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## Chamber's annual banquet in 2 weeks

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual meeting and awards dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 25 in the fellowship hall of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Marion.

RSVP is requested by May 19 to Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander at (270) 965-5015. Glenn's on Main will be catering the event. The cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

The customary awards will be presented, including Person of the Year.



## Comer votes for 'Obamacare' repeal

Congressman James Comer voted last week to effectively repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), or Obamacare, and replace it with a Republican plan. The American Health Care Act narrowly passed the U.S. House last Thursday

by a 217-213 vote and moves to the Senate, where it will likely be reshaped

The freshman GOP representative said in a statement following the vote last week that the AHCA "ends Washington's failed one-size-fits-all approach to health care." The legislation offers a variety of changes, but pre-existing conditions must still be covered by insurance companies. However, those who have let their insurance lapse would likely be faced with much higher premiums by being placed in a high-risk pool.

## Public meetings

- **Marion Planning Commission** will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at city hall to hear a request for a zoning change at 243 Travis St. Vance Todd is asking for a change from residential to commercial so he can operate an auto mechanic shop.

- **Marion City Council** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday inside Marion City Hall.

- **Salem City Commission** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall.

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday in the judge-executive's courthouse office. The second reading and adoption of the county's budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017 is scheduled.



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# Tax advance

## Tuesday vote 1st official step toward school levy

By **DARYL K. TABOR**  
PRESS EDITOR

The first official step toward a new high school – as well as a 5.8-cent tax increase on county property owners to pay for the building – was taken this week.

Crittenden County Board of Education voted 4-1 on Tuesday evening to continue the process that could see a

so-called "nickel" tax added to the school rate on tax bills this fall. The revenue could be used only for construction and renovations.

The school district wants to build a new facility for high-schoolers, which frees the current high school for grades 6-8 and allows the antiquated 68-year-old middle school to be razed. The total

project is estimated at \$8 million.

The vote by the board in no way commits it to the tax at this time. In effect, it formally introduces the proposal for consideration, just as first reading of an ordinance does in city and county government. A formal public hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 1. A binding

vote is expected immediately following that hearing.

"I think we need to emphasize 'intends to consider' committing to an additional (tax)," board member Eric Larue said prior to his vote of Yes. "It just continues the process."

Chris Cook, Pam Collins and Ryan McDaniel also voted in favor of the measure.

Bill Asbridge, who represents primarily the southern portion of the county, explained his opposition prior to the call for a vote. He said there is not enough support in his district at present for him to vote in favor of moving ahead.

"I'm still explaining and

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# Chamber refreshed by young women

STAFF REPORT

Chamber leaders have dubbed them the Young Guns.

It's a group of 20- or 30-something-year olds who has shaken up the old guard and added some bright new ideas to the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's list of events and services.

No one is saying the Chamber's executive board had become old and stuffy in recent years, but Executive Director Susan Alexander knows a ray of sunshine when she sees it. Alexander is excited about the energy that this group of young women has brought to the Chamber, so much so that she gave them all shirts emblazoned with the acronym CCCYG – short for Crittenden County Chamber Young Guns.

Ten years ago, the average age for a Chamber director was "probably over 40," according to Alexander, and there were as many or more



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

The new look of the Chamber of Commerce includes several young women who've made some big changes to the organization. Among them are (from left) Elliot West, Holly White, Shana West, Dee Brasher, Robin Curnel, Elizabeth Floyd, Natalie Parish, Madison Qualls, Angel Henry and Randa Berry.

# Pass the salt: Cafeteria rules loosened

By **DARYL K. TABOR**  
PRESS EDITOR

Relaxed federal guidelines for school meals under a new President should leave a little more taste on the tray for students in Crittenden County's two cafeterias.

The USDA eased nutrition guidelines for schools championed by former First Lady Michelle Obama. The changes were announced last week by newly confirmed Agriculture Secretary

Sonny Perdue and allow cafeterias to continue serving 1 percent milk instead of nonfat, permit states to continue giving some schools a waiver on serving more whole grains and delay drastically-reduced salt content until 2020.

Emily Wheeler, food services director for the local school district, welcomes the eased sodium restrictions, but says milk and whole grain guidelines weren't on

her menu of concerns.

"Sometimes meeting meal patterns and guidelines set by the government can be difficult; however, I think it is very important to have guidelines," she said.

Currently, maximum sodium levels for school lunches range from 1,230 mg for elementary students to 1,420 mg for high-schoolers. For

breakfast, salt limits are 540

to 640 mg, respectively. Wheeler and other nutrition directors across the nation were facing a 25-percent reduction in salt content starting next fall. Now, they have at least three more years to cut the salt.

"The (previous) sodium limit was going to be very difficult to adhere to," she said.



Wheeler

The ultimate goal by the 2022-23 school year under the federal plan stalled by Perdue was to cut sodium in half from present levels, ranging from 640 mg for lunch in lower grades to 740 mg for teens. For prospective, two slices of a typical frozen pizza contain 770 mg of salt. A snack size back of Doritos contains 210 mg.

Wheeler said she will still

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# Tourism's impact on community growing

By **DARYL K. TABOR**  
PRESS EDITOR

The economic impact of tourism in Crittenden County is growing.

On Monday, the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet released 2016 figures that show visitors shelled out almost \$4.6 million locally and \$9.2 billion across the state. Both are the highest figures recorded.

"You can see by the growth of our restaurant tax

receipts that we are increasing visitation and local traffic in our restaurants," said Michele Edwards, Marion Tourism Director. "The lack of lodging is a problem, but we do very well with what we have."

According to the Cabinet,

tourism supported the equivalent of 62 jobs in the

county last year. Statewide, visitors supported 192,697 jobs. Wages created by those jobs and local and state tax revenues are part of a larger wealth visitors bring with them.

The Cabinet said the total impact of tourism in 2016

was about one and a half times direct expenditures calculated from surveys of businesses in the tourism industry. That means an overall \$7.2 million injection to the economy in Crittenden County and \$14.5 billion across the state in 2016. That is an increase of 16.7 percent and 5.1 percent over the previous year, respectively.

Edwards said the big

jump locally is not coincidental.

"There is no doubt that the promotions we do such as our website, social media, brochures (and) in-state and out-of-state advertising impacts the tourism numbers in Marion and Crittenden County," she explained.

Locally, \$1.6 million in

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## Visitor's pumping more into local economy\*

**\$3,429,199** ► **\$3,638,380** ► **\$3,642,018** ► **\$3,645,660** ► **\$3,913,251** ► **\$4,564,913**

2011

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2014

2015

2016

\*Direct tourism expenditures in Crittenden County by calendar year, according to the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.



Letters to the Editor

P.O. Box 191, Marion, KY 42064

# Tears well for graduating first-born

It happens every year around the end of May ... or the first of June when there's a lot of snow. But this year, it's hitting home. It's getting personal.

Graduation that is.

I've covered graduation ceremonies in Crittenden County since about 1993. I've listened to valedictory addresses – sometimes six in one night – taken pictures of the graduates straightening each others' caps and snapped the picture for the ceremonial toss of the mortar boards. But I'm about to second guess my decision to strictly be a spectator this year for the



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three nights of festivities honoring the Class of 2017.

That ugly expression that appears when you're trying not to cry as that emotional lump forms in your throat isn't nearly as visible when your camera is trained on capturing the elation on a graduate's face. I'm thinking this, of all years, would be a good time to hide behind my camera.

You see, our firstborn will be donning a graduation gown, sitting in Rocket Arena as a member of the Class of 2017. Yes, Meredith, I have tears in my eyes.

Seems most every mention of graduation festivities

and activities for the senior class are causing tears to well – to the shock of my senior daughter, I might add. I try to hide it, but she eyes me like a hawk to see if I'm tearing up when we talk about the events to come.

I know, I know, it's a normal thing. It happens every May, but your firstborn finishing the last page of her first major novel only happens once. And it's emotional!

I've discussed this with other parents over the past week. And we all agree that we're excited for them. We'll have them all summer, most likely many weekends this fall, and it's not that I'm devastated about her leaving for college. I mean, I haven't looked for an apartment in Bowling Green or anything.

On the contrary, I'm ex-

cited for her. Other moms agree, we're excited for them to start writing the first chapter of their next book, but there are so many opportunities to get emotional these days!

It's not just graduation that we are expected to show up to after bribing siblings to keep quiet and be respectful.

Our preamble began weeks ago with discussions about caps and gowns, graduation invitations, college signing day, senior exit interviews, senior breakfast, senior lunch, a last supper, project graduation, senior trip, the senior slide show – and let me tell you, the music accompanying the slide show in and of itself is enough to make a grown man cry – and the tiny details that accompany each of these events. I mean, the

thought of my 9-year-old proudly watching as her big sister walks through her school in her cap and gown as crowds of elementary kids cheer and wave instantly provokes a film of water through which my eyes cannot focus. Contrary to the little one, our son most likely will run his fingers through his hair and roll his eyes at his sister when she walks through the middle school. Of course, he is already starting to dread losing his ride to school every day.

It is awesome that our school system provides so many opportunities for our kids to make the most of their last few weeks as the school's top dogs. While the second hand moves at lightening speed and the minutes tick toward the end of the school year, these sen-

iors are in the spotlight, and most of them probably relish the opportunity to fully celebrate the end to 13 years in the public school system.

Maybe for us parents the road to graduation will be bumpy enough that once we get there, the emotions will be in check, and we will be ready to enjoy the graduation festivities.

My wish for the parents of the Class of 2017 is that you will have dry eyes and a full heart. And a little scholarship money on Class Night won't hurt anyone's feelings either, right?

(Allison Evans is the advertising manager and an editorial contributor at The Crittenden Press. The newspaper has been in her family for more than a half-century. She can be reached at (270) 965-3191.)

# Motherhood a never-ending job

Of course, I always appreciated my Mother and the things she did for me and my brother when we were youngsters, and even since. Motherhood never ends, even after it's presumed over.

My mother passed away in February, and not a day goes by that I do not think about her and what she meant to me and my family.

Although I have always respected what Mother did, it took some maturity and a new perspective later in life before the true colors of motherhood were clear. Even sharper now are those images of her in the



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Press publisher  
*About Town*

kitchen when I was growing up. Losing her has tightened my focus around what mothers must feel like and how they must find motivation to complete their role.

