were Feb. 15 at Billings Funeral Home in Elkhart followed by interment on Feb. 17 in Prairie Street Cemetery in Elkhart.



Cobb

Fitzgerald

Betty Jean Fitzgerald, 84, of Marion died Feb. 24, 2015, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She was a homemaker and member of Seven Springs Baptist Church.

Fitzgerald is survived by two daughters, Patty Peek of O'Fallon, Ill., and Janice Hedgepath of Sturgis; four sons, Ronnie Fitzgerald of Marion, Kenny Fitzgerald of Frances, Doug Fitzgerald of Frances and Chris Fitzgerald of Frances; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Bobbie Brasher of Frances, Ada Peek of Mishawaka, Ind., and Kathy Nelson of Mishawaka; and a brother, Chester Brown of Frances.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ross and Naomi Cox Brown; her husband, Charles Fitzgerald; a son, Billy; and daughter, Linda.

Funeral services were Friday at Seven Springs Baptist Church. Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.



Fitzgerald

McDowell

Zelda Belle McDowell, 59, of Marion died Feb. 27, 2015, at the home of her daughter in Marion.

She was a homemaker.

McDowell is survived by a daughter, Amanda Louise Little of Marion; a son, Shane McDowell of Marion; six grandchildren; and five brothers, William Wharton of Atlanta, Jimmy Wharton of Lexington, Donnie Wharton of Indianapolis, Larry Wharton of Sonora, Ky., and Sammy Wharton of Henderson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Allen McDowell; her parents, Wilson and Maddie Pimbertan Wharton; two sisters; and a brother.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Crowell Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until funeral hour.

Flanary

Robetta Sue Flanary, 67, of Marion died Feb. 24, 2015, at Deaconess Hospice Care in Evansville, Ind.

She was a homemaker and a member of Marion United Methodist Church and Red Hat clubs in Indiana and Kentucky.

Flanary is survived by her husband, Sam Flanary of Marion; a son, Jonas Drew Flanary of Newburgh, Ind.; and a brother, John Dunn of Paducah.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Mary Elizabeth Hamilton Dunn.

Funeral services were Saturday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Doom Chapel Cemetery in Kuttawa.

Memorial contributions may be made to either Marion United Methodist Church or Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter.

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— PAID OBITUARY —

Chambers

Rozelle Chambers, 95, died Feb. 9, 2015, in Sevierville, Tenn., at her home, which she shared with her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Paul Satterfield.

She is survived by a son, Dwain Chambers of Frankfort; a daughter, Kathy Satterfield of Sevierville; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Hoby Childers of Gilbertsville.

Chambers was preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Elsie Childers; a brother, Buford Childers; and her husband, M.T. "Mel" Chambers.

Memorial services will be held at Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 1 p.m. March 14 with visitation starting at noon. Following the service, she will be laid to rest next to her husband in Sugar Grove Cemetery.

All her old friends and loved ones are invited, and all expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to a charity of your choice.

TRASH

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for 2015 sets monthly service rates at \$14.45 for customers who use their own garbage cans and \$16 for those who utilize the company-provided receptacles. That is a monthly increase of \$2.10 and 55 cents, respectively.

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skills in the process.

Many 4-H programs are hands-on and take important educational concepts beyond a classroom setting and into the field. In addition to learning about topics like nutrition or science, youth have the opportunity

to get their hands dirty by growing a garden or designing, building and testing robots or rockets.

Through these programs, they learn how to experiment with new ideas and concepts. As they complete activities, 4-H participants gain confidence in themselves and their ability to complete tasks. The 4-H motto is "To Make the Best Better," and by participating in 4-H activities and programs, they are developing leadership, citizenship and life skills that will help to make their best better.

All 4-H activities are conducted in a safe environ-

ment with caring adults. This gives young people an opportunity to develop relationships with these supportive individuals who share similar interests. Having meaningful relationships in a safe environment helps 4-H youth gain confidence to speak about issues and topics that are important to them.

In fact, many alumni credit 4-H public speaking opportunities with helping them become successful adults. In addition to speaking about issues that are important to them, 4-Hers can make a difference in their communities by

taking on a leadership role in a civic engagement project.

Your local 4-H offers many avenues for young people to join and a variety of programs of interest. Youth can participate in a 4-H club or a special-interest club or attend 4-H camp.

Many teachers use 4-H curriculums to enhance their educational offerings in the classroom. Curriculums from 4-H can also be utilized in after-school programs located in schools, churches and community organizations. Young people can also choose to com-

plete a 4-H project on their own under the guidance of an adult family member.

For more information or to find out how your child can be involved in 4-H, call the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

(Leslea Barnes is the UK Cooperative Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development in Crittenden County.)

Membership drive set at Woman's Club

STAFF REPORT

Woman's Club of Marion annual meeting and membership brunch will be held at 11 a.m., March 7 at its club building located on East Carlisle Street.

This meeting is one of two times each year the club accepts new members.

The program will be presented by Nancy Hunt, GFWC Kentucky First District Governor. Hunt will speak on gaining leadership skills through volunteerism.

Hunt was elected governor in 2015 and is the liaison officer between the state presi-

dent and the 10 club presidents in the West Kentucky district.

Individuals interested in joining the Woman's Club need to fill out an application before the April club meeting. Applications will be available at the brunch or from any Woman's Club member. Further information on the Woman's Club is available on its Facebook page.

Individuals interested in attending the brunch can contact Rebecca Zahrté, Marion Woman's Club president, at rebecca.zahrte@gmail.com or call (270) 978-3328.

P'Pool to speak at heritage society meeting

STAFF REPORT

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will meet at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Fredonia Lions Club Building in Fredonia. Richard P'Pool will present a program concerning his time of service at the White House during his tenure in the military. Refreshments and a business meeting will also take place.

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is for anyone interested in learning more about the heritage and history of the Fredonia Valley and for those who want to see the history of the area preserved for future generations.

The society is embarking upon a new book project. This book will contain the stories of veterans from the Fredonia Valley.

If you or a member of your family served in any branch of the military in wartime or in times of peace and is connected to the Fredonia Valley, the historical group wants to include the stories of those veterans in their book. To be included, all you have to do is to provide a picture, if you have one, and a biography of the veteran.

As for photos, times will be scheduled where people

may bring photographs to be scanned electronically and returned immediately. Watch the newspaper for announcements for those dates and times.

Photographs and biographies may also be emailed to pamfaughn@att.net. If you have any questions, you may also email Pam Faughn at that address or contact any member of the book committee: Nancy Paris, Marsha Green, Maggie Gammon, Linda Ward, P'Pool or Faughn.

"This book will be one you will want for your library, and you will definitely want yourself or your loved ones included," said Faughn. "This will be a big project and will take several months to a year to complete. But the sooner your information is received, the sooner we will get the book to the printer."

Society meetings are held on the first Thursday of every odd-numbered month. At the meetings, you can learn more about the history of the Fredonia Valley through informative programs and speakers.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is encouraged to attend tonight's meeting.

Wear blue this Friday to fight against cancer

STAFF REPORT

Lt. Gov. Crit Luallen Encourages Kentuckians to 'Dress in Blue' Friday to raise awareness of colorectal cancer.

Friday has been named "Dress in Blue Day" to kick off National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and to help raise awareness about colon cancer in Kentucky.

According to the 2015 American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2,090 new cases of colon cancer will be diagnosed in Kentucky this year, and nearly 850 people will lose their lives to the disease.

"As a two-time colon cancer survivor and Gov. Steve Beshear's partner in producing a healthier Kentucky, I encourage everyone to help us raise awareness about

colon cancer, which through preventive screenings can be detected early and successfully treated," Lt. Gov. Crit Luallen said. "If you are 50 or older, I encourage you to make an appointment today. Kentucky has some of the worst health statistics in the nation, including the highest mortality rate for cancer, but through preventive and wellness initiatives, every Kentuckian can help us make the Commonwealth a healthier place to live, work and raise a family."

Gov. Beshear has proclaimed March "Colon Cancer Awareness Month in Kentucky."

Hundreds of partners across Kentucky including hospitals, businesses, churches, schools, banks and health departments are plan-

ning special activities to commemorate the month and promote screening.

For more information on Colorectal Cancer Month and "Dress in Blue Day," visit the Kentucky Cancer Program's website at KyCancerProgram.org. For information on colorectal and other types of cancer prevention, awareness and treatment visit the Colon Cancer Prevention Project website at ColonCancerPreventionProject.org.

Gov. Beshear authorized funding colon cancer screening for thousands of uninsured Kentuckians in his last two biennial budgets. Each \$1 million investment is matched dollar-for-dollar by the Kentucky Cancer Foundation, for a total of \$2 million to be spent over each biennium.

Community church notes

■ Marion Baptist Church is holding a community-wide prayer service at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday.

■ Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will meet following Sunday morning worship service. Those interested in the upkeep of the cemetery are encouraged to attend the meeting.

■ West Kentucky Association of General Baptists at Camp David will hold a youth rally at 6:30 p.m., March 13 at 134 Ky. 1668 in Marion. Comedian and motivational speaker Tim Lovelace will appear. Admission is free. Call Bro. Barry Hix at (270) 625-1248 for more information.

■ Upward basketball and cheerleading practice is held

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Marion Baptist Church. The weight room and walking track is open from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday; 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

■ Mexico Baptist Church's clothes closet is open 9-11:30 a.m., each Monday.

(Editor's note: Keep the community aware of your church's activities and celebrations. Email your church notes to The Crittenden Press at pressnews@the-press.com. Type Church Notes in the subject line. Items need to be received by 5 p.m. on Monday for the current week's publication each Thursday.)

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Tabor, Guess appointed to board

At last Thursday's meeting of Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees, Daryl K. Tabor (left) and Brad Guess were sworn in as new trustees by 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers. Rogers, who served on the board for seven years, the last few as chairman, vacated her position after being elected family court judge last year. Guess fills Rogers' unexpired term. Board appointments are made by Crittenden Fiscal Court. Officers were also selected at last week's board meeting and include Linda Myrick as chairman, Tabor as vice chairman, Cletis Hunt as treasurer and Dulcie Hardin as secretary. Regina Merrick serves as director of the library. Additionally last week, Rogers was given a gift on behalf of the board and library employees in recognition of her years of service to the board.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

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

Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Bible study begins

at 10 a.m. Menu is roast turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes and cranberry salad.

- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, California blend vegetables, wheat garlic bread and peach crisp.
- Monday: Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is chicken strips, twice-baked potato, baked beans, wheat bread slice and pineapple slices.
- Tuesday: Nutrition Listen with Sue Parrent begins at 10:15 a.m. Menu is roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, whole wheat

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roll and pears.

- Wednesday: Game Day with Barb begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is Mexican lasagna, steamed broccoli, seasoned cauliflower, whole wheat roll and fruit salad pudding.
- Next Thursday: Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Menu is ham and bean soup, pickled beets, turnip greens, cornbread and fruit cobbler.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 4

- The CCHS SBDM council will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the high school's conference room.

Saturday, March 7

- Electrical, HVAC and plumbing classes will be held at the Marion-Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center. Call Madisonville Community College at (270) 824-8660 to register.

Saturday, March 7

- An elimination auction will be held at 6 p.m., at Fohs Hall to benefit the Happy Feet equals Learning Feet non-profit organization which works to obtain new shoes for eligible Crittenden County students each school year or on an as-needed basis.

Monday, March 9

- The CCES SBDM Council will meet at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11

- The CCMS SBDM Council will meet at 3:45 p.m. in the school's library.

On-going events

- Livingston County Head Start/Preschool is currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information or to make an appointment call (270) 988-2867 or (270) 928-2244.
- Veterans in Crittenden County looking for benefit information can contact Renita Duff with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at (270) 322-9087.
- All veterans are invited for

coffee and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. each Tuesday at the VFW building located at 412 N. College St. in Marion.

- The Livingston County Middle School Efficiency Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. in the LCMS Cardinal Room.

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Administrators, parents deem orientation successful

STAFF REPORT

It's never too early to start thinking about the future. That's the message officials at Crittenden County High School wanted to send to its incoming freshman class.

Last Thursday, high school officials welcomed the class of 2019 for Freshman Orientation for incoming ninth graders. About 200 parents and students attended the event.

School officials said they were pleased with the turnout and hope to make Freshman O an annual tradition.

Instructional Coach Tiffany Blazina said the purpose of Freshman O is to ease the transition from middle to high school.

"A student's first year of high school is crucial, as it sets the tone for his or her high school experience, and really, for life beyond school," Blazina said. "Giv-

ing students and parents resources to make informed decisions is important. In high school, students have more choices and more opportunities to study subjects that interest them."

During the event, Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructors, freshman sponsors and teachers spoke with students and their parents and provided classroom tours.

Current high school students also participated by sharing their unique perspectives to the eighth graders so they would have a better understanding of the college and career pathway best suited to them.

"Ultimately, our students' growth, success and well-being are our top goals. Freshman O is just another way we hope to meet them," Blazina said.

CCHS Principal Curtis Brown met with both parents and students and an-

swered a variety of questions as middle school students prepare to make the transition to high school.

Brown said it was good to see such a large turnout despite the weather and is looking forward to welcoming the students to high school.

Most students attending the event had already looked over their scheduling options for high school and had their pre-registration forms filled out prior to attending Freshman O.

Brown said parents expressed their appreciation for the event and even approached him later during the district ball game to indicate how much information they gained from Freshman O.

He believes the event was helpful because parents received information they need to better prepare their child for a successful high school experience.



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Crittenden County High School Principal Curtis Brown (center) speaks with Shawn Holeman and his son, Hunter, about the opportunities available through various educational pathways the high school provides each of its students.

Wright participates in Valentine pageant

STAFF REPORT

Amber Wright of Marion was second runner-up in the annual Valentine Pageant held Feb. 13 at Campbellsville University.

The winner of the contest at the Christian university in central Kentucky was Jessica Blakeman of Campbellsville.

Each of the nine contestants represented a club at Campbellsville University. Wright represented Women's Village Phase One.

All contestants competed in several categories for the pageant. The categories were: interview, group dance, personal talent and poise and appearance. Wright, a mass communication major, performed a comical song as her talent.

The pageant went beyond the one night of final completion. The students spent several weeks practicing their talents and group dance routines.



Wright

The Valentine's Day Pageant is one of Campbellsville University's longest running traditions. This year marked 73 years that the CU Student Government Association has hosted the pageant. Michael Jennings, president of the SGA, said he loves that fact that the university is one large family, and part of that family tradition, he said, is the Valentine's Day Pageant.

"We are entrusted by the administration to keep the family tradition running," Jennings said. "We are carrying it to future generations. It's a great experience for the ladies to shine the lights and passions that the Lord has given them."



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Right on target

Jeremiah Foster, 9, of Marion captured the Kentucky Indoor Archery championship held last month at Pleasant Valley Archery Range in Providence. Foster shot in two different classes. He had a score of 300 with 54 Xs in both the male cub bow hunter freestyle class and cub freestyle class. In addition, Foster captured the state's traveling trophy for male bowhunter freestyle high score in all ages. He is the youngest archer to hold such distinction.

U of L honors local students

STAFF REPORT

The University of Louisville last week announced its December 2014 graduates and those named to the college's dean's list. The following students from Crittenden County were recognized:

- Juanita E. Von Dwingelo graduated with a Master of Science degree.
- Jessica Lea Hodge was named to the dean's list. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have acquired a grade-point average of 3.5 or above and maintained full-time status.

WKCTC scholarship deadline draws near

STAFF REPORT

The deadline to apply for a 2015-16 scholarship at West Kentucky Community and Technical College is by noon Monday.

Scholarship applications are accepted only online at <http://bit.ly/1ArJjk7>.

Application and supporting documentation must be received by the stated deadline.

WKCTC recognizes and rewards outstanding scholastic achievements by awarding merit-based scholarships and special awards to deserving students.

For more information about scholarships, contact the WKCTC scholarship office at (270) 534-3065 or westkentucky.kctcs.edu.

Area students named to WKCTC dean's list

STAFF REPORT

Forty-eight area students have earned recognition for their academic work by being named to the West Kentucky Community and Technical College dean's list for the fall 2014 semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must be a full-time WKCTC student earning at least a 3.5 grade point average and successfully completing 12 hours or more of course work numbered 100 or above for the academic term.

The following students were recognized:

- Justin Bane, Ethan Hill, Danielle Duncan, Savannah Oliver, Keaton Shewcraft, Jessica Collins, Linda Swyter and Melia Cappello, all of Marion.
- Jessica Bartilotta, Lawson Davis, Gary Ivy, Adam Padon, Alex Padon and Katherine Wallace, all of Salem.
- Ashley Melander and Elizabeth Brown, both of Fredonia.
- Mackenzie Hardin and Christen Manhart, both of Hampton.
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County roads always in the news

Roads have always been a vital part of our county's history and always in the news. As early as the second county court meeting, after Crittenden County was formed from Livingston County in January 1842, the court proceeded to lay the county into constables' districts. There were six districts laid out.

At the next county court meeting, held April 5, 1842, men from the different districts were appointed to begin surveying roads for the new county.

Some men were selected to view and mark the roads. Arthur Love, Daniel Minner, Calab Minner and Harvey J. Minner were appointed commissioners to view and mark out the nearest and best way for a road from the Hurricane meeting house to intersect the Wallace Ferry Road at A. Walker's.

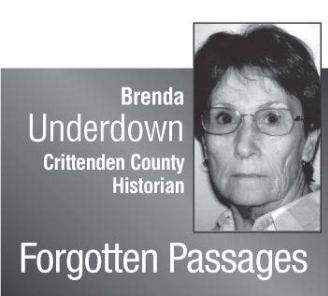
In the eastern part of the new county, Edward Kemp, Mannering Towery and Joshua Orr were appointed to view and mark the nearest and best route for a road commencing at the bridge on Piney Creek and intersecting the road leading to Montezuma at or near Thomas Neal's and report to the court.

Other responsible men were appointed for surveyors with hands to help keep the roads in repair.

Some entries in the county court books read:

"William Weldon was appointed surveyor of that part of the public road from Centerville to Ford's Ferry, beginning at the fork of the road at tree No. 2, being prescient No. 1, with the following keeping said road in repair: A.H. Yandall, D. Gaines, L. McMillon, W. Brown's hands, W. Smith and hands, Mrs. Stephenson's hands, J. Carrick, H. Jackson, J. Loyd, L.D. Husband, J.W. Cruce and hands.

"John R. Clement was appointed surveyor over that part of the public road leading from his warehouse on the Ohio River to where said road intersects Flynn's old road near Gen. Hughes' and that he with the following hand keep same in repair, Joseph Hughes' hands, Matthew Hughes, Benjamin Hughes, James Hughes, William Health,



Samuel Heath, Robert Heath, J.C. Deal, John Beal and Joab Beal."

The roads in the area where people lived were to be kept in repair by the males of the families that resided there and used these roads.

In a special fiscal court meeting held Jan. 7, 1913, it was ordered that hands to be turned in by the county road engineer or his assistants work the county roads of Crittenden County. All able-bodied male citizens of the county over the age of 18 years and under the age of 50 years, except licensed ministers of the gospel and citizens of incorporated towns and cities, are required to provide themselves with necessary tools and implements and to work on public roads of the county. This was not to exceed two days in a week and six days in each year, provided that any road hand may pay to the county engineer the sum of \$3 on or before the first day of June of any year. Upon payment of said sum, the man would be released from work upon the road during the said year.

The county road engineer was to immediately pay over said sum paid to him to the county treasurer, who was to place same to the credit of road to be applied and used in the employment of graders, plows and teams and hands to work upon the roads of the county when needed.