What's amazing are the things mothers do while we are sleeping. It never dawned on me as a child the volume of work that went on while I was snoozing comfortably in my bed. The laundry, the ironing, the cooking, the cleaning, etc. The list rolls on like an endless ribbon.

I see more clearly now-days the things that are done after children are retired for the evening or before the rise

to the new day. It never ceases to amaze me what my wife Allison accomplishes in between work and bedtime, or between morning awakenings and heading off to work.

Watching her every morning and evening helps remind me – even awakens me – to the endless toils my Mother endured raising a couple of boys who probably seemed selfish and inconsiderate at times. For that, I am truly sorry. My eyes are clear now and the truth has opened my heart to my Mother and mothers in general.

A mother's work is truly neverending and her certifications are unequalled. She's a warden, a child psychiatrist, a nurse, a nurturer, a referee, a tailor, a cobbler, a chef, a chauffeur, a pastor and a prophet. Without those skills, Mother could have

hardly filled the image of a mother.

It is indeed tragically sad to imagine the many children who struggle through childhood and adolescence without a mother or with one woefully inadequate. Unfortunately, those exist.

It's my prayer that mothers of all stripes find the courage, dignity and grace to fulfill this necessary role with which God has graced them.

I can only hope that children from pole to pole and sea to sea have a mother as genuinely fitted for the job as the one to which I was born more than a half century ago.

(Chris Evans is the publisher and editor of The Crittenden Press. His column appears periodically. He can be reached at (270) 965-3191.)

# Mother's Day kicks off week of wellness directed at women

By CHARLES HITER  
GUEST COMMENTARY

The 18th annual observance of National Women's Health Week kicks off on Mother's Day and is celebrated through May 20. National Women's Health Week encourages women to make their health a priority and reminds them to take steps for better health at every age.

Pennyrile District Health Department stands with women and encourage them to take advantage of the services provided by their primary care provider or our own local health department clinics in order to get and stay healthy. This first step in visiting a provider will help ensure you are receiving wellness exams and preventive screenings.

While these screenings may not prevent the onset of

an illness or disease, the results of early detection typically lead to improved methods of treatment and control or cure of the illness and disease. This then allows you to return to living a normal healthy life.



Hiter

The second area we encourage everyone, not just women, is to get active and eat healthy. Only half of all women get the recommended amounts of physical activity they need. Women need about 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity each week. That's about 30 minutes a day.

The Health Department has begun some active community programs and has some coming in the future.

The first program we would encourage women to participate in is our Walk and Talk Program. This pro-

gram includes community group walks every week or so, and if you have a newborn or toddler, we can even coordinate to have a stroller available to encourage you to get out and walk with your child. All ages and genders are welcome to attend these walking groups.

The second program should be available in the middle to end of the summer. This is our Walk with Ease Program, sponsored through the Arthritis Foundation. Many of us begin to feel the aches and pains of aging, so we have found a program that our employees will be trained in to help you walk with ease and stay active.

Finally, we have a dietitian and diabetes educator on staff who can help you determine what is right to eat or prepare for your family. We encourage our eligible families to take advantage of the WIC program and use the

local farmers market to choose healthy food options for you and your families.

The final area that we encourage women to take advantage of is to avoid unhealthy choices. We've seen an alarming rise in overdose deaths from prescription painkillers among women in the United States. Between 1999 and 2010, overdose deaths from prescription pain killers increased more than 400 percent among women, compared to an increase of 265 percent among men.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention research has indicated that women have risk factors that are unique or at least more common for them. Psychological or interpersonal stress has been identified as a greater risk factor for prescription opioid misuse among women.

Engaging in safe behaviors, such as not smoking or

quitting smoking, not texting while driving and wearing a seatbelt or bicycle helmet are important to long-term health and to an overall healthy lifestyle.

Research indicates that women are more likely than men to use a handheld device while driving. A result of increased distracted driving is an increase in fatal crashes. When you text, the average time your eyes are off the road is 5 seconds. When traveling at 55 mph, that's like driving the length of a football field blindfolded.

We all recognize that choosing healthier living lifestyles is easier said than done, so we have programs that are available to help support you through this lifestyle choice. We have programs for tobacco cessation, pre-diabetes and diabetes education program, resources for drug and alcohol addiction and general safe living

guidelines.

While sometimes life just happens, we have to accept that many times, we as individuals are the cause of some illnesses and injuries. Women are frequently stressed and working hard to maintain a viable livelihood for themselves and their family. Women make approximately 80 percent of health care decisions for their families, serving as the primary caregiver for their parents, partners and children, especially when they become ill.

We want you to know that you are not alone, and we in the Pennyrile District Health Department are available to help you make the healthy choices you need so you can live a full and healthy life.

(Editor's note: Charles Hiter is director of Pennyrile District Health Department in Eddyville. The regional health department serves Crittenden and several other counties.)

# Auditor: Sheriff's accounting errors discovered

By DARYL K. TABOR  
PRESS EDITOR

The most recent audit of the sheriff's department finds several areas not in compliance with state accounting rules, but offers no suggestion of malfeasance or anything nefarious.

The audit of Crittenden County Sheriff's Office for calendar year 2015 was released last week by Kentucky Auditor Mike Harmon. The auditor issues two sheriff's reports each year: one reporting on the audit of the sheriff's tax account and another reporting on the audit of the fee account used to operate the office.

The 25-page audit report for the 2015 fee account shows some typical non-compliant areas for small public

offices as well as a handful instances where accounting practices following previous Auditor Adam Edelen's guidelines were flagged under Harmon, who took office in January 2016.

Sheriff Wayne Agent and his lone office deputy, Mandi Harrison, explained the seven instances cited by Harmon's audit report as easily correctable lapses or unavoidable for the small number of personnel handling the books.

The first three problems cited by the audit report include a lack of segregation of duties over accounting functions, weak internal controls over daily checkout proce-

dures and receipts and a lack of internal controls over disbursements. Those are inherent with the size of the office, said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, whose own office has been cited with the same issues.



Agent

"There's a way to take care of that," he said, "but I don't think the taxpayers want to pay for more staff running around."

A lack of more oversight, the audit report warns, "could result in the undetected misappropriation of assets and inaccurate financial reporting."

Because receipts were not kept in accordance with accounting rules, the office

showed \$165 more in receipts than was deposited in the fee account. Agent responded in the audit report summary that \$65 of that amount was "found early on when it was put in with the tax money by mistake."

The lack of internal controls over disbursements, led to one part-time employee being paid from the wrong account, which led to payroll tax not being withheld. One disbursement for jury meals was also missing documentation at the time of the audit, but was later found.

The sheriff's tax commissions were also not accounted for properly, Harmon said, shorting the office \$4,072 of income in 2015 to operate the department. The commissions

are the fees due the sheriff's office from local taxing districts for collecting their taxes.

Harrison said the problem was simply a matter of timing. Because the office was waiting on collections to come in, the fees were not paid in 2015.

"We were told to collect money from certain districts and distribute them, (and) we had to wait for all the money to come in before distributing," the sheriff's official response to the auditor's comments read in a press release accompanying the audit report.

Harmon also found the fourth quarter financial report was filed late and the approved budget for calendar year 2015 was overspent by \$1,701. If the budget is over-

spent, the auditor's office said, it should be amended and approved by the fiscal court. Agent responded that his office was under the impression the budget was estimated so it would not have to be amended.

"We will monitor this closer," he said.

Auditors also found payroll exceeded the maximum salary of \$93,000 approved by the fiscal court. The sheriff overspent \$3,970 on his field and office deputies due to payroll timing issues in 2015. Harrison and Agnet said this occurred due to audit recommendations from the prior administration, but Harmon said no such order could be identified from the 2014 audit.



# CHAMBER

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men than women on the board.

Now, the Chamber leadership is made up of mostly young women. Among the new female crew are Chairperson Randa Poindexter, Vice Chair Angel Henry, Elizabeth Floyd, Eliot West, Dee Brasher, Madison Qualls, Shana West, Holly White, Robin Curnel, Jennifer McDaniel and Natalie Parish.

"They bring a new perspective. It's something we needed," explained Alexander, who has been the Chamber's executive director for eight years and involved for much longer.

Over the past few months, the Chamber girls have organized new community events such as Movies in the Park, Spring Fling, Farm to Table Dinner and they've planned a Solar Eclipse Festival for the fall. Plans are under way for a professional survey of local businesses this summer to arm the Chamber with data for developing a strategy to improve commerce in Marion. The group is scheduling a workshop for local merchants in the fall and is redrawing the criteria for how it recognizes and rewards local businesses.

Additionally, the group has worked closely with the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation to plan and promote the new Community Leadership Breakfast

series and been highly involved in a couple of strategic planning sessions to start working toward future growth and development in the community.

And if that's not enough, the Chamber has a bold idea of creating a murder mystery weekend that could potentially attract thousands.

The demographic shift on the Chamber board has been more by design than chance, say its leaders. They've identified and recruited energetic people.

"It happened because Robin knew someone and someone else knew someone we thought would be good on the board," said Randa Berry, board chairperson.

The Robin she talks about is Robin Curnel, last year's Person of the Year and past president of the Chamber. Curnel is going off the Chamber board this summer after eight years on the board.

"We saw these getters in the community and we went after them," she said. "I am so proud of this group. It is a great group and it's just fabulous what it's doing."

The Chamber was incorporated in 1973, and the first directors were 13 men and three women. They were Robert McMican, George Winn, Paul Mick, Woodrow Alderdice, Glenn Walker, William S. Greenwell, Tom McKenney, Maurie Frazer, Imogene McDowell, Judy Winn, John Ramsey, Douglas Sullenger, Charles Aldridge, Phillip English and Robert A. Guess.



Alexander



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# Serenity now!

Second-grade Boy Scout Lucas Hardin searches for a moment of peace Monday evening after climbing atop a stump at the corner of East Bellville and South College streets in Marion following a hard-fought troop kickball game. The boy used his own version of the lotus, a yoga meditation pose.

# TOURISM

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worker income was backed by tourism. Marion's 3 percent tax on prepared foods and lodging generated just under \$230,000 in revenue for the tourism commission in the 2015-16 fiscal year. That is spent not just to promote the county, but for improvements to facilities like Marion-Crittenden County Park and the new farmers' market.