In the early part of 1920, the muddy county roads were still in the news. It seems that no matter how hard they worked, the roads would become almost impassable in the winter months and during rainy spells.

Judge E. Jeffrey Travis shared his thoughts and a new idea with The Crittenden Press.

"The weekend brought a

good many citizens into town, cussin' and discussin' the roads. Bob Gibbs says that the roads in his community would bog a buzzard; Perce Brasher thinks it dangerous to undertake to go anywhere, even to Sunday school, except on foot or in a flying machine; Tom Ed Walker says traveling on his roads is not so bad if it would not give you seasickness, being so muddy.

"Uncle Dick Cruce and Jeff Clement, the most optimistic of all callers and commentators, blame mostly the unusually wet and freezing weather that we have been having rather than the county road engineer and the overseers for our extremely muddy roads at this particular time.

"It looks now that the Crittenden County roads are past all using. What are we going to do? We all want to know. The sooner we quit throwing our money into mud holes the sooner we will have money with which to build roads that do not get muddy, nor wash away.

"You don't like this system: Well, what do you say to having all property owners pay reasonable property tax, say 30 cents for each \$100 worth of property and each male citizen over 21 years pay a reasonable poll. This would give us a fund amounting to \$25,000. With proper equipment and money properly distributed, this would work for all our roads as well or better than now and leave us a nice sum to be applied with state aid in building some permanent roads."

This idea for a new way to improve the roads must not have gone over too well, but it would eventually be the only way to get better roads.

Judge Travis had a vision for the betterment of Crittenden County roads, but it was several years later at a fiscal court meeting in August 1927 before the court decided to fix a special road tax.

At the regular meeting Aug. 2, 1927, the fiscal court voted to call for a special road tax election, the purpose being to change the system of road maintenance. The old plan, more than 75 years old at the



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The only way to try and keep the roads useable in the early 1900s was manual labor with a good team of mules, as shown above. Repair of the roads was the responsibility of the men that lived on the road. At left, Judge E. Jeffrey Travis had a dream for a new road system. It would be to create a tax system to help build and maintain county roads.



time, was based on free labor and was considered not only out-of-day but inadequate.

According to the new plan, which was to be voted on in the special election, a poll tax of \$1 on each male voter and property tax of 20 cents per \$100 worth of property was to be assessed for road purposes and the funds thus provided, used to pay for the upkeep of the road system in Crittenden County.

Every member of the court was present at the meeting.

In January 1928, under the leadership of Judge

L.E. Waddell, a new system of maintaining the roads was decided on by the fiscal court. According to the new plan, all work on the roads was to be done at the order of the fiscal court and the money expended under the old supervisor system would be used in payment of this work.

The magistrate of each district would be allowed a certain number of road supervisors. Said road supervisors would be appointed by the court and would report to the magistrate of his district once every two weeks as to the work he is doing and the expense of such work.

Teamwork on the roads for the year 1928 was to be \$2 per day for each team. All road hands were required to work six days on the roads or pay the sum of \$5, which was equivalent to such work.

The court voted to place \$8,000 in a fund to be used in construction of a rock road in any community where the citizens furnished a like amount. This was to encourage people to use their money for the improvement of permanent roads instead of throwing it in the mud holes that would just keep returning.

Even today our county roads are still a big part of our fiscal court headaches. It seems like it is impossible to keep them in good repair and to everyone's liking, especially during these freezing and thawing days of winter.

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

Belt Auction & Realty

HOMES & SMALL ACREAGE

FIRST TIME HOME BUYER...3 BR, 1 BA home sits on a larger corner lot. All kitchen appliances, including washer/dryer. Home has full walkout basement, & back porch deck overlooking large back yard. Large 2 car detached garage w/garage door openers. Garden space and lot of room for the kids to run. **g!**

MINI FARM...4 bedroom, 1 bath brick home w/ dining room, Living room, Large basement, 2 car attached garage, horse barn, 2 fenced pastures, 2 ponds, & lots of other buildings on 7.5 acres. **kp**

EXECUTIVE HOME ON 4.5 ACRES... Features:: Colonial, 2 story, 4 BR, 3 full BA & 2 half BA. Foyer w/open staircase, parlor & large formal DR w/gas log fireplace. The island kitchen w/all major appliances, many built-in cabinets & pantries; & breakfast room. The family/great room w/library nook, built-in storage cabinets & a w/burning fireplace. The property has many amenities including a 40'x50' pole barn.

REMODELED BRICK RANCH...home w/full basement & large 2 car garage. Complete w/modern appliances, brick fireplace located in the living area & basement. Central HVAC system, Large lot adjacent to the home for your garden, also good location for additional garage/workshop. \$3,000 **BUYER CLOSING COST INCENTIVE TO BE PAID BY THE SELLER WITH AN ACCEPTED OFFER BY MARCH 3, 2015. PRICE REDUCED \$89,900**

LAKE GEORGE ESTATE...3-4 BR, 2 BA home w/fireplace, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan in the kitchen, dining & den w/great views of the lake. Detached garage w/large addition & has central HVAC, fireplace, wired for sound, bathroom w/shower, closet space, on over 4 acres. **PRICED REDUCED \$309,000**

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

LOVELY BRICK HOME...

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

GREAT STARTER HOME...for newly weds, retirement home, hunting lodge for the upcoming deer season. 2 BR 2 BA, large den, living room, dining room. Property has plenty of room for a garden. This home is located in the southern portion of Crittenden county, close to Fredonia, Eddyville and I 24. Quiet Country living. **mg**

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

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

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

SISCO CHAPEL RD...3 BR Brick Ranch, move in ready, this home needs a family & furniture, home has central heat/air, large living room, new carpet, large 2 car garage w/black top drive. Kitchen complete w/Stove top, oven, . Immediate possession is available at closing. **Db**

SALE PENDING

MAIN ST...2 BR, 1.5 BA, brick home, formal dining room, garage. Priced to sell. Call today. **as**

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

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

DEPOT ST...Investment Property...2 BR, 1 BA home w/vinyl siding, wood flooring, electric heat, city utilities. **Wf**

WEST ELM ST...3 BR, 1.5 BA, large living room, dining room, all appliances, 1588 square feet of living space, black-

BUILDING LOTS

LARGE CORNER LOT...in Marion. Ready to build on. Many possibilities.

COMMERCIAL CORNER LOT...0.68 acre lot w/many possibilities. **As**

LAKE FRONT LOT...build your dream home on this lake front lot. Or you can purchase the home next door & expand your property. Lot is located just off the main Cumberland River Channel near Eddy Creek Marina on beautiful Lake Barkley. Lake access year round, w/easy access to Interstate 24 & West Kentucky Parkway. **rc**

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

COMMERCIAL

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

COURT SQUARE...Approx. 2400 SQ FT of office/Retail Building space w/rear parking. Bldg. directly across the street from the Court House & several Restaurants, Banks, Attorney's, Retail Shops.. Street Parking. Agent Owned.

OFFICE...Features: lobby, lots of offices, conference room, storage, located across from courthouse. **As**

ACREAGE

70.64 ACRES...Deer Central, property consist of 2 tracts, one has approx. 26 acres of row crop bottom ground on the corner of Blackburn Ch Rd & Gum Creek Rd. other tract is approx. 45 acres located just a few hundred yards away on Blackburn Church Rd. plenty of prime deer & turkey hunting w/possible row crop income. Electricity available w/several building sites for your home or cabin in the woods.

MEXICO...approx. 14 acres per PVA & includes two rental homes, has access from both SR 70 & Jackson School Rd. Several building locations w/county water & electricity available. Great small tract with excellent hunting as well as income potential. **rw**

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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement
We have audited the Crittenden County Sheriff's Settlement - 2013 Taxes for the period April 16, 2013 through April 16, 2014 - regulatory basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the County Sheriff, as of April 16, 2014, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 16, 2013 through April 16, 2014 of the Crittenden County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 30, 2014 on our consideration of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:
2013-01 The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

Respectfully submitted,

Adam H. Edelen
Auditor of Public Accounts

September 30, 2014
State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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BASKETBALL

SECOND REGION GIRLS

Basketball Tournament

Games at Marion's Rocket Arena
Monday's Games
Hopkins Central 61, Lyon County 44
Webster County 62, UHA 50
Tuesday's Games
Madisonville 50, Christian County 43
Henderson Co. 73, Crittenden Co. 19
Friday, March 6 Games
Hopkins Central vs. Webster, 6pm
Madisonville vs. Henderson, 7:30pm
Saturday, March 7 Game
Championship 7pm

SECOND REGION BOYS

Basketball Tournament

Games at Morganfield
Wednesday, March 4
Hopkinsville vs Caldwell Co., 6pm
Crittenden vs Henderson Co., 7:30pm
Thursday, March 5
Trigg Co. vs University Heights, 6pm
Madisonville vs Webster Co., 7:30pm
Monday, March 9
Semifinal Round, 6pm
Semifinal Round, 7:30pm
Tuesday, March 10
Championship 7pm

All-Fifth District team
Crittenden County had three girls and two boys on the All-Fifth District teams, which were announced last week. Lady Rockets seniors Chelsea Oliver and Mallory McDowell and sophomore Cassidy Moss were selected as were Rocket senior boys Landon Young and Colby Watson. Other members of the girls' all-district squad were Livingstons senior Hannah Leidecker, sophomore Kalynn Campbell and freshman Tabby Padon; Lyon's seniors Becca Somers and Barrett Blackburn and junior Melanie P'Poole; and Trigg's senior Mallory Mize. On the boys' team were Livingston's seniors Briley Ray and Colton Ramage; Lyon's senior Jerico Wilkerson and sophomores Jack Rooyakkers and Josh Wilkerson; Trigg's senior Debo Mayes and juniors Detaveon Day and Demaria Nance.

Alumni Game March 8
There will be age-specific Rocket alumni basketball games starting at 1 p.m., Sunday at Rocket Arena. There will be two age brackets: 39-under and 40-over. To enter, text or call Travis Perryman at (270) 969-1168. Admission will be \$5. All who show up will get to play.

Murray State cracks Top 25
Murray State's men's basketball team is No. 25 in this week's Associated Press Poll. The Racers won the OVC and have won 24 straight games. MSU was last ranked in the Top 25 in 2012.

YOUTH SPORTS

Skills assessment Sunday

Baseball - Softball - Kickball

Registration is now under way for youth kickball, baseball and softball leagues at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Kickball is new. Registration forms were sent home with CCES students last week. A registration form is also available online at the Dugout Club Facebook page or The Press Online Sports link. Forms can be picked up at The Crittenden Press. Payment must accompany registration form when it is submitted to Dugout Club. Assessments are 2-4 p.m., Sunday at the middle school gym. Players signing up for kickball do not have to attend the skills assessment, but may present registration forms at that time. Anyone new to the league or moving up to a new age division is required to attend the assessment. The assessment takes about 15 minutes. Players should wear tennis shoes and bring a glove and bat, if they have them. For more information call Chris Evans (270) 704-0435.

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

TRACK

Ribeye sale Saturday
Crittenden County High School's track and field team will be selling ribeye sandwiches starting at 10 a.m., Saturday at Conrad's.

MARCHING ON: Rockets get No. 2 in Kentucky

Crittenden County lost a close one to Trigg County last Thursday in the Fifth District championship and drew the Associated Press's No. 2 team in Kentucky, Henderson County, in this week's Second Region Tournament at Morganfield. The game was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, but the forecast of snow loomed heavy over the tournament's schedule. Stay tuned to The Press Online for updates if weather impacts the Second Region Tournament schedule. Henderson County is 26-3 and led by senior David Simmons, the Region Two Player of the Year. He averages 18 points and 5 rebounds a game. Coach Denis Hodge, pictured at right with his team at last week's Fifth District title game, says his boys embrace the challenge of playing against on of the state's best teams.



Wire to wire: Rockets miss title by 3

Trigg once again is CCHS's nemesis

STAFF REPORT
Play as well as they might, Crittenden County cannot get past Trigg County in the Fifth District championship game. It's becoming a pattern.
The Rockets lost 40-37 to Trigg in a nail-biter last Thursday at Smithland. It was the fifth time since 1998 that Trigg has knocked off the Rockets in the title game.
Last week's matchup was a close one from start to finish. Neither team led by more than seven. Trigg stayed on top by a narrow margin most of the way as Crittenden focused on its game plan and executed well. Statistically, the game was a virtual draw and on the scoreboard, only a basket separated the champion and runnerup.
For the second straight tournament game, the Rockets played excellent defense. Crittenden limited Trigg stalwart Detaveon Day's affect on the outcome although he finished with 15 points and nine rebounds, slightly below his season averages.

In the end, it was junior guard Demaria Nance who drove the length of the floor, wound his way through the Rocket defense and made an acrobatic runner near the basket that rolled around the full circle before falling in with 3.1 seconds to play. His bucket had broken a 37-all tie that Colby Watson formed with a couple of foul shots at the 15-second mark.
Rocket coach Denis Hodge said Nance's athleticism is difficult to defend.
"He was going to get to the rim no matter what defense we called," Hodge said.
During the ensuing timeout, Hodge said he incorrectly told his point guard Dylan Hicks that the team had one timeout remaining. When Hicks had trouble keying the ball inbounds, he asked for that timeout. Problem was, there were none. It cost Crittenden a technical and Trigg made a point off of it.
Hodge said he realized his team

was out of timeouts after the huddle had broken.
"I wasn't able to tell him in time and I was just hoping he didn't have trouble getting it in," the coach said. "That was my fault."
By virtue of its second-place finish in the district tournament, Crittenden (16-11) earned a trip to the Second Region Tournament, which was scheduled to begin Wednesday at Morganfield. The forecast of snow loomed large at press time as the Rockets were preparing to take on Kentucky's second-ranked team, the Henderson County Colonels (26-3).
Hodge expected the very athletic Colonels to bring plenty of pressure against his team.
"They will pick us up full court and try to turn us over," Hodge said.
The skipper is proud of his team's defensive effort recently and said the Rockets will concentrate on trying to slow down the high-powered Henderson offense that averages 71 points behind 53-percent shooting.
"We may sacrifice some offensive

TROUBLESOME TRIGG				
Since CCHS last won the district tournament in 1998, the Rockets have gone to the title game against Trigg 5 times and lost each meeting.				
District Championship Bouts				
Won	1998	80-61	vs. Trigg County	
Lost	2000	52-60	vs. Lyon County	
Lost	2002	43-62	vs. Lyon County	
Lost	2003	71-75	vs. Trigg County	
Lost	2006	38-51	vs. Trigg County	
Lost	2007	47-50	vs. Trigg County	
Lost	2014	42-54	vs. Trigg County	
Lost	2015	37-40	vs. Trigg County	

rebounding in order to get back on defense," Hodge said. "We have absolutely nothing to lose and we get to test our skills against the No. 2 team in the state."

Trigg County 40, Crittenden 37				
Crittenden County	7	14	12	7
Trigg County	8	11	10	8
CRITTENDEN – Young 11, Hollis, Dickerson 8, D.Watson, Hadfield, Hicks 11, C.Watson 7. FG 14-39. 3-pointers 5-14 (Hicks 3, C.Watson, Young). FT 4-4 Rebounds 31 (C.Watson 9). Fouls 15.				
TRIGG – Triplett 3, Nance 11, Mayes, Davenport 3, Hayden 2, Wilson 6, Day 15. FG 16-42. 3-pointers 4-11 (Nance 2, Davenport, Triplett). FT 4-14. Rebounds 24 (Day 9). Fouls 9.				

No. 2 Henderson too much for Lady Rockets



Second Region Player of the Year DeAsia Outlaw is sandwiched between Lady Rockets Chelsea Oliver and Amanda Lynch. Her apparent duress was short lived.

Shooting canyon leaves Lady Rockets in big hole

STAFF REPORT
Grossly poor shooting created a canyon of trouble for the Lady Rockets in Friday's Fifth District championship game at Smithland.
Crittenden County's girls made just three of their first 23 shots as Lyon County raced ahead by 20 en route to a surprisingly closer than expected finish 45-37.
Despite three inefficient offensive quarters, Crittenden's defense kept the title game from getting completely out of control. By the final minute, the Lady Rockets had clawed their way back into the game, trailing by six points with five seconds to go.
Still, the divide had been too great during the early going when the Lady Rockets (16-11) couldn't find the bottom of the basket despite getting some clear looks at the basket. Lyon settled into a 2-3 zone for most the game and Crittenden missed its first seven shots and committed three turnovers, allowing the 20-8 Lady Lyons to forge ahead by 10 in the first period. Crittenden was behind by a dozen at the half, the Lyons scored the first two baskets of the second half to start at 13-3 run.
Crittenden scored 19 points in the fourth period – one more than it had produced in the first three quarters combined – as Chelsea Oliver poured in 10 and Amanda Lynch added four.
The 11th-hour resurrection was valiant yet short of the miracle needed to erase an overwhelming early deficit.
Oliver, one of the team's two starting seniors and the squad's leading scorer this year, finished with 17. Lynch was next with a half dozen. For Lyon, seniors Becca Somers and Barrett Blackburn had 20 and 14, respectively.
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STAFF REPORT
A somewhat remarkable season for the Lady Rocket basketball team came to a less than attractive end Tuesday in the first round of the Second Region Tournament at Rocket Arena.
DeAsia Outlaw, the region's Player of the Year, and No. 2 Henderson County whitewashed Crittenden County 73-19.
Coach Shannon Hodge's girls won 16 games and lost a dozen this year, making this among the best seasons in her 22 years as the team's skipper.
"I am really proud of our seniors," Hodge said. "They have weathered a storm and got our program back on track."
Henderson County (25-2) was far too powerful to give CCHS any hope. The Lady Colonels have outscored opponents by an average of 27 points and they've lost just once in Kentucky, to Louisville Butler in the semifinals of the Louisville Invitational. The other loss was to Evansville Mater Dei, then ranked No. 1 in

its Indiana class. With the second best scoring differential in Kentucky, the third best statistical defense and 12th best scoring offense, it's no wonder the mercy rule's running clock was deployed in the second half as Henderson bullied ahead by 40-something and held CCHS scoreless in the third quarter.
Right from the start, when Crittenden committed 11 turnovers against Henderson's relentless full-court press, it was clear that the talent divide was far greater than any heart or grit could overcome.
Henderson 73, Crittenden 19
Crittenden County 2 7 0 10
Henderson County23 23 14 13
CRITTENDEN – McDowell 9, Oliver 2, C.Moss 2, Lynch, Nesbitt, Evans, K.Moss 4, Riley, Champion, Pierce, Collins, Davis, Beverly, Barnes. FG 6. 3-pointers 3 (McDowell). FT 4-8. Fouls 13.
HENDERSON – Carter 3, Blanford 3, Frances 8, Polivick, Wallace 13, Brown 5, Lander 6, Daniel 2, Chester 7, Hayden 4, Gardner, Outlaw 22. FG 30. 3-pointers 3 (Frances, Wallace, Brown). FT 10-18. Fouls 11.



Crittenden's Amanda Lynch tries to maneuver out of some trouble in the lane against Lyon's Terriana Johnson and Melanie P'Poole.

Lyon 45, Crittenden 37				
Lyon County	12	9	13	11
Crittenden County	3	6	9	19
LYON – Somers 20, Johnson 6, White, P'Poole 1, Blackburn 14, Holloman 2, Murphy 2. FG 18-37. 3-pointers 2-6 (Blackburn).				

FT 7-16. Rebounds 29 (Somers 9). Fouls 12.
CRITTENDEN – McDowell 2, Oliver 17, C.Moss 5, Lynch 6, Nesbitt 4, Evans 1, K.Moss 2, Champion. FG 15-41. 3-pointers 0-8. FT 7-13. Rebounds 27 (Oliver 7, C.Moss 7). Fouls 17.