Total expenditures by tourists in the county have grown \$1.8 million from \$5.4 million in 2011, but more than \$1 million of that figure came between 2015 and 2016.

According to the Cabinet's 2016 economic fact sheet for the county, visitors spent an average of \$12,507 per day in Marion and Crittenden

## By the numbers

Crittenden tourism

YEAR	DIRECT IMPACT	TOTAL IMPACT
2011	.....\$3,429,199	.....\$5,390,701
2012	.....\$3,638,380	.....\$5,719,533
2013	.....\$3,642,018	.....\$5,725,252
2014	.....\$3,645,660	.....\$5,730,978
2015	.....\$3,913,251	.....\$6,151,631
2016	.....\$4,564,913	.....\$7,176,043

2016 tourism

COUNTY	TOTAL IMPACT
Lyon	.....\$54,019,842
Livingston	.....\$28,148,743
Union	.....\$11,431,861
Caldwell	.....\$8,178,959
Crittenden	.....\$7,176,043
Webster	.....\$5,070,340

County. That's from typical summertime patterns and the draw of outdoor sporting, particularly in the fall when deer season opens.

"The hunters do add to our numbers because they eat in our restaurants," Edwards said, but "so do summer tourists that visit Marion for the Amish Community, sporting events and the museums."

All nine of the state's tourism regions registered

gains again in 2016, including the 15-county Western Waterlands that includes Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and Lyon counties. Webster and Union counties lie in the Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue Region.

All counties surrounding Crittenden County experienced tourism growth last year. And while Lyon (\$54 million) and Livingston (\$28.1 million) raked in exponentially

more tourism dollars thanks to the draw of The Lakes, none of the surrounding counties experienced the rate of growth seen in Crittenden County.

McCracken County led the region with \$356.6 million in total expenditures from tourists. At the top of all 120 counties, \$3.5 billion was spent in Jefferson County (Louisville).

"A vibrant tourism industry means a vibrant Kentucky," said Kristen Branscum, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Tourism. "The natural beauty of our state provides unlimited opportunities for visitors to experience recreation or leisure activities around every corner. The economic impact numbers for 2016 reinforce the fact that the tourism industry is a vital economic driver for Kentucky."

# CAFETERIA

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be able to serve 1 percent white milk and can move from fat free chocolate- and strawberry-flavored milk to 1 percent. Perdue's proclamation also allowed schools to put off serving more whole grains in lunchrooms.

She has already successfully addressed concerns some food services directors were experiencing over a waiver set to expire in Kentucky that currently allows schools to hold off on adding more whole grains to students' diets.

"I felt that it was best to find whole grain alternatives that the kids would eat rather than serve non-whole grains and end up back at square one in August," she explained, adding that unlike low salt alternatives, whole grain options are pretty easy to find.

The conversion, though, has had its wins and losses.

"As far as student preference, it depends on the product. Many have gotten used to whole grain pasta and bread and seem to like it," Wheeler said. "Biscuits, on the other hand, are a different story."

She has adjusted the menu throughout the year to eliminate whole grain products students could not tolerate. For example, at breakfast, biscuit and gravy has been changed to hot ham and cheese on toast.

Just because the rules have been relaxed doesn't mean Wheeler is in a rush to switch back to refined grains like white flour and white rice.

"At this point, I am going to wait until more information is available before applying for a whole grain waiver for our district," she explained.

Overall, school meals seem to be well-received by the children. Student advisory committees at each school

Wheeler said, have told Superintendent Vince Clark that they enjoy school meals. So the move to healthier meals has been like icing on the rice cake.

"School is not just a place to learn in the classroom," Wheeler said. "The lunch and breakfast lines can be for learning, too. I believe it is very important to show students what a healthy balanced meal and good nutrition look like. We serve a variety of fresh

fruits and vegetables daily and center of the plate items that the kids enjoy."

Every child in the school district has been offered breakfast and lunch for free through the USDA's Community Eligibility Provision. That will continue next year, and has been a boon for the cafeteria.

As of Monday, through 161 operating days of school, 14,176 more breakfasts and 32,437 more lunches dis-

trictwide had been served over the same period last year. Under the program, most of the cost for meals is reimbursed by the federal government. Any gap has been made up through a la carte sales in the district's two cafeterias.

A Mother holds her children's hands for a while....their hearts forever

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# Preschool screening is Monday

Crittenden County parents of three- and four-year-olds are urged to register their children for preschool screenings to take place Monday.

Appointments are requested by calling the Head Start/Preschool office for an appointment at (270) 965-5846.

There are a number of documents parents should provide at the time of the screening, which is held at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Greenwood Heights subdivision. These include: proof of income, state birth certificate, social security card, insurance or medical card and proof of immunizations.

For more information, contact the Head Start/Preschool office.

# Gem, mineral show June 3-4

The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum's annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show will be held June 3-4 at Fohs Hall in Marion.

In addition to museum tours, participants can browse vendor tables, view an Indian artifact display and enter to win hourly prize drawings. A new vendor to this year's show will bring beads to sell to jewelry makers.

One activity children and adults may enjoy is Sleuth Mining, which is the process of washing and sifting through a screen to reveal minerals.

A bake sale and silent auction will also be included.

Free children's activities will be sponsored by Farmers Bank & Trust Co.

For more information, call the museum at (270) 965-4263.

# Legion suggests red for veterans

The Burna American Legion and Auxiliary encourages everyone to wear red each Friday to honor our overseas military personnel. The continued use of yellow ribbons in honor of our military is also encouraged to express patriotism.

# Senior Menu

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

- Thursday (today): Menu is pulled pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cornbread and tropical fruit. A nutrition lesson will be presented at 10 a.m. by Sue Parrent.
- Friday: Menu is Italian chicken breast with stewed potatoes, broccoli soup, pears, whole wheat roll and crackers. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m. Mother's Day activities begin at 11 a.m.
- Monday: Menu is spaghetti sauce with meat balls, spaghetti noodles, Brussels sprouts, whole wheat garlic bread and fruit cocktail. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.
- Tuesday: Menu is ham and bean soup, hot spiced beets, buttered spinach, cornbread and pear crisp.
- May 17: Menu is oven fried chicken, buttered new potatoes, buttered broccoli, whole wheat roll and pears. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

The center is a service of Pennyryle Allied Community Services. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

# COLLEGE SIGNING DAY CCHS 2017



## Murray State University

Crittenden County seniors planning to attend Murray State University this fall are (front from left) Bristen Holeman, Cali Parish, Alice Blasdel, Britney Wall, Alexis Tabor, Francesca Pierce, Emily Hall; (second row) Emily Robertson, Adam Wright, Bobby Stephens, Landry McKinney, Sydney Leibenguth, Gage Moore, Michaela West, Jacob Hackney, Jamie Needs, Ethan Hunt, Jonas Duncan, Jared Lundy, Will Dobyns, Destiny Suggs and Amanda Lynch.



## MCC

Crittenden County seniors planning to attend Madisonville Community College this fall are Chris Ladd and Kassidy Flint.



## WKCTC

Crittenden County seniors planning to attend Western Kentucky Community and Technical College are (front from left) Carrie Peek, McKenzie Gilland, Alyssa Curtis, Anna Hazel, Tania Thompson and Mackenzie Evans; (back) Ashley Croft, Maeson Myers, Taylor Yancy, Macye Shoulders and Jessi Brewer.



## WKU

Crittenden County seniors planning to attend Western Kentucky University are (from left) Meredith Evans, Brennan Jones, Emily Tinsley, Dustin Kirk, Ian James, Kiana Nesbitt, Kylee Beard and Will Tolley.

## Quilt club makes bags

The Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Quilt club had an evening workshop April 24 led by club member Debbie Cox, who presented the workshop lesson on a charm (a quilting term for a small assortment of fabric) handbag.

The Quilt Club will be having another evening workshop in the fall, and members look forward to more fun and success with another quilted item.

The Quilt Club welcomes anyone who wishes to join or attend our workshops.

For more information on meeting dates and times please call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236.



## Brescia, UK & more

Attending other area universities are (front from left) Cassidy Moss and Courtney Beverly, Brescia University; Nadia Hutchings, Missouri State University; Brittany Minton, University of Kentucky; (back) Kaylee Graham, University of Southern Indiana; Charlie Johnson, Knox College; Will Perkins, Kentucky Wesleyan; and Jake Ellington, Spalding University.

# Extension members experience international cultures, traditions

Extension Homemakers had the opportunity to visit different countries without leaving the comfort of their chairs on April 21.

Each spring Area Extension Homemakers unique seminars, and this year they chose to travel internationally. They enjoyed keynote speaker Kathy Roesel-Byrnes from Kenton County. She presented Kentucky Cooking - Celebrating our German Heritage.

Twenty two percent of Kentuckians claim German ancestry. She let attendees know that the dulcimer is a German instrument and that the advent calendar, Christmas tree and Easter Bunny are all traditions that we get from Germany. Everyone had a chance to taste traditional German foods too.

In addition to the keynote speaker, attendees had the chance to choose three out of the four additional speakers for a short session. Bill



Sarah Ford, Micki Crider, Darl Henley and Jerrell James attended the Area Extension Homemakers event.

Minihan and Denise Jackson Johnson presented Founding of the Grace English School in Guatemala by Kentuckians. Brenda Bosecker, Pennyryle Area Homemaker Secretary, took

Kentucky Academy which has been supported by Extension Homemakers from its beginning. Ashley White, Caldwell County FCS Extension Agent, gave an exciting tour of Prague, the capital city of the Czech Republic and shared photos of her visit there. Attendees were also encouraged to dress as a "Tacky Tourist" and compete for that title during the day. Sharon Gates was declared the tackiest tourist.

Extension Homemakers participate in several fun filled days and workshops throughout the year.

They will be taking an overnight trip to Frankfort in July. They are always on the lookout for new members for their existing clubs, or if you have a group of friends that you think would benefit from all the information and want to start your own club, please contact your Extension Office at (270) 965-5236.

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# Toy shopping benefits CASA work

STAFF REPORT

Students in Madisonville Community College's (MCC) nursing program went toy shopping recently for a great cause – stocking the CASA Kids Store!