March Madness! 4 Titles in One Day

See Photo Gallery from Saturday's Games at The-Press.com



Members of the third- and fourth-grade Lady Rockets are (front from left) Macie Hunt, Natalie Boone, Riley Smith, Hailey McCann, Callie Dempsey, (back) coach LeeAnna Boone, McKenna Myers, Addie Hatfield, Katie Perryman, Alyssa Woodall, Taylor Guess and coach Mandy Hunt. The team was undefeated this season and district champion.



Members of the fifth- and sixth-grade Lady Rockets are (front from left) Natalie Boone, Riley Smith, Hanna Faughn, Macie Hunt, Kate Keller (back) coach Vicki Hatfield, Grace Driskill, Mattia Long, Destiny Knight, Nahla Callaway, Chandler Moss, coach Ashley Turley Lilly Perryman and Jaelyn Duncan. The team was undefeated this season and district tournament champion.

Crittenden County's youth travel basketball teams completed a clean sweep of the postseason Saturday. All four Crittenden teams won their respective league championships. The squads play in a youth league which includes teams from Caldwell, Trigg, Lyon and Livingston counties.



Members of the fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets are (front from left) Maddox Carlson, Tate Roberts, Gabe Mott, Chase Stevens, Trace Adams, Jordan Hutchison, (back) Braxton Winders, coach Richard Faith, Caden McCalister, Jasper Morrison, coach Travis Perryman, Ben Evans and Tyler Boone. The team won the district championship Saturday.



Members of the third- and fourth-grade Rockets are (front from left) Bennett McDaniel, Evan Belt, Preston Sisco, Deacon Holliman, Kaleb Nesbitt, Jaxon Hatfield, Seth Guess, Preston Morgeson, Caden Riley, Wesley Fritts, (back) coaches Travis Perryman and Trent Guess. The team won its league championship on Saturday at Rocket Arena.

Chambless repeats with 11-pointer

STAFF REPORT
“What a surprise!” says 13-year-old Jacob Chambless of Fredonia. Indeed it was! Another trophy whitetail in 2014 made the young man from Fredonia the Marion Big Buck Contest’s first ever back-to-back youth champion. In fact, it is the first time in the whole 10 years of the contest sponsored by Hodge Outdoor Sports and Marion Tourism that there has been a repeat champion. “We have never had anyone win it two times,” said Michelle Edwards, tourism director.

“Jacob must be a great hunter,” she said, pointing to the 10-pointer he took to win the 2013 big buck title and the 11-pointer he bagged this time.

Chambless and his father won the big buck contests a year ago, and this past season dad was right there by his side as the two put in the hard work it takes to harvest a trophy buck.

“I spent all summer checking trail cameras and putting out corn and minerals with my dad and brother,” Chambless said. “We got a few trail cam pics of some good looking bucks that really needed another year or two. We didn’t have any pics that I would consider big bucks.”

As summer morphed into fall, the Chambless clan kept hoping something good would show up on their cameras, but it never did.

At that point, it looked like the season could be a real bummer unless something changed.

“Dad and I hunted as much as we could during bow season with no luck,” he

Big Buck Contest Youth Winner



Jacob Chambless, 13, is the first ever two-time big buck champ. The buck scored over 130 on the Boone and Crockett system, but it had several broken tines. It may have gone in the 150s in tact.

said. “Youth rifle season and muzzleloader season was more of the same. The only deer any of us were seeing were small bucks and does.” When rifle season arrived in November, Chambless couldn’t wait to hit the woods. Not seeing anything substantial to that point increased Chambless’s anxiousness. He knew the rut could make a major difference as deer become much more active with bucks moving outside of their normal range in search of females. But first, there was some

youth sports obligations that got in the way on opening weekend.

“We weren’t able to hunt until the third day of rifle season. It was an abnormally warm on that Monday afternoon. I climbed in the blind with my dad, and my little brother climbed in the blind with my mom, just like last year,” Chambless said.

With the warm weather, deer were not moving at all.

“I sat there thinking about all the Instagram pictures of big bucks that have been shot, and wondering if I would even see one deer that afternoon,” said the teenager.

With the day’s light fading fast through the afternoon’s western sky, Chambless thought his hunt was about over when his father, Kevin, spotted movement nearby.

“Dad said, ‘A buck just chased a doe out of the woods,’” he recalled.

Chasing a doe across a picked cornfield was a buck with his head down, making it nearly impossible for the young hunter to see the antlers and judge whether it was a shooter or not.

“Though I couldn’t see his horns, I remember him being two times as big as the doe he was chasing,” Chambless remarked. “Dad was sitting

beside me checking the buck out with his binoculars. All at once dad said, ‘I think he’s a good one Jake, get on him.’”

Chambless poked his trusty .25-06 out of the blind and tried to steady the crosshairs on the moving buck. The 11-pointer was about 150 yards away when he stopped, facing the blind dead on. Not a good shot to take.

He stood there for what seemed like forever before finally turning broadside,” Chambless said. “When he turned, dad said, ‘There’s your shot Jake, bust him.’”

His first round hit the buck, but the big whitetail was still on his feet. He kicked another shell into the chamber and took the fatal shot.

“Within minutes all four of us were standing over my buck just like last year,” Chambless recalls. “He was a big bodied, broken-up 11-pointer. It was great to have my family there to share the moment. As it turns out, we never had a single picture of this buck all year nor did we have a picture of a buck this big all year.”

“Just goes to show how the rut can change things in the blink of an eye,” he added.

TV personality Carleton dead at 89

Former Kentucky Afield television host Hope Carleton Sr. of Grand Rivers, Ky., died last Thursday at his home. He was 89 years old.



Carlton

Carleton appeared on the show for 23 years, serving longer than any other host.

“He was a consummate, gentleman sportsman,” said Norm Minch, assistant director of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources’ Information and Education Division.

“If the subject was anything related to the out-

doors, he was exceptionally knowledgeable, but I particularly recall how his eyes literally would light up when he talked about it,” Minch said. “It was indisputable that he cared greatly about our resources and improving opportunities for people to enjoy them - you could just see it and hear it each time he talked about it.”

Carleton started his career with the KDFWR as a game warden in Fayette County in 1947. His broadcasting career began when the president of a local radio station asked him to do a half hour show about hunting and fishing in the area.

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ORDINANCE NO. 15-01
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 01-23, 704 S. MAIN STREET
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, that an Ordinance is hereby adopted and the City of Marion Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

Section 1. This ordinance amends Ordinance No. 01-23, such that the property at 704 S. Main Street, Marion, Kentucky, be changed from R-3 Single/Multi-Family Residential, to C-3 Highway Business District, pursuant to 151.40-1.8 of the City of Marion Zoning Regulations.

Section 2. That all ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of the conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by law pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statutes.

COUNCIL MEMBERS	YES	NO
Donald Arfack	X	
Jared Byford	ABSENT	
Michael Byford	X	
Junior Martin	X	
Dwight Sherer	X	
Darrin Tabor	X	

It appearing that 5 Council Members voted for the adoption of the Ordinance, and 0 voted against, with 0 abstaining, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted.

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Michael D. Alexander
Michael D. Alexander, Mayor

Attest: *Melinda Lipsi*
Pam Enoch, City Clerk
Melinda Lipsi, asst. City Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that on February 25, 2015, Kerry Green of 50 Tom Green Road, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed Executor with will annexed of Walter Green, deceased, whose address was 100 Tom Green Road, Marion, Ky. 42064. Rebecca Johnson, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor with will annexed on or before the 25th day of August, 2015 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
Melissa Guill, Clerk
(1t-35-c)

Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION:

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

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

Parcel 2:
A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, wit the balance upon credit of 30 days. The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase

price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.

This the 18th day of February, 2015.

Robert B. Frazer
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-36-c)

Legal Notice
COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 14-CI-00105
FEDERAL NATIONAL
MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
PLAINTIFF VS.
MANDI JO WINDERS
UNKOWN DEFENDANT,
SPOUSE OF MANDI JO
WINDERS DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF SALE

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

DESCRIPTION:

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

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

Also included in an easement appurtenant for a sewer line across an adjoining tract as conveyed to predecessors in title by Ozlas Andrews et ux. Said easement is recorded in Deed Book 106, at Page 336, Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Mandi Jo Winders, single, from Kenneth Ray Belt and Dolores Belt, husband and wife, by deed dated November 20, 2006 and recorded on November 21, 2006 in Deed Book 201, Page 21, Crittenden County Clerk's Office

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

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ceeds of the sale.

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CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-36-c)

Legal Notice
COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-CI-00090
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL
TRUST COMPANY,
PLAINTIFF
AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST
FRANKLIN MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST 2006-FF3,
ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2006-FF3 VS.
HOWARD M. MYERS
DEFENDANTS
JASON S. MYERS
DEBBIE MYERS
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Property Address: 3677 Highway 60 West, Marion, KY 42064

DESCRIPTION:

Parcel I:

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

Beginning at a stake on the North side of U.S. 60 about 2.8 miles West of Marion and being a corner to Dr. Thomas Shemwell; thence with his line N 52 1/2 West 345 feet to an ash marked as a corner; thence with another of his lines N

49 E 140 feet to a stake, a new corner; thence with a new division line S 52 1/2 E 345 feet to a stake on the North side of said highway, also a new corner; thence with said highway S 49 W 140 feet to the beginning, containing 1.1 acre, by survey of Billy J. May, LS 878, dated August 31, 1974.

Parcel II:

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

Beginning at a stone on the North side of U.S. 60, being 30 feet from the center of the highway and about 2.8 miles Southwest of Marion, and also being 140 feet South 49 west of Arthur Yandell's corner, thence with original line N 52 1/4 W 345 feet to an ash and stone, original corner to Shemwell; thence with a New division line S 49 W 20 feet to an iron pin on the North side of U.S. 60, a new corner; thence with said highway N 49 E 20 feet to the beginning, containing 0.15 acre by survey of Billy J. May, LS 878, dated October 7, 1978.