MCC Nursing Division Assistant Kay Hawkins is a CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocate, volunteer and serves as vice chair for the CASA Board of Directors for Crittenden, Webster and Hopkins counties. On a recent visit to the CASA program in Lexington, Hawkins and CASA Executive Director Daphyne Maddox learned of a

unique toy donation program that allows a CASA volunteer who meets a child client for the first time the opportunity to give a toy as an ice breaker.

The women wanted to bring that idea to the local CASA program and began exploring ways to find assistance in the community so their volunteers could have the same experience. Hence, the CASA Kids Store was created.

"The faculty at MCC's nursing program were contacted and we put the word out to our students and this is the result," said MCC nursing

faculty member and CASA Board of Directors member Barb Schnapt. "We are thrilled to see what they have done. We were able to pull together and give to the CASA program and the clients."

CASA of Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden Counties recruits, screens, trains and supervises volunteers to help abused children in family court find safe, permanent homes as soon as possible.

To learn more about CASA or to become a volunteer, go to [Facebook.com/CASAofHopkinsWebsterCrittenden](https://www.facebook.com/CASAofHopkinsWebsterCrittenden) or email [casaoftw@gmail.com](mailto:casaoftw@gmail.com).

# Livestock report

Kentucky Weekly Summary, May 8, 2017

Receipts: 759    Last Week: 508    Last Year: 496

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle traded steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady. Sale consisted of 23 stock cattle, 95 slaughter, and 641 feeders. Feeders consisted of 32% feeder steers, 39% feeder heifers, 17% feeders bulls and 14% of feeders were over 600 pounds.

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	150-200	178	190.00-200.00	194.65
2	200-250	230	195.00-202.00	198.65
17	250-300	274	190.00-200.00	194.38
10	300-350	327	185.00-195.00	192.28
8	350-400	379	180.00-189.00	182.70
25	400-450	418	174.00-185.50	183.50
39	450-500	470	168.00-174.00	171.64
28	500-550	517	164.00-173.00	169.09
20	550-600	587	155.00-170.00	158.31
3	600-650	638	139.00-145.00	143.01
2	650-700	685	140.00	140.00
5	700-750	725	148.00	148.00
1	800-950	825	122.00	122.00
1	900-950	905	122.00	122.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	150-200	185	185.00	185.00
4	250-300	269	180.00-185.00	181.75
1	300-350	300	182.00	182.00
2	350-400	388	170.00-172.00	171.01
8	400-450	422	163.00-173.00	170.38
2	450-500	485	160.00	160.00
3	500-550	545	162.00	162.00
1	550-600	575	154.00	154.00
4	650-700	697	135.00	135.00
3	700-750	725	130.00-138.00	134.60
1	900-950	915	110.00	110.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	150-200	150	185.00	185.00
2	200-250	225	165.00-175.00	170.11
4	250-300	275	165.00-170.00	167.76
25	300-350	332	169.00-177.50	173.00
9	350-400	383	158.00-167.00	163.18
27	400-450	431	155.00-162.00	159.83
30	450-500	475	152.00-163.00	155.72
32	500-550	515	147.00-156.00	152.10
28	550-600	574	141.00-150.50	145.21
15	600-650	632	130.00-141.00	134.47
1	650-700	675	130.00	130.00
2	700-750	720	120.00-121.00	120.50
4	750-800	780	120.00-125.00	123.73
4	850-900	858	109.00	109.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	150-200	160	165.00	165.00
3	200-250	230	152.50-160.00	157.45
4	250-300	264	150.00-155.00	152.46
2	300-350	330	160.00-165.00	162.50
10	350-400	375	147.00-156.00	152.00
6	400-450	436	151.00-153.00	152.16
12	450-500	471	140.00-151.00	147.27
6	500-550	532	130.00-142.00	133.87
1	550-600	595	139.00	139.00
2	600-650	632	120.00-123.00	121.49
1	650-700	680	116.00	116.00
1	700-750	730	114.00	114.00
1	750-800	755	114.00	114.00
1	800-850	810	104.00	104.00

**Chill, rain hampers planting**

STAFF REPORT

Unseasonably cool temperatures and wet weather have delayed corn and soybean planting across the state, according to the USDA's weekly "Crop Progress and Condition" report released Monday by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Half of the corn crop has been planted, but that's 9 percent behind the five-year averages and, 23 percent behind last years. A third of the crop has emerged.

At 10 percent in the ground, soybeans are also behind last year's pace of 14 percent and the five-year average of 12 percent.

Meantime, winter wheat is far ahead of schedule, though not all news is good with the grain. Eighty-eight percent of wheat has headed compared with a 55-percent average over the last half decade and 76 percent last year. But while some farmers are optimistic about wheat production, others are expecting short yields due to a freeze in mid-March. Twenty-one percent of the crop is rated poor to very poor.

Meantime, pastures are in great shape, with only 4 percent rated poor or very poor. Seventy-six percent was rated good to excellent.

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	300-350	326	180.00-181.00	180.80
15	350-400	366	176.00-185.00	181.16
5	400-450	432	171.00-176.00	174.01
16	450-500	475	164.00-170.00	167.87
8	500-550	523	157.00-164.00	160.46
9	550-600	575	144.00-153.00	146.33
8	600-650	624	137.00-147.00	141.37
6	650-700	674	134.00-137.00	136.01
6	750-800	764	122.00	122.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	350-400	371	160.00-172.00	167.61
3	400-450	435	160.00-163.00	160.95
1	450-500	485	156.00	156.00
9	500-550	530	150.00-154.00	153.12
2	550-600	582	136.00-142.00	138.96
1	650-700	680	129.00	129.00
1	700-750	745	115.00	115.00

**Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
11	1200-1600	1370	57.00-65.00	59.15
2	1200-1600	1292	53.00-54.00	53.51 LD
1	1600-2000	1625	56.00	56.00

**Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	800-1200	1085	58.00-65.00	62.69
6	1200-1600	1292	57.00-65.00	61.22
1	1200-1600	1300	54.00	54.00 LD

**Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	780	55.00	55.00 LD
13	800-1200	1042	56.00-64.00	58.67
7	800-1200	1005	52.00-55.00	52.94 LD
4	1200-1600	1304	55.00-58.00	56.53
3	1200-1600	1390	53.00-55.00	53.60 LD

**Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1000-1500	1350	77.00	77.00
9	1500-3000	1749	76.00-85.00	81.51
3	1500-3000	1813	72.00-75.00	73.71 LD

**Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Young**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	815	830.00	830.00
4-6 Mos Bred				
1	1200-1600	1330	1220.00	1220.00
4-6 Mos Bred				

**Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	800-1200	990	790.00-910.00	849.09
4-6 Mos Bred				
1	800-1200	1170	1125.00	1125.00
7-9 Mos Bred				
1	1200-1600	1265	750.00	750.00
1-3 Mos Bred				
2	1200-1600	1265	900.00-950.00	925.40
4-6 Mos Bred				
1	1200-1600	1270	1100.00	1100.00
7-9 Mos Bred				

**Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Aged**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1020	650.00	650.00 4-6
Mos Bred				

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## NICKEL

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making calls," he said. "I think we've done a good job, but there are a lot of people who haven't been to the meetings."

The board has held two public forums to explain the reasoning for the tax proposal and let potential taxpayers ask questions and express their concerns or support. Though both meetings were well attended, those present represented less than 1 percent of the county's population.

Tuesday's vote came with an amendment to address taxpayer concerns that the levy would remain even after the project was paid off. The board included a sunset clause that would remove the tax at the end of the 20-year life of the bond. To keep levy, the board of education in 2037 would have to vote to do so. Otherwise, the school tax rate would automatically drop 5.8 cents.

"At the end of the day, I think this is an olive branch to public to show that we've heard their concerns," McDaniel said.

Only three members of the general public attended the meeting Tuesday. None spoke out either for or against the proposed school tax.

Since December, the board has discussed the possibility of levying an additional tax that would generate the equivalent of 5 cents for every \$100 of real and personal property and motor vehicles in the

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Above are champions Gabe Keller and Riley Kirby. At left are contestants during the competition.

Local youths capture state Bible Drill titles

STAFF REPORT  
Two local youths are Bible Drill state champions. Gabe Keller and Riley Kirby won Kentucky Baptist Bible Drill titles Saturday during the state competition at Lake City Baptist Church in Livingston County. Keller is a fifth grader and Kirby a fourth grader, both at Crittenden Elementary

School. They were champions in the Children’s Division. Kirby was representing Mexico Baptist Church in the state competition and Keller was representing Salem Baptist. Preparing for the competition began late last summer, according to Teresa Beavers, who coordinates

drill activities for Mexico Baptist. “This was the first time our church has participated in the competition,” she said. The drill starts at the church level where Bible students must be able to answer half of two dozen questions within 10 seconds. From there, the qualifiers

move on to the Associational Level event where they must correctly answer 16 of 24 questions. At the state level, the threshold is 20 correct answers. “They put in a lot of work to prepare for this,” Beavers said. “It’s amazing how their minds pick up on this. They really learn how to get around their Bible.”

God commands us to spread his Word

“Because they received not the love of the truth, ... God shall send them strong deception, that they should believe a lie; and that they be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” 2nd Thess. 2:10-12.  
Please see that God Himself will send them strong false beliefs, and He would damn them Himself, because they do not love God’s truth, regardless of how hard it might seem to us to obey it, or what it requires of us.  
Too many want to be told only what will make them feel good, or convince them they do not have to obey God’s Word in its fullness, because they have been convinced by their own desires or by false teachers.  
How sorry my very soul has been that I ever spent six and one half years in

stupid, ignorant sin, because I had never been made to realize just how stupid, dangerous and destructive sin is.  
Being well aware now, I spend much of my ministry reminding my listeners and readers of God’s Words, and warning all to obey Him or suffer such dastardly consequences. That is the mission God gave me at the very beginning of my born-again experience.  
My love and gratitude for God forever saving me, and my love for others and especially my loved ones, has been the grit to keep on keeping on, not wanting anyone to be damned.  
I didn’t know the difference in the Old and New Testament, that Jesus died for my sins and that we reap what we sow. Not understanding anything I would read in the Bible, I never dreamed God could ever use me in any way. Then, I bought a ticket to go around the world to see how I could keep making money to give it to missions in other countries.