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

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This the 18th day of February, 2015.

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A thing of beauty...



Womanless pageant raises hundreds for Relay

STAFF REPORT

For all the ugliness on display, in the end, it was a quite a thing of beauty.

On Saturday, several men from the factory floor to the front office of Par 4 Plastics took a walk on the wild side – dressed to the nines in heels, wigs, dresses and makeup. When the fun and laughter ended, the contestants in the company-sponsored womanless beauty pageant had raised hundreds of dollars for the fight against cancer.

“I hope you weren’t expecting a real beauty contest,” emcee and Par 4 founder Joe McDaniel told the crowd gathered inside Fohs Hall. “But this is for a good cause. If I asked you who had been touched by cancer, probably every one of you would raise your hand.”

Adding a personal touch to the evening, each cancer survivor in the audience received a pink carnation delivered by pageant participants.

Held as a fundraiser for Crittenden County Relay for Life, the gender-bending contest collected \$2,071.33, according to Serena Todd, an organizer of the pageant and the Marion-based company’s master scheduler and customer service team leader.

“It was a great night of fun and laughter,” Todd said Monday. “I can’t wait until next year. The guys are already planning.”

Celebrating its 25th year in business, Par 4 has been a supporter of the annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society (ACS) for as long as the Relay has been held locally. It was the first time, however, that the company had hosted a womanless beauty pageant to raise money.

Natalie Parish, third-year chair of Crittenden County Relay for Life, said money raised through Relay is used to help with transportation for cancer patients receiving treatment, for research, to fund a cancer hotline that gives people the answers they need about cancer, to finance Hope Lodge that gives cancer patients and their caregivers a free place to stay when their best hope for effective treatment may be in another city and myriad other ACS efforts. Nationally, Relay for Life has raised more than \$4 billion since its inception.

“Twenty years ago, cancer was basically a death sentence,” said McDaniel. “Today, we have a lot more hope.”

This year’s Relay in Crittenden County will be held June 5 and will return to Marion-Crittenden County Park. Last year, it was held on the courthouse square.



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Par 4 Plastics’ first-ever womanless beauty contest held as a fundraiser for Crittenden County Relay for Life drew scores to Fohs Hall Saturday. Contestants were company employees. From top, Ryan McDaniel, aka Peaches, waves to the audience as he is pinned with the Best Stage Presence sash by Natalie Parish, chair of the local Relay. McDaniel, son of Par 4 founder Joe McDaniel, is director of sales and customer service at the company. Pageant contestants cheer on their fellow employees dressed in drag. Parish presents pageant winner Marc Hammers, aka White Chocolate, with his trophy. Joe McDaniel, emcee of the event, reacts to a remark by Best Interview winner Cody Walls, aka BooBoo. Other winners were: Judges Favorite, Dane Rich, aka Che-Nay-Nay; Best Dressed, Roger Venable, aka Bubbles; Best Legs, Shane Howard, aka Anita Brazilian; Crowd Pleaser, Par 4 President Tim Capps, aka Sugar Johnson; Third Runner-up, Izzy Vega, aka Isabella; Second Runner-up, Andrew McGregor, aka Helga; and First Runner-up, Zach Bloodworth, aka Barbie.

Edelen’s audit of sheriff’s office finds minor problems

STAFF REPORT

Last month, Kentucky Auditor Adam Edelen released both the audit of the 2013 financial statement of Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent and the 2013 sheriff’s tax settlement. Reports were issued for both audits, which are required annually by state law.

The reports address minor problems found in the accounting practices of the sheriff’s office and do in no way indicate any fraudulent activity took place.

Based on the results of the inspection of the tax settlement, auditors found that the sheriff’s office lacks adequate segregation of duties. The report acknowledges that the lack of segregation exists in the sheriff’s office because a limited number of employees are available to properly segregate these job duties.

Suggestions to strengthen accounting controls were

made by auditors and include separating the duties of receiving taxes from customers and preparing deposits, monthly bank reconciliations and monthly reports.

“If, due to a limited budget, this is not feasible, cross-checking procedures should be implemented by the sheriff,” reports a news release from Edelen’s office.

Meantime, results of a separate audit of the sheriff’s financial statement found the following:

- The sheriff’s office lacks adequate segregation of duties.
- The sheriff should strengthen internal controls over financial reporting in order for the quarterly financial report to be materially accurate.
- The sheriff’s office was not in compliance with state statutes requiring excess fees due the fiscal court be remitted upon submitting the annual fee statement.

- The sheriff’s office was not in compliance with Kentucky statutes requiring vendor invoices be paid within 30 days.

As suggested by the findings of the tax settlement audit, stronger compensating controls are suggested to address the lack of segregation of duties. Strengthening internal controls over the recording of receipts and disbursements and financial reporting were also suggested.

Agent offered no response in the audit reports to the findings of the examination.

The sheriff’s responsibilities include collecting property taxes, providing law enforcement and performing services for the fiscal court and court of justice. The sheriff’s office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

FULLER

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bouts of pneumonia. Antibiotic treatments would be administered to treat the infections, but once completed, symptoms would develop again.

He said the condition has gotten worse over the last 18 months.

After visiting with various doctors to determine a diagnosis, in January 2014, doctors began testing Mason’s immune system to pinpoint a cause. Two months ago, doctors officially made the diagnosis.

The Fullers were told the cure for NEMO is a bone marrow transplant. Doctors are waiting to find a donor that matches 100 percent.

Fuller said both he and his wife have been tested but were told it’s more than likely they wouldn’t be a match. But they haven’t yet received official results from those tests.

Meanwhile, their son is on a bone marrow donor registry.

In response to the diagnosis, local communities in Crittenden and Livingston counties have rallied around the family to offer their support. In Tolu, events have been held at the community center to raise funds to help meet travel expenses, and a fish fry to support the family will be held this month.

Additionally, administrators at Mason’s school are also demonstrating their support. Currently, he is receiving homebound instruction.

Meanwhile, North Livingston Elementary School Principal Tad Mott is working to coordinate efforts with the American Red Cross to hold a bone marrow donor drive on the same day as a blood drive. Mott said details for the drive would be announced when a date has been formally scheduled.

Fuller said his family appreciates all the support local communities have shown them.

Doctors told the Fullers a course of chemotherapy treatment will be necessary before the bone marrow transplant is received. Once their son receives the trans-



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Eleven-year-old Mason Fuller of Salem is battling a serious immunodeficiency disease that requires a bone marrow transplant. Currently, the family is waiting on a match for the boy, who was diagnosed with the rare NEMO deficiency syndrome.

plant and is released from the hospital, the family will have to travel back and forth to Cincinnati for regular check-ups.

Brad was told it usually takes about a year for the immune system to fully recover after a bone marrow transplant.

Mason’s father said waiting to learn the diagnosis has been a frustrating experience for him and his wife. However, he indicated there is a level of relief felt now that they finally know the cause of the symptoms.

“Now, we’re just anxious to get it going and get it cured,” Brad said, as the family looks forward to the day when their son’s recovery is complete.

The fish fry fundraiser to benefit the Fuller family will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. March 14 at the Tolu Community Center. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and younger. Twenty-inch boys and girls bicycles will also be auctioned. In addition,

a cake auction will begin at 7 p.m.

Throughout the condition and diagnosis, Mason’s mom said her son has kept a great attitude and the family stands united in their faith.

“Brad and I know that God is with him and us through this. We have a lot of faith, and we believe he will be cured from NEMO,” she said. “We want to thank the community for their prayers.”

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the family farm by keeping record books and paying the bills. Ada and Robert, who is also 97, still engage in limited aspects of farming at their homestead near Tolu.

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Dream wedding



PHOTOS BY LEIGH BROWNING HUTCHENS, WILD BERRIES PHOTOGRAPHY
Following a September wedding at Hurricane Campground near Tolu, Ryan Blackburn and Staci Belt share a kiss as husband and wife. The photo was taken at the campground with members of the wedding party standing on the porch of a camp cabin. Below, the newlyweds cut a specially-designed turquoise cake at the site of the wedding reception, a barn on the bride's parents' farm.

Blackburns tie knot in elegant, country style

By ALLISON EVANS
PRESS ADVERTISING MANAGER

Some of the scenes from Staci and Ryan Blackburn's wedding look like they leapt off Pinterest and into the Crittenden County countryside. From the wedding venue at Hurricane Campground to the reception on the Belt family farm, the elegant country theme was carried out with Mason jar chandeliers, burlap table runners and antique doors creating a backdrop for the turquoise wedding cake. Fabric pennants made by the bride's aunt, Margie Belt, stretched through the moonlight of the reception, a colorful touch to a dream wedding brought to life with lots of help from family and friends.

Truth is, the bride chose two of the most simple Crittenden County venues – an open air tabernacle and a barn – as the framework for a beautiful September wedding.

"I always knew Hurricane was where I wanted to get married. Hurricane has always been a big part of my life



since I was little," said Blackburn, who is the fifth generation in her family to grow up beneath the mature trees at the non-denominational church camp near Tolu. Blackburn has been a counselor at Hurricane Youth Camp for several years and a camper before that. With a little help from her sister, Leslie, it is also where Ryan proposed

to her in March 2014. Blindfolded, Ryan drove her to the remote location eventually to reveal a decorated Hurricane tabernacle where he dropped to one knee and popped the question.

Her parents, Jerry Ray and Paula Belt, were married in Hurricane Church, making the location extra special to the bride.

"My dad and uncle Roy did so much work down there for the wedding – I think they were more excited about it than I was," she said.

The country chic wedding was simple yet elegant, perfectly illustrated by the bride's personal style: A fitted, lace-embellished strapless gown and subtly visible cowboy boots.

"I wanted the guys to be comfortable, too," she explains, describing the groom and groomsmen's tuxedo-free ensemble that consisted of formal vests, turquoise ties, jeans and cowboy boots.