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK  
Guest columnist  
*Religious and Political Views*

After 10 weeks traveling in Europe and Asia, I was on the bus leaving Rome heading for New York and was so homesick for America, for my home, my decent safe bed, freedom and the prosperity of this nation. Over there, I saw poverty, filth and suffering in those God-forsaken places. I sat behind my driver, grieving over all the thousands of little white crosses in the many memorial gardens memorializing the lives of our bravest who had given their all for America. They did not get to leave that wretchedness I saw and come home. God spoke to my heart as vividly as if the bus driver was speaking it. He said, “Lucy you go home and give your life for America.”  
My whole soul cried out, “Oh God! I can’t kill any one.”  
He then said: “You take my Word and give your life for America.”  
People must understand that God warns us because of His love for us, and that He, in Christ, died for our sin, so we could be saved from being damned.  
Reading and crying because I could not understand the Bible, I began to move my clientele to other employees, and take more time off to study.  
With God’s help, and the

tutoring of some of God’s Godly professors – one of whom told me to take the Bible and get under some bushes in Kentucky and let the Holy Spirit teach me what the Bible is saying – I began to seek the infilling of the Holy Spirit.  
God obliged me, and He began to open the Scriptures to me, and as He did, my heart since has been trying to obey God to the limited best of my ability. I try to do as He said to Ezekiel, and I take it as my own command, “Hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.”  
“When I say unto the wicked, you shall surely die; and you give him not warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at you hand.” 3:17,18  
With God’s help, I will be faithful to His command, not man’s, doing as Paul told Timothy: “Be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.”  
*Editor’s note: Rev. Lucy Tedrick shares her views periodically in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.*

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OUTREACH**

- Enon General Baptist church will host its Spring Revival May 21-24 at 7 p.m., nightly. Evangelist will be Bro. Tony Perryman and there will be special singing each night.

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Early worship service 8:15 pm  
Life groups/Sunday school 9:30 pm  
Late worship service 10:45 pm  
ANAMA 5:45 pm  
Limitless worship 8:00 pm  
Discipleship class 6:30 pm  
Wednesday nursery, preschool, Conferences and youth 5:45 pm  
Wednesday prayer service 8:15 pm

**SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Located between Dycusburg and Frances on Ky. 70  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Sunday Worship: 11 am, 6 pm • Wednesday: 7 pm  
Dr. Bobby Garland, pastor  
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**Mexico Baptist Church**  
175 Mexico Road, (270) 965-4059  
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Minister of Youth Robert Kirby | Minister of Music Mike Crabtree  
**Pastor Tim Burdon**  
Sunday worship service: 10 am, 7 pm  
Sunday Bible study: 9 am  
Sunday discipleship training: 6 pm  
Wednesday worship service: 7 pm

**DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Marty Brown, Pastor  
Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.  
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Sunday School: 9:30 am | Sunday Worship: 10:45 am, 6 pm  
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 pm  
Curtis Previtt, pastor

**Crooked Creek Baptist Church**  
261 Crooked Creek Church Road, Marion, Ky.  
Sunday school, 10 am  
Sunday morning worship, 11 am  
Sunday evening worship, 6 pm  
Wednesday evening worship, 6 pm  
Pastor: Bro. Mark Gitten

**growing in grace**  
2 Peter 3:18  
**PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church**  
Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem  
Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.  
Tina Chandler, pastor

**Unity General Baptist Church**  
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Barry Hix, pastor • 365-5836 or 625-1248  
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

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Sunday worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday night Bible study: 6 p.m.  
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Mike Jacobs, pastor

**Marion General Baptist Church**  
341 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.  
Bro. Wesley Lynn, pastor  
Sunday School / 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship / 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship / 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study / 7 pm

**Visit one of our area churches for worship and fellowship**  
...it might just be the best time you've spent this week  
"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."  
— Matthew 18:20

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Father Ryan Harpole  
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965-2477

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.  
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**Tyner's Chapel Church**  
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Wednesday: 6 p.m.  
Pastor Charles Tabor

**Crayne Community Church**  
Crayne Cemetery Road  
Crayne, Ky.  
Bro. Tommy Hodge, pastor  
Sunday school 10 am | Sunday worship 11 am

**Frances Community Church**  
Bro. Butch Gray • Bro. A.C. Hodge  
Wednesday night prayer meeting and youth service - 7 pm  
Sunday school - 10 am - Worship service - 11 am

**Hurricane Church**  
Hurricane Church Road off Ky. 135 West  
Bro. John Robertson, Pastor  
Sunday school, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.



Area Deaths

Rudolph

Stella E. Cullen Rudolph, 94, died Saturday, May 6, 2017.

She was born in DeKoven and her parents were Liston Marsh and Harriett Ann Van-cleave Cullen.

Rudolph moved to Salem in 1958 and raised her family. She was a member of Salem Baptist Church where she was a nursery worker for years. She was past president of Salem Hos-pital Auxilliary and she and her late husband started Rudolph Farm Supply.

In later life, Rudolph moved to Madisonville where she was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Leonard “Chicken” Rudolph; a teenage son, Bill Rudolph; brothers, Ellis Cullen, E.B. Cullen, Dick Cullen and Harold Cullen; and a sister, Ruth Emma Reynolds.

Surviving are daughters, Ginger (John) Trigg of Baton Rouge, La., Bobbie (Ronnie) Downey of Salem, Sue Howard of Madisonville and Faye (Darrell) Long of Madis-onville; grandchildren, Trey (Allison) Williamson of Baton Rouge, Mary (Mark) Switzer of Jarreau, La., Carla (Mike) Hawthorne of Anchorage, Alaska, Mark (Jackie) Downey of Salem, Stacey (Shannon) Howard of Salem, Jo Howard and Amber Long of Madisonville, Ashley (Rusty) Boggs of Richmond and Jay Trigg of Baton Rouge; 19 great-grandchild-ren; sisters-in-law Martha Watson of Henderson and Linda Odum of Providence; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Tuesday, May 9 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Rev. John East and Rev. Stephen Seaford officiating. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Baptist Children’s Home.



Police locate stolen trailer; arrest fugitive from Tenn.

STAFF REPORT

Police in Marion continue to recovery property stolen during recent thefts.

A trailer allegedly stolen on April 17 from an unoccu-pied home on Old Morgan-field Road has been located in Eddyville, according to Marion Police Chief Ray O’Neal.

The police department has suspects in the case, but no one has been charged at this point.

The trailer was found on Monday at the home of a man who only a few months ago ended up with a gun

that stolen from Marion. No charges have filed against that man at this time either, but police say other utility trailers allegedly stolen from other counties were also found at the same location.

Last weekend, Marion po-lice arrested a fugitive from Tennessee. Kelly Norman, 47, was arrested at a home on North Maple Street. She was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

A tip from a bail bonds-man from Tennessee led local authorities to Norman’s whereabouts.

Ohio River rising, but it may not affect Cave In Rock ferry

STAFF REPORT

The Cave In Rock Ferry was still operating on Tues-day, but there was a hint of concern that rising water could hamper it later this week.

The Ohio River is rising and as of Tuesday it was ex-pected on crest at near 39 feet on Saturday, according to forecasts for Shawnee-town, Ill.

If so, the ferry should not be affected by the high water.

However, more rain is predicted later this week which could change the situ-ation. The ferry can operate until waters reach around 42.5 feet above flood stage, according to historic stan-dards. Check The Press On-line where updates are posted if the ferry closes.



Mr. Sniffipiticus

Former Crittenden County Middle School principal A.Y. Hodge of Sturgis spent some time this week with local elementary school students discussing the book he published recently, “The Land of Sniffipiticus.” It’s a fictional tale he dreamed up years ago for his own children. The story is a children’s fantasy, but he says adults might enjoy it, too. It is a chapter book with a powerful message about good vs. evil, said CCES librarian Mary Ann Winders.

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Nation

Anna N. Nation, 93, of Evansville, formerly of Mar-ion, died Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at St. Vincent Medical Center in Evansville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mabel and O.P. Croft; brother, Thomas S. Croft; and her husband of 55 years, John.

Surviving are a nephew, Garry (Janna) Croft; a great-nephew, John T. (Nikki) Croft; and a great-niece, Melissa L. Croft.

She was a member of Fair-lawn Methodist Church until moving to Florida where she was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bradenton. After she moved back to Evansville, Nation was a member of the Methodist Temple.

Services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 4 at Methodist Temple, 2109 Lincoln Ave., Evansville.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Most obituaries in The Crittenden Press are published at no charge. However, extended obituaries are available for a small fee. There is no charge for use of a photo. Please ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.

LOVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
will have its annual meeting  
Saturday, May 13  
2 p.m. at the Cemetery  
Donations may be made at Farmers Bank or People's Bank or mailed to  
261 County Dr., Marion, Ky. 42064.  
Charlene Armstrong, Treasurer  
Thank You

THANK YOU  
I want to thank everyone for the cards, visits, phone calls and most of all the prayers for me during my heart surgery and recovery. A special thanks to the E.R. Staff at Crittenden Health Systems that was on duty the night of March 28. God bless you all.  
Paulette Easley

Daddy’s Wonderful Legacy  
There Is A Wonderful Legacy  
Of Which I Wish To Tell  
About A Wonderful Man  
That We Loved So Well.  
His Strength Lives Within Us  
And Grows Stronger Each Day  
His Honor Still Lingers  
Though His Life Has Slipped Away  
I Miss The Sound Of His Laughter  
And His Stern Lectures Too!  
I Miss Hearing Him Say, “I Love You”.  
He Fought A Good Battle  
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What do I need to know about funeral costs?

We are often asked “How much should a funeral cost?” and the answer can vary greatly depending on a number of factors which include the customs of your family, the type of services chosen, the method of disposition, and the types of casket, urn or other merchandise selected.

Because the price varies from funeral home to funeral home, the part of the country you live in and the factors mentioned above, it is almost impossible to quote a real dollar amount for a “typical” funeral. It is important to explore options with your funeral director, who will be able to help you create a dignified and meaningful service that suits your budget. This is a good reason to pre-plan or to contact your funeral home for a cost estimate before the need arises, as this will give you the time to make sure you are considering the most cost-effective options to meet your needs.

In some cases, you or your loved one may be eligible for life insurance benefits, a Social Security Death Benefit, or Veteran’s benefits, which may help offset some of the funeral costs. Your funeral director will help you determine your eligibility and will also assist with completing any related paperwork.

Funeral costs can be divided into the following categories, which help to explain how funeral expenses are figured. The combination of services or merchandise from these categories determines the total funeral cost:

Services of Funeral Home Staff/Use of Facilities  
Fees in this category cover the costs of the funeral or memorial services performed by funeral home staff. This also includes fees for such services as transferring your loved one to the funeral home, cemetery, and/or crematory, as well as the use of funeral home facilities and vehicles.

Casket or Cremation Vessel and Urn  
Caskets and cremation vessels or urns come in a wide range of prices and styles.

Burial Vault or Urn Vault  
If burial has been selected, many cemeteries require that the casket be placed in a burial vault and the urn to be placed in an urn vault. A burial vault prevents a grave from sinking, whereas an urn vault protects the urn from becoming damaged by the weight of the earth and cemetery maintenance equipment.

Other Services/Merchandise  
Families often wish to purchase additional services or merchandise, such as those that add personal touches to a loved ones funeral service. These may include memorial packages, special floral arrangements, tribute services, register books, flag cases and prayer cards.

Third-Party  
As a courtesy and convenience to families they serve, most funeral homes offer to pay third-party expenses up front, then later bill for all the expenses in a lump sum. Families are billed for the actual cost of the third-party items—there are no additional fees added. Examples include: church and cemetery fees, newspaper notices, crematory charges, postage, certified copies of death certificates, out-of-town funeral home charges, monuments and markers and the cost of catered meals served at the funeral home.

Funeral homes are required to provide you with a list of prices for their services and merchandise upfront upon request. While cost is certainly an important consideration, there are other criteria you may want to keep in mind when trying to find the funeral home that is right for your family. A funeral home’s reputation, its investment in the community, the appearance of its facilities and amenities, and whether or not you feel a connection to the staff, are also very important things to keep in mind. Please feel free to contact us for a free funeral planning guide as well as a cost estimate at any time.

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# Salem mainstay Croft retiring at end of June

**BY DEREK MCCREE**  
STAFF WRITER

There will be a changing of the guard in Salem this summer, as longtime City Clerk Hazel Croft steps down after more than two decades of service.

Croft has been a stalwart of the local community for 22 years, working as the secretary and treasurer of Salem Fire Department and having been the director of the city Christmas parade for the past 10 years.

Over the years, Croft has been responsible for accounting, taking care of water payments and billing and anything else the city commission asked her to do. For now

though, all she can think about is enjoying her retirement with some peace of mind.

"I don't have any real plans yet other than to rest and clear my mind," said Croft, who will officially retire at the end of next month. "I'm just going to do whatever I want to do."

After some rest and relaxation, Croft intends on keeping up with volunteer work around the community where has spent nearly her entire life.

Born in Livingston County, Croft graduated from Livingston Central High School and attended business college

in Paducah where she soon took a job with Vanguard Contractors. There, she took care of the bookkeeping and secretarial duties.

She started as the Salem City Clerk in 1995 and has lived in Salem for the past 37 years.

"My passion is office work; it's always what I was interested in even back in school," she said.

She pointed out that Salem Mayor Rell Peck is often telling people, "If you want to know anything about town, just ask Hazel."

One of the hardest things for her to give up will be seeing



Croft

everyone when they come into the office.

"Right now, I know everyone who lives in Salem, and I will miss being in contact with my people," she said. "But as far as the job goes, I'm ready for retirement."

Throughout the years, when the commission could afford to run the town without her, Croft enjoyed traveling. She has been to all but five of the states within the U.S. and has visited a few countries, including the Bahamas, Mexico, Costa Rica and Canada.

"My best friend and I do a lot of traveling together, but we don't have anything planned for now," Croft said. "Our bucket list is full for now,

but I'm sure we will come up with something.

When she first started working as city clerk, Croft said she always enjoyed the older generations because they had a lot of stories to tell when they came in to see her. Now, perhaps, it's her time to pass along some of her own stories and those she has learned over the years.

Her successor, Paige Taylor, will be taking over after her last day on June 29. Taylor started working part-time and has been full-time for the last three years.

"I guess I've been a good teacher, because Paige knows all the workings of the job," Croft said.

Croft also said she will continue to devote time to and take part in the activities at her church, New Union General Baptist Church in Lola as well as remain a beauty consultant for Mary Kay.

In recognition for her years of service, the city will be hosting a reception on June 9 at Salem City Hall.

"I'm looking forward to retirement, but as the time gets closer, it's bittersweet," Croft said. "This is like my second home."

Croft, divorced, has a daughter who lives and teaches in Marshall County and a son in Alabama who is a pilot for UPS. She has several family members in Salem.



## Summer Reading registration under way

**STAFF REPORT**

Parents wishing to sign up their pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade child for the Summer Reading program at Crittenden County Public Library can do so online.

Summer Reading, with a 2017 theme of "Build a Better World," runs June 6 to July 11. It will be held each Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. each Tuesday, save Independence Day, when the library will be closed. Accompanying Makerspaces that allow children to work on related projects will run 10 a.m. to noon each Thursday from June 8 to July 6.

The deadline to register is Monday, June 5.

The annual child literacy program is free and will be conducted by Youth Services Librarian Kathleen Guess. For questions, email youth@crittendenlibrary.org or call (270) 965-3354. To register, visit <https://goo.gl/eiKpBQ> or stop by the library on East Carlisle Street in Marion.

The library offers a number of programs for local youth, including Lego Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday when school is in session and Story Hour at 10 a.m. each Friday for children ages 3-5.

More about the library can be found online at Crittenden Library.org.

## Hospitals more than health care providers

**STAFF REPORT**

This is a special week for many in the health care industry.

May 7-13 is observed as National Hospital Week in the United States. Last week, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom officially declared the week-long celebration locally with a proclamation signing. This year's theme, "The Healing Heart of Healthcare," is aimed at uniting health care facilities across the country.

"National Hospital Week, first and foremost, is a celebration of people," said Crittenden Health Systems CEO Lea Ann Klarner. "We're extremely proud of each member of our staff, and we recognized the important role they play in extending a sense of trust to our patients and our community."

A hospital is more than a place where people go to heal. It is a part of the community that fosters health and repre-

sents hope, explained Klarner. From providing treatment and comfort to the sick, to welcoming new life into the world, hospitals are central to healthy and optimistic communities across the nation.

The nation's largest health care event, National Hospital Week dates back almost 100 years to 1921, when it was suggested by a magazine editor who hoped a community-wide celebration would alleviate public fears about hospitals. The celebration, launched in Chicago, succeeding in promoting trust and good will among members of the public and eventually spread to facilities across the country.

This is also National Nurses Week, and a recent survey from finance website WalletHub ranked Kentucky 25th on its list of best states for nurses. And when it comes to wages, WalletHub analyst Jill Gonzalez said the state is in the top 10 for starting



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**Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom was joined last week by representatives of Crittenden Health Systems in declaring May 7-13 National Hospital Week in the county. Pictured above are CHS Chief Financial Officer Jim Bishop, Director of Imaging Stacey Crider, Director of Nursing Teresa Robitaille, Newcom, CHS Chief Executive Officer Lea Ann Klarner and Charlie Hunt, chairman of the CHS Board of Directors.**

salaries for nurses.

There are nearly 72,000 professionally active nurses in the state. The nursing industry is expected to grow at a

rate more than twice that of the average profession through 2024.

More on Crittenden Health Systems can be found online

at Crittenden-Health.org.  
(Editor's note: Kentucky News Connection contributed to this story.)

## Judge-executive promoting motorcycle awareness during May



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

**Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom was joined Saturday at the courthouse by members of Kentucky Motorcycle Association District 14 to promote motorcycle safety. Pictured are (from left) Tony Eckman, Brenda Williams, Jimmy Williams, Tim Gray, Allan Olson, David Berry, Newcom and David Holt.**

**STAFF REPORT**

Crittenden County is making a point to observe motorcycle safety this month.

On Saturday, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom signed a proclamation declaring May Motorcycle Awareness Month as a nod to the work Kentucky Motorcycle Association (KMA) District 14 does to promote safety, education and awareness in its four-county area of Crittenden, Webster, Union and Henderson.

Motorcycling has become a popular recreation in the country and in western Kentucky, putting more of the two- and three-wheeled vehicles on the roadways. Sharing the roadway with passenger and commercial traffic, enthusiasts are asking for the same consideration given others on the roads. In particular, KMA reminds drivers that a motorcycle, as one of the smallest vehicles on the road, can be

"hiding" in a vehicle's blind spots. Motorists are also asked to check blind spots, use mirrors and signal before changing lanes or making turns.

No local riders showed up for the ceremony Saturday, which included a group ride to events at all four courthouses in the KMA District 14. KMA currently has no members in Crittenden or Webster counties, according to David Holt, treasurer of the group.

Annual membership is \$20 for individuals or \$30 for couples. Junior, life and annual business memberships are also available. The area KMA meets at 6 p.m. the second Saturday of each month through September at Fire-dome in Henderson.

For more information, visit KMA District 14 on social media at Facebook.com/groups/KMA.District14 or call (270) 285-3310.

CALENDAR

- Evening Belles Extension Homemaker Club invites visitors to its meeting at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Extension office.

- 4-H Cloverbuds will be having their final meeting today (Thursday) at the Extension office. Parents need to pick up their student at 4 p.m. From 4 to 4:45 p.m., students may show their parents and/or grandparents all of their works of art done throughout the year.

- Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the meeting room at the public library. The program will be "Reading and Understanding the Old Census Records."

- Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the school.

- After Hours Extension Homemaker club will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Extension office. The public is invited.

- Woman's Club of Marion will meet at noon next Wednesday at Glenn's on Main. To make reservations, call (270) 978-3328.

- Livingston County Middle School's SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m. next Wednesday in the Cardinal Room Annex.

- Crittenden County Friends of the Library will meet at 6 p.m. next Thursday in the meeting room at the public library.

- Dycusburg Cemetery fish fry will be at 1 p.m. May 21.