The old tabernacle, open on all sides except one, is a modest structure, filled only with wooden pews and a simple pulpit, where seven bridesmaids and four groomsmen joined the bride and groom.

In addition to wedding coordinator Marceia Ellis, Blackburn had plenty of family members to thank for pro-

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PHOTO PROVIDED
Charles and Doris Brantley of Marion recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. The couple believes the key to longevity of marriage is a determination to succeed as well as plenty of love and friendship.

Friendship key to wedded bliss

STAFF REPORT

Charles and Doris Brantley know the joys marriage can bring and understand what it takes to stay happy together. The couple recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Charles and the former Doris Cook were married Jan. 31, 1953, by C.G. Oliver at his residence in Bowling Green. The occasion was a double wedding ceremony, where fellow Crittenden County residents Helen and the late Sylvan Hunt were also married.

When asked about the keys to a successful marriage, Doris said couples must be determined to succeed in their marriage and stressed the importance of both love and friendship.

The Brantley's are both graduates of Crittenden County High School. A graduate of Emory University of Atlanta, Charles was a minister for 27 years.

Doris worked seven years in health care, beginning at the Crittenden County Hospital located on North Walker Street in Marion before working at what is now Crittenden Health Systems at its current location on U.S. 60 in Marion. She later worked 13 years at area banks in Livermore and Salem and worked part time at The Peoples Bank and Farmers Bank and Trust Co. in Marion.

The couple has two children, Patricia Croft of Ledbetter and Richard Brantley of Lone Oak; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Make engagement photoshoot success by following tips



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Engagement photos vary depending on the couple. Often reserved for save-the-date cards and now commonly used to spruce up wedding websites, engagement photos can range from formal shoots in which couples are dressed to the nines to more laid back shots featuring couples in more everyday attire.

When planning an engagement shoot, couples should give themselves carte blanche with regard to style, as the photoshoot need not follow many of the more accepted rules that the wedding itself will ultimately adhere to. Once couples have settled on a style for their photoshoot, there are additional ways to ensure the session is a success.

- Find a photographer who shares your sensibilities. Photographers can vary greatly in style, and an engagement photoshoot will be most successful when couples find a photographer whose style matches the theme they are looking for with their photoshoot. You likely would not hire a nature photographer to photograph a basketball game, so don't hire someone who specializes in posed shots if you want your photos to be more lively and spontaneous. Before you hire anyone, ask for samples of each photographer's work to be certain you're getting someone who has experienced shooting the type of photos you want to take.

- Solicit ideas from the photographer. Some couples already know exactly where they want their engagement photos to be shot and which poses they want to be arranged. However, many

couples have little or no experience with professional photoshoots, and such couples should solicit ideas from each photographer they are considering hiring. A skilled and/or seasoned photographer should propose several ideas. Be wary of photographers who offer little input, as you may ultimately be dissatisfied with their work once the shoot has come and gone.

- Avoid studio shots. Many couples prefer their engagement photos be taken somewhere they have a personal connection to, such as the sight of their first date or a park they frequently visit. Studio photoshoots might provide the best lighting, but couples have no connection to such spaces, and down the road they may regret not taking the photos in someplace that's a little more meaningful. In addition, a photoshoot

outside the studio affords couples and their photographer more opportunities to experiment and improvise, which can produce a wider array of shots than a studio photoshoot is likely to deliver.

- Don't forget candid shots. Candid shots make the photoshoot more fun and loosen couples up a little bit. Many engagement photos will never be seen by anyone other than the photographer and the couple he or she is shooting, so don't be bashful during candid shots for fear of being embarrassed down the road. Have fun with the candid shots, and your other photos are likely to come out better as a result.

An engagement photoshoot should be fun and reflect the personalities of the couple. A few simple strategies can ensure couples' shoots accomplish both of those things.

Simple solutions can save on wedding expenses

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Couples in the midst of planning a wedding often find themselves overwhelmed by the cost of such a meaningful yet expensive undertaking. The average wedding is as expensive as a new car or a down payment on a new house, so it's no surprise many couples experience sticker shock when they first begin to negotiate with vendors.

But as shocking as the cost of saying "I do" in front of family and friends can be, there are some tried-and-true ways to drastically reduce that cost without making the big day any less special.

Venue

Perhaps no element of wedding planning is more open to negotiation than the venue where the reception will take place. Many couples now choose venues that can host both the wedding and the reception, and that can

Location

Where a couple decides to tie the knot will have a significant impact on their bottom line. Certain locales, such as large cities, are more expensive than others. Couples who come from small towns may benefit from tying the knot close to home, as vendors tend to charge less the further they are from large metropolises. Waterfront venues, regardless of which city they happen to be in, also tend to be more expensive than venues with less impressive surroundings. Couples willing to sacrifice city lights and breathtaking views of the water are likely to find more affordable venues for ceremonies and receptions.

Timing

The timing of a wedding also affects a couple's bottom line. Couples hoping to get married when wedding season hits its peaks, which is

generally considered the months of May and June and then also late-September into October, can expect to pay substantially more than couples willing to get married at other times of the year. Couples also can save money by choosing to get married on Friday or Sunday nights or Saturday afternoon, when many venues charge considerably less per person than they do on Saturday night, which remains the most popular night of the week to get married.

Guests

Many couples save the most money by reducing the number of people they invite

to their wedding. Couples who come from large families may not be able to cut family members from their guest lists without causing a significant stir, so such men and women can look for other areas to trim. Professional colleagues and old acquaintances who you no longer keep in touch with are unlikely to be offended if they don't make the cut, and removing them from the guest list can save couples substantial amounts of money.

The cost of a wedding is considerable, but couples can cut those costs in several ways if they're willing to be flexible and negotiate.



Couples who host their wedding receptions on weekend afternoons can save substantial amounts of money.

Proper wedding beauty prep can ease minds

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All eyes are on the bride and groom on their wedding day. Feeling beautiful and dapper can boost a couple's confidence and ensure they look back on their wedding photographs and videos with pride.

Certain beauty basics and makeup and hair strategies can help any bride look spectacular on her wedding day. The following are some dos and don'ts of wedding day beauty preparations.

- Do employ the services of a professional hairstylist and makeup artist. Professionals have the experience and tools of the trade to help you to look your best. From contouring to make your face seem slimmer to enlarging the appearance of small eyes, some tricks of the trade are best left to the pros.
- Don't forget to schedule a trial run. Make this appointment several months before the wedding day so you have

ample time to work with your stylists and experiment with colors and hair arrangements to fit your personality and the style of your gown. Take plenty of pictures and notes so you will remember what needs to be on hand for the wedding.

- Do allot enough time for the wedding day beauty appointment. If you will be going to a salon, block out two or more slots instead of one. This way the stylist does not overbook and will not feel rushed. Many brides opt to have stylists come to their homes. There may be an extra charge for this service, but it may be well worth the cost.
- Don't make any drastic changes to your appearance right before the wedding. This includes changing your hair color or texture, extreme tanning, using colored contact lenses, or chopping off all of your hair. It's better to wait until after the wedding to change your style.

- Do bring a veil, headpiece, hair extensions and any other accessories to your hair consult. This lets the stylist practice working with these items.
- Don't tweeze or wax brows too close to the start of the ceremony. Redness and swelling are common side effects of each, and they can be difficult to mask with makeup. Instead, take care of hair removal a day or two prior to the wedding.
- Do exfoliate your skin prior to the wedding. This doesn't necessarily mean you should endure a harsh fruit acid peel or another procedure. You can exfoliate with a gentle washing of your skin with a nubby washcloth to remove any dryness and errant flakes. Moisturize well to ensure a smooth palette for makeup application.
- Don't wash or condition hair the day of the wedding. Intricate styles tend to stay better when hair has a little

grip. "Dirty" hair is easier to work with than shiny, freshly washed locks.

- Do wear a little extra makeup than you are accustomed to wearing because it will show up better in photos. However, do not wear so much that you look clownish. A makeup artist can help you achieve the right balance.
- Don't have bridesmaids wear makeup that is bolder than yours, especially red lips. No one should upstage the bride.
- Do bring a pain relief medication in case a tight hairstyle or headpiece causes a headache.
- Don't forget that men need a little help as well. Exfoliation and moisturization can help dry skin. Guys should use a new razor and plenty of cream before shaving to avoid irritation. A dusting of finishing powder can banish shiny noses and foreheads for photo-ready faces.

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- Start saving early. Honeymoons are expensive, so to afford the vacation of your dreams it's wise to begin saving for the honeymoon as early as possible. It may be well worth it to compromise and make sacrifices in other areas to ensure you have enough funds for your dream honeymoon getaway. Do not

expect cash gifts at your wedding to pay for your trip. If you do, you may be sorely disappointed when the time comes to take off.

- Read online reviews. Online reviews can paint an accurate picture of a potential honeymoon destination. Look at vacationer-supplied photographs to see how the accommodations match up to the resort's own marketing materials. You don't want too many surprises, such as service fees, dirty rooms or a lack of beach amenities, to ruin your trip.
- Plan at least one exciting outing. While on your honeymoon, be sure to go on at

least one adventure. Try an activity you have never done before, such as snorkeling, traveling a zip line or swimming with stingrays.

- Pack early. After a long wedding day and reception spent dancing into the wee hours of the morning, you probably do not want to spend time packing. Pack your suitcases and travel essentials in advance of your wedding day so you have more time to sleep in before you depart for the airport. Also, remember not to overpack. You want to have room for the souvenirs you purchase along the way.
- Enjoy your surroundings.

Put down the smartphone or tablet enough to truly enjoy your surroundings. A honeymoon is an opportunity to relax, and that may not be possible if you're tied to your devices. Friends at home can wait for your status updates and wedding pictures.

- Splurge on something expensive. Whether it's an ultra-fancy dinner or an exotic souvenir, indulge.
- Leave your itinerary open. After scores of wedding appointments and watching the clock, it's nice to fly by the seat of your pants.