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# E-rate cuts library Net, phone costs

STAFF REPORT

The local library was part of a record year for Kentucky public libraries, which recently set a new record for funding commitments from Education Rate (E-rate), a federal program that provides discounts on internet, telecommunications and networking equipment for schools and public libraries. For the July 2016 to June 2017 funding year, Kentucky public libraries have a record commitment for \$2,083,104 in E-rate funding to be disbursed as they are invoiced for eligible products and services. This is the highest commitment for E-rate funding for Kentucky's libraries since the program's

inception in 1998. Crittenden County Public Library will have been the beneficiary of \$2,312.16 in E-rate refunds, allowing that money to be spent for other purposes. E-rate discounts provide critical budget relief to public libraries and allow them to spend local tax dollars on other services and programs in their communities. Library Director Regina Merrick said that figure accounts for 80 percent of internet and 40 percent of phone expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30. "E-rate has been a boon to the Crittenden County Public Library," said Merrick. "As a small, rural county, we receive



Merrick

a large portion of our internet and telephone service. Therefore, instead of steadily increasing the budget for those line items, we are able to offer free Wi-Fi, eBooks and eMagazines to our customers." A library's E-rate funding amount is determined by the area's poverty level, which in Crittenden County will allow for even more savings next year. The rate is derived from the number of students in a school district eligible for free or low-cost lunches through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The next service year, 2017-18, the local library will receive 90 percent of its internet expense and 30 percent of its phone costs.

"Next year's reimbursements, if approved, will be \$4,736.75, because our internet speed is going to increase ... and cost more, of course," said Merrick. Each year, the majority of the state's public libraries apply for discounts through E-rate that help ensure comparable levels of connectivity nationwide. They participate in a competitive bidding process to drive down costs and request 50 to 90 percent discounts. "To date, more than \$13.7 million in E-rate discounts has been disbursed to Kentucky public libraries," said Terry Manuel, State Librarian and Commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives.

## Survivors sought for Relay for Life events

STAFF REPORT

Cancer survivors and a guest are invited to the Relay for Life of Crittenden County 2017 Survivor Brunch taking place at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 224 W. Bellville St in Marion. To RSVP, call vol-

unteer survivor chair Christy Watson at (270) 625-0275. Also, if you are a cancer survivor and would like to take part in the Relay for Life, particularly the Survivor's Lap to kick off the 6 p.m. Friday, June 2 event, call Watson. All survivors receive a Relay for Life Survivor's shirt.

## Engagement



Casey Marie Knox and Michael Joseph Evans

## Knox, Evans plan June 17 wedding

Donna and Dennis Knox of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Casey Marie Knox, to Michael Joseph Evans, son of Peggy Evans and Gary Evans of Big Sandy, Tenn. Knox is a 2011 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2015 graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor of science degree in pre-med/biology. She is employed as a teacher with Christian County Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology in the Nursing/Health Science/Science Department. Evans is a 2008 graduate

of Big Sandy High School. He has attended Nashville State Community College, UT Martin and Murray State University. He is employed by Lowes in Madisonville as an appliance specialist. The wedding will take place at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17 at the Murray Woman's Club, located at 704 Vine Street in Murray with a reception to immediately follow. A wedding shower is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20 at Deer Creek Baptist Church, located at 69 Deer Creek Church Road, Marion. Friends and family are welcome.



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## 2nd-year success

Kenley McNamara was named ROCKET Way Employee of the Month for April at a recent meeting of Crittenden County Board of Education. She currently teaches eighth-grade social studies at the middle school. "As she approaches the end of her second year teaching, she has already distinguished herself as a forward thinking educator and technology leader," said CCMS Principal Tom Radivonyk. He said she has emerged as a leading voice in the school district's efforts to bring 21st Century Learning opportunities to students by identifying and utilizing the best available tools and resources to make the most of the Chromebooks assigned to each student in the middle and high school. "The kids love her and she is a true advocate for them every day," the principal added.

## MCC aid allows man to transition from coal

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County man was one of five Madisonville Community College (MCC) students who received financial awards of \$2,000 each through the Incentive-Assistance Program provided by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) administered on behalf of the Coalfield Regional Healthcare Network. Donny Edwards, of Marion, is a displaced coal industry worker who is currently a student in the occupational therapy assistant program. He will graduate in December. As veterans and/or displaced coal industry workers currently enrolled in high-demand, high-wage career training programs at MCC, Edwards and the four other students were eligible to apply for assistance to offset an unmet financial need related to their educational program. MCC and the Coalfield Re-



Edwards

gional Healthcare Network, through a federally funded initiative, are working to connect veterans and displaced coal industry workers with the training needed to become valued rural health care professionals with potentially stable careers. The Coalfield Regional Healthcare Network members are Baptist Health Madisonville, Caldwell Medical Center, Community Health Centers of Western Kentucky, Health First Community Health Centers, Hopkins County Health Department, Madisonville Community College, Pennyroyal Mental Health Center and West AHEC.

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12U BASEBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	GB
Crittenden Astros	1	0	-
Caldwell Braves	0	0	0.5
Caldwell Cardinals	0	0	0.5
Caldwell Orioles	0	0	0.5
Dawson White Sox	0	0	0.5
Lyon Nationals	0	0	0.5
Trigg Cubs	0	0	0.5
Crittenden Dodgers	0	1	1

10U BASEBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	GB
Crittenden Rangers	2	0	-
Caldwell Braves	1	0	0.5
Lyon Diamondbacks	1	0	0.5
Crittenden Blue Jays	1	1	1
Caldwell White Sox	0	0	1
Caldwell Yankees	0	0	1
Dawson Mets	0	0	1
Lyon Tigers	0	0	1
Caldwell Indians	0	1	1.5
Caldwell Reds	0	1	1.5
Crittenden Royals	0	2	2

8U BASEBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	GB
Caldwell Blue Jays	1	0	-
Caldwell Reds	1	0	-
Crittenden Cardinals	1	0	-
Crittenden Dodgers	1	0	-
Caldwell Yankees	0	0	0.5
Dawson Nationals	0	0	0.5
Lyon Astros	0	0	0.5
Lyon Brewers	0	0	0.5
Caldwell Braves	0	1	1
Caldwell Red Sox	0	1	1
Crittenden Cubs	0	1	1
Crittenden Indians	0	1	1

12U SOFTBALL STANDINGS

WEST DIVISION	W	L	GB
Caldwell Cubs	0	0	-
Caldwell White Sox	0	0	-
Crittenden Angels	0	0	-
EAST DIVISION	W	L	GB
Dawson Cardinals	0	0	-
Trigg Nationals	0	0	-
Trigg Red Sox	0	0	-

10U SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	GB
Caldwell A's	1	0	-
Caldwell Angels	0	0	0.5
Caldwell Dodgers	0	0	0.5
Crittenden Cubs	0	0	0.5
Crittenden Royals	0	0	0.5
Dawson Giants	0	0	0.5
Dawson Pirates	0	0	0.5
Lyon Phillies	0	0	0.5
Trigg Cardinals	0	0	0.5
Trigg Reds	0	0	0.5
Caldwell Red Sox	0	1	1

8U SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	GB
Caldwell Cardinals	1	0	-
Lyon Marlins	1	0	-
Caldwell Braves	2	1	-
Crittenden Astros	1	1	0.5
Dawson Nationals	0	0	0.5
Caldwell Padres	0	1	1
Crittenden Cubs	0	2	1.5

Standings as of Sunday, May 7

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8U SOFTBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS FROM TUESDAY, MAY 2

AT PRINCETON  
**Caldwell Cardinals** .....104 030 14 — 13  
**Caldwell Braves**.....201 104 11 — 10  
**Cardinals leading hitters:** Kamiah Clark 1B; Carlee Palm 1B, 1B; Olivia Robinson 1B, 1B, 1B; Adley Lewis 2B, 2B; Madison French 1B, 1B, 2B; Ella Johnson 1B, 1B; Paisley Hooks 1B; Taylor Spurlock 1B; Josie Palm 1B, 1B; Addison Robinson 1B; Holly Heppner 1B, 1B, 1B; Serenity Bratcher 1B, 1B.  
**Braves leading hitters:** Daelynn Kizzee 1B, 1B, 1B, 1B; Tember Oliver 3B; Kynlee Butts 1B; Alexis Wood 1B, 2B, 2B; Veyda Grinols 1B, 1B, 3B; Dariah Riley 1B, 1B.

AT MARION  
**Crittenden Cubs**..... 100 00 — 1  
**Crittenden Astros**..... 005 04 — 9  
**Cubs leading hitters:** Allison Martin 1B, 2B; Layken Gilchrist 1B; Morgan Stewart 1B, 1B, 1B; Maeson Martin 1B.  
**Astros leading hitters:** Abigail Champion HR; Shelbi Belt 1B, 1B; Braylyn Merrill HR; Morgan Piper 1B, 2B; Olivia Hincbe 1B, 1B; Lexie Lester 1B, HR; Gracie Orr 1B, 1B; Emerye Pollard 1B, 1B.

AT EDDYVILLE  
**Caldwell Padres**.....000 300 — 3  
**Lyon Marlins** ..... 600 30x — 9  
**Padres leading hitters:** Not available.  
**Marlins leading hitters:** Not available.

RESULTS FROM FRIDAY, MAY 5

AT PRINCETON  
**Dawson Nationals at Caldwell Cardinals, PPD**  
**Lyon Marlins at Caldwell Padres, PPD**

AT MARION  
**Caldwell Braves**.....303 40 — 10  
**Crittenden Cubs**..... 101 00 — 1  
**Braves leading hitters:** Daelynn Kizzee 1B, 1B; Alexis Wood 1B, 1B, 2B; Tember Oliver 1B, 1B, HR; Emma Ward 1B; Dariah Riley 2B; Kinley Butts 1B; Veyda Grinols 1B, 1B, 2B; Katelyn Milan 1B, 2B.  
**Cubs leading hitters:** Allison Martin 2B; Morgan Stewart 1B, 1B, 2B; Maeson Martin 1B.  
**Caldwell Braves**.....211 353 — 15  
**Crittenden Astros**..... 103 21x — 6  
**Braves leading hitters:** Daelynn Kizzee 1B, 1B, 1B, 3B; Veyda Grinols 1B, 1B, 3B; Dariah Riley 1B, 1B; Alexis Wood 1B, 1B, 2B, HR; Kynlee Butts 1B; Kiley Frederick 1B, 1B; Tember Oliver 1B, 1B; Nakiyah Glover 1B, 1B; Katelyn Milan 1B, 1B.  
**Astros leading hitters:** Abigail Champion 1B; Shelbi Belt 1B, 1B; Braelyn Merrill 1B, 1B; Morgan Piper 1B, 1B; Olivia Hincbee 1B; Lexie Lester 1B; Gracie Orr 1B; Emerye Pollard 1B.