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Picking groomsmen can be tricky

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Grooms-to-be face many decisions regarding their pending nuptials, but few may prove as delicate as choosing the groomsmen for the big day. Friends who expect to be groomsmen may be disappointed if they are not ultimately chosen, while brothers may feel left out if they are not asked to walk a bridesmaid up the aisle.

Choosing groomsmen should not be taken lightly. Grooms-to-be who are facing some difficult choices with regard to that decision can follow a few pointers to ensure they make the right call.



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tuxes or arranging for the newlyweds' transportation to the airport. If your brother is already incredibly busy or if you doubt he is up to the task of being a best man, then you might be better off asking him to be a groomsman and finding another best man who's more capable of juggling the numerous responsibilities tied to being best man.

- Don't forget your fiancée's family. While you should not feel pressured to pick anyone in particular as your best man, if your fiancée has any brothers, ask her if she had her heart set on including any of them in the bridal party. Some brides want their brothers to be groomsmen, so discuss this with your fiancée before asking anyone to line up beside you. This discussion can go both ways as well, as you can ask your bride-to-be to include a favorite sister in her bridal party.
- Confirm their availability.

When asking friends or family members to be groomsmen, it's best to ensure they can actually make it to the ceremony. This is a concern for grooms who are planning a destination wedding or those getting married in their fiancée's hometown and not their own, as some guests, including potential groomsmen, may not be able to afford to attend an overseas or faraway ceremony. When asking, explain the situation to them, and let them know you fully understand if they cannot commit to being a groomsman due to travel or financial concerns. Confirm their availability as soon as possible, as you don't want to be down one groomsman come your big day.

Many grooms face difficult decisions when choosing their groomsmen. But there are ways to make such decisions a lot easier than they may seem.

Hidden costs can sink budget for wedding

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In the days of yore, the responsibility of paying for a wedding fell to the bride's parents. But that tradition has largely fallen by the wayside in recent years, when more and more couples have used their own savings to finance their weddings. There are some hidden expenses that couples must build into their budgets to avoid finding themselves in debt as they walk down the aisle.

- Sales tax might not seem significant when you're buying everyday items, but taxes add up quickly when paying for a wedding. Before signing contracts with vendors, couples should get the price including sales tax written into their contracts, as failing to do so may result in a surprise when the time to pay arrives.
- Gratuities are another expense that can take engaged couples by surprise as they plan their weddings. Some reception halls build gratuities for staff into their estimates, and these tips for the staff can be as high as 25 percent. Couples may also be expected to tip the florist, photographer, band or and deejay. Brides-to-be typically tip their hairstylist and makeup artist on the day of the wedding.
- Many couples still prefer traditional paper invitations, which include return envelopes that should be stamped. Depending on the size of your guest list, postage can cost hundreds of dollars. And don't forget to save some money for postage to mail thank-you cards once the big day has come and gone.

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When Angelina Jolie wed Brad Pitt in one of the most publicized nuptials of the 21st century, she wore a jaw-dropping silk and satin gown designed by Donatella Versace. Embroidered on her floor-length veil were colorful drawings by the couple's six children. One even read "Buttock Fatock."

Eldest sons Maddox and Pax walked Jolie down the aisle, daughters Zahara and Vivienne tossed flower petals, and daughter Shiloh and son Knox were ring-bearers. Pax baked the wedding cake.

It all sounds very Hollywood. But it's not just Brangelina.

Many brides and grooms have children from previous relationships, and are going beyond the traditional to find ways to incorporate them into their weddings.

Yes, the kids add cuteness. But it's often more about blending families.

"The need to create a family bond early is vital to stepparents' success," says Stacey James Wheeler, a California-based family dynamics researcher and author, whose wife had two daughters when they married more than 12 years ago. "Involving the children in our marriage was a great way to do that."

The girls were flower girls, and received an engraved locket and a verbal commitment from Wheeler after he proposed to their mother.

"I let them know I was committing to be there as a parent and to raise them as my own," he says.

Like Jolie and Pitt's brood, many children take part in the ceremony as flower girls, ring bearers and readers, while others walk their mother down the aisle.

Children also can help light a "unity candle" or participate in what's become known as a "sand ceremony," in which the bride, groom and children pour dif-



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ferent-colored sand into a container to symbolize a new union.

San Francisco physician Kyra Bobinet and her fiancé, Josh Leichter, designed wedding bands with a diamond for each of their four children.

"Our kids will be our only bridesmaids

and groomsmen, setting them apart as special attendants to the wedding," Bobinet says. "We're inviting them to offer words of support for our partnership . so it gives them a voice and a choice in the matter."

Instead of having a traditional processional, event planner Sandy Sloane and her husband, Bob Czworka, danced down the aisle with their four children to the song "Love is Strange." All four kids stood with them under the Jewish chupah, or canopy, during their ceremony in Sunrise, Florida, and at the reception sang a song written by two of them.

"I gave my daughter and two 'bonus daughters' necklaces that said 'daughter,' and my son a commemorative keepsake box," Sloane says.

Chicago-area event planner Amanda Morris created a semi-sweetheart table for a newly married couple and their 4-year-old daughter. The little girl sat between her mom and dad at the reception, and each sat in a chair with signs that read, "I'm his," "I'm hers" or "I'm theirs."

Morris also created a "favorite things" station instead of a traditional dessert table. "What was cute is that it even had items like mini Heinz ketchup packets and Starbucks pink cake pops because their daughter loved both," she says.

Cupcake stations are another kid-friendly dessert idea. The children of the bride and groom can play "host" and help other kids decorate cupcakes during the reception.

And then there's the first dance. Not between bride and groom, but between each of them and their children and/or stepchildren.

"Make sure to bring the tissues," says wedding planner Stephany Allongo in Palm Beach, Florida. "This is usually a tearjerker."

Plus-sized brides can find ideal dress

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Weddings are special days for couples tying the knot. But even the most carefully planned wedding requires some patience and perseverance.

For brides-to-be, finding the right gown is one element of wedding planning that calls for patience and persistence. Trial and error is often part of the process as women look for the perfect wedding gown. Brides-to-be who have a specific style in mind may find that their dream gown doesn't always live up to expectations, while another style of dress they never imagined wearing turns out to be a stunner.

Another challenge many women face when gown shopping is that many wedding gowns are styled and geared toward women with slender figures, making the process of selecting a gown for a curvier bride a bit more difficult. But any bride, regardless of size or figure, can find the ideal dress, especially when she employs the following tips.

- Sample sizes fit a select few. Bridal shops carry a range of dresses but may only stock one or two sample dresses. For economy, these samples are a median size that are intended to fit as many shoppers as possible. Such gowns are usually in the neighborhood of a size 10. Most women, whether petite or plus-size, will not fit into the sample, so do not get discouraged.

- Visit large retail chains. Popular wedding dress chains, such as David's Bridal, may have a wider se-

lection of sample dresses in larger sizes. Department stores as well as designers who specialize in plus-size gowns also make good resources.

- Call bridal stores in advance to schedule your visits. Your time is precious, so call bridal shops prior to visiting and explain to them your size and what you are looking for in a gown. This will ensure you aren't wasting your time driving to stores that can't provide what you want.

- Select the right fabrics. Heavier fabrics like taffeta, silk dupioni and satin may conceal better than others and can be ruched to camouflage areas you want to minimize.

- Use salespeople as a resource. The right salesperson can make wedding shopping much easier and far more pleasant. Don't rest until you find someone who is excited to work with you and will give you his or her honest opinion and recommendations.

- Dresses can be altered. Every bride needs some alterations made to her dress to achieve the perfect fit. Plus-sized brides may need a few extras. A dress is unlikely to meet all of your needs right off the rack, so find a good seamstress who can alter your dress to meet your needs. Sleeves can be put on, dresses can be shortened, support can be added, and many customizations can be done to a gown post-production.

- Find a flattering shape. Choose a gown with a full-skirt or an A-line skirt with an empire or a dropped-waist

seam that will elongate your midriff and flow away from your hips. Curvier brides typically avoid strapless gowns, as such dresses have a tendency to make a woman's shoulders and arms look wider.

- Don't get stuck on size. Sizes vary widely depending on the manufacturer. Wedding gowns tend to be labeled with couture sizes, which are much smaller than street sizes. A good salesperson should have a reasonable conversion chart or will

choose sizes based on your measurements alone. Ignore the size on the tag and go for the gown that fits.

- Never settle for less. Whether it's a gown that's not flattering or a salesperson who is rude or chastises you for not being the ideal size, do not settle for anything less than a great gown and attentive service. Bridal stores compete for business, so if a given shop does not meet your expectations, don't hesitate to work with a rival store.

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Couples are heading to the altar later than they did in generations past. In the United States, the average age of a first marriage is now 27 for women and 29 for men. That means couples are bringing several years of life experiences to their marriage and individuals are possibly leaving behind entirely au-

There's no one-size-fits-all scenario that works for all couples when it comes to money management. Following are a few ways for couples to approach their finances.

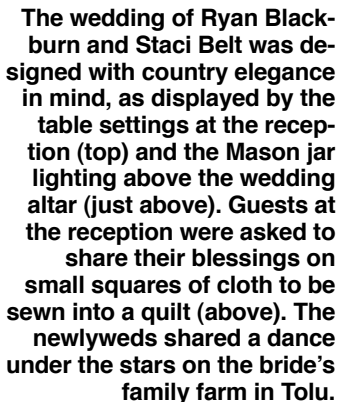
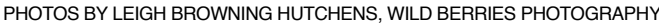
Some couples opt to continue on just as they had be-

If you decide to pool your resources, there are still a

According to census data, 32 percent of wives in 1960 were in the labor force, so combined accounts were common and often managed by husbands. But today the majority of homes are two-income households, so making all purchases out of a single joint account may not make as much sense as it did in the past.

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After a honeymoon to Riviera Maya, the couple established their home at Blackburn's grandparents' farmhouse near Tolu.



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