10U SOFTBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS FROM MONDAY, MAY 1

AT PRINCETON  
**Caldwell Red Sox**.....200 0 — 2  
**Caldwell A's**..... 106 2 — 9  
**Red Sox leading hitters:** Not available.  
**A's leading hitters:** Avery Wells 1B, 1B, 2B; Harper Holean 1B, 1B, 2B; Katie Smiley 1B, 1B; Jakhia Copeland 1B; Lainey Beshear 1B; Destany Cayce 1B; Kali Richardson 1B, 1B; Medeline Thomas 1B; Jazmine Richardson 1B; Alyvia Barnwell 1B

AT EDDYVILLE  
**Dawson Giants at Lyon Phillies, PPD**

AT CADIZ  
**Dawson Pirates at Trigg Cardinals, PPD**

RESULTS FROM THURSDAY, MAY 4

AT PRINCETON  
**Dawson Pirates at Caldwell A's, PPD**  
**Caldwell Red Sox at Caldwell Dodgers, PPD**

AT MARION  
**Crittenden Cubs at Crittenden Royals, PPD**

AT EDDYVILLE  
**Trigg Cardinals at Lyon Phillies, PPD**

AT CADIZ  
**Caldwell Angels at Trigg Reds, PPD**

NO GAMES IN 12U SOFTBALL; SEASON BEGINS TUESDAY, MAY 23

The Crittenden Dodgers 8-under baseball team beat the Crittenden Indians last week on opening night for recreational league baseball at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Pictured here is Indians batter Alex Hewitt looking at pitch on a cool night at the ball field.

12U BASEBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS FROM MONDAY, MAY 1

AT PRINCETON  
**Dawson White Sox at Caldwell Braves, PPD**

AT MARION  
**Crittenden Astros**..... 114 0 — 6  
**Crittenden Dodgers**..... 200 1 — 3  
**WP:** Jeremiah Foster  
**LP:** Seth Blackburn  
**Astros leading hitters:** Levi Piper 1B; Travis Champion 1B, 2B.  
**Dodgers leading hitters:** Seth Guess 1B, 2B; Evan Belt 1B.

AT EDDYVILLE  
**Caldwell Cardinals at Lyon Nationals, PPD**

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AT CADIZ  
**Caldwell Orioles at Trigg Cubs, PPD**

RESULTS FROM THURSDAY, MAY 4

AT PRINCETON  
**Crittenden Dodgers at Caldwell Orioles, PPD**

AT MARION  
**Caldwell Cardinals at Crittenden Astros, PPD**

AT CADIZ  
**Caldwell Braves at Trigg Cubs, PPD**

10U BASEBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS FROM TUESDAY, MAY 2

AT PRINCETON  
**Caldwell Braves**.....010 62 — 9  
**Caldwell Indians**.....001 1x — 2  
**WP:** Cody Pruitt  
**LP:** Tyree McLean  
**Braves leading hitters:** Cason Littlejohn 1B; William Goodman 1B; Eli Stevens 1B, 1B; Cody Pruitt 1B; Ethan Ramage 1B; Preston Birrell 1B.  
**Indians leading hitters:** Chase Lantrip 1B.

AT MARION  
**Crittenden Blue Jays**.....202 0 — 4  
**Crittenden Rangers**..... 221 1 — 6  
**WP:** Zac Purvis  
**LP:** Andrew Candelario  
**Blue Jays leading hitters:** Bennett McDaniel 1B, 1B; Andrew Candelario 2B; Quinn Summers 3B.  
**Rangers leading hitters:** Zac Purvis 1B; Levi Suddoth 1B, HR; Kaiden Travis 1B; Jonah Reddick 1B; Camron Belcher 1B; Brayden Poindexter 1B.

AT EDDYVILLE  
**Caldwell Reds** .....000 10 — 1  
**Lyon Diamondbacks**.....306 6x — 15  
**Reds leading hitters:** J.T. Palm 1B.  
**Diamondbacks leading hitters:** Kadin Riley 1B.

RESULTS FROM FRIDAY, MAY 5

AT PRINCETON  
**Caldwell Yankees at Caldwell Reds, PPD**  
**Dawson Mets at Caldwell White Sox, PPD**  
**Caldwell Braves at Caldwell White Sox, PPD**

AT MARION  
**Crittenden Rangers** ..... 204 1 — 7  
**Crittenden Royals** ..... 203 0 — 5  
**Rangers leading hitters:** Zac Purvis 1B, 1B; Levi Suddoth 1B; Jonah Reddick 1B; Brennan Clifford 1B.  
**Royals leading hitters:** Landon Curry 1B; Caeden Brothers 1B.

**Crittenden Royals** .....050 — 5  
**Crittenden Blue Jays**..... 35x — 8  
**WP:** Quinn Summers **LP:** N/A  
**Royals leading hitters:** Travis Bull 1B; Caleb Whobrey 1B; Landon Curry 1B; Seth Lynn 1B; Landon Woodall 1B.  
**Blue Jays leading hitters:** Bennett McDaniel 1B; Caleb Riley 1B; Quinn Summers 2B, 2B.

AT EDDYVILLE  
**Caldwell Indians at Lyon Red Sox, PPD**  
**Lyon Red Sox at Lyon Diamondbacks, PPD**

8U BASEBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS FROM MONDAY, MAY 1

AT PRINCETON  
**Caldwell Blue Jays**..... 022 604 — 14  
**Caldwell Braves** ..... 100 203 — 6  
**Blue Jays leading hitters:** Pax Aikins 3B, HR; Peyton Pruitt 1B, 3B; Brody Kirk 1B, 2B; Gauge Sherrill 1B, 1B; Ashleigh Parent 1B.  
**Braves leading hitters:** Jacob McDaniels 1B, 1B; Elijah Thomas 1B, 1B; Westin King 1B; Drew Stevens 1B; Eli Cotton 1B, 1B; Evan Ramage 1B.

**Caldwell Red Sox**..... 6  
**Caldwell Reds** ..... 9  
**Red Sox leading hitters:** Not available.  
**Reds leading hitters:** Camden Thatcher 1B, 2B, HR; Lukas Harper 1B, 1B, HR, HR; Hayden Patterson 1B, 1B, 1B, HR; Cruz Egbert 1B, 1B, 1B, 2B; Jaythen Towery 1B, 1B, 1B, 1B; Ethan Key 1B, 1B, 1B; Steven Mullins 2B; Jacob Cooper 1B, 1B; Jacob Hopper 1B.

AT MARION  
**Crittenden Cardinals** ..... 330 24 — 12  
**Crittenden Cubs** ..... 323 21 — 11  
**Cardinals leading hitters:** Levi Quermous 1B, 1B, 1B; Roane Topp 1B, 1B, 1B; Gunner Topp 2B, 3B, HR; Tucker Boudro 1B; Davis Perryman 1B, 2B, 2B, 3B; Kayden Farmer 2B; Noah Byford 1B; Colt Belt 1B, 1B, 1B.  
**Cubs leading hitters:** Eli Herrin 1B, 1B, 3B; Cameron Nesbitt 1B, 1B, 2B, 2B; Brody Samuel 1B, 1B; Hudson Stokes 1B, 1B, 1B; Adam Dean 2B; Ethan Gonzales 1B, 1B; Charlie Ledford 1B, 1B, 2B; Parker Wood 1B; Lane Curry 1B, 1B.

**Crittenden Dodgers**..... 11  
**Crittenden Indians**..... 6  
**Dodgers leading hitters:** Not available.  
**Indians leading hitters:** Not available.

AT EDDYVILLE  
**Caldwell Mets at Lyon Astros, PPD**  
**Dawson Nationals at Lyon Brewers, PPD**

RESULTS FROM THURSDAY, MAY 4

AT PRINCETON  
**Caldwell Mets at Caldwell Reds, PPD**  
**Dawson Nationals at Caldwell Blue Jays, PPD**

AT MARION  
**Crittenden Cubs at Crittenden Dodgers, PPD**  
**Crittenden Indians at Crittenden Cardinals, PPD**

AT EDDYVILLE  
**Caldwell Braves at Lyon Brewers, PPD**  
**Caldwell Red Sox at Lyon Astros, PPD**

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SCHEDULES

Spring Sports Events

**WEDNESDAY**  
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**THURSDAY**  
Baseball hosts Calloway County  
Freshman baseball at Trigg County  
**FRIDAY**  
Baseball hosts University Heights  
Freshman baseball at Henderson  
**SATURDAY**  
Track at First Region meet  
Baseball hosts Lyon County  
**MONDAY**  
Baseball hosts Madisonville  
Softball at Dawson Springs  
**TUESDAY**  
Softball at Paducah Tilghman  
Baseball hosts Dawson Springs

5TH DISTRICT STANDINGS			
Baseball			
Team	Overall	Dist	
Lyon County	13-9	4-0	
Trigg County	12-13	3-3	
Livingston Central	8-9	2-3	
Crittenden County	7-16	1-4	
Softball			
Crittenden County	21-6	2-1	
Trigg County	13-10	2-3	
Lyon County	16-7	2-1	
Livingston Central	6-7	1-3	

OUTDOORS

**Gobbler count is 305**  
Crittenden County hunters bagged 68 turkeys over the final week of spring hunting season. The three-week season closed Sunday. The total harvest for the general spring season was 373, which was two more than last season. Crittenden had the state's 24th highest harvest. Other counties in western Kentucky with greater harvest figures were Muhlenberg, which led the state with 680, Ohio, Breckinridge, Hopkins, Graves, Christian, Butler, Warren, Webster and Trigg. Livngston hunters took 295 turkeys, which ranked sixth in western Kentucky.

**KDFWR public meeting**  
The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will have committee meetings at Kenlake State Park meeting room A 8:30 a.m., until 1 p.m., Friday. This is public session where sportsmen can discuss issues important to them.

Hunting seasons

Coyote Night Hunt	Feb. 1 - May 31
Spring squirrel	May 20 - June 16
LBL squirrel	May 13 - June 11
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

GOLF

**Upcoming events**  
•Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem will host a four-person benefit golf tournament on Saturday. Proceeds go to Livingston County cheerleaders. Contact the pro shop for details 270-988-4653.  
•The Heritage at Marion Country Club will host a 3-Person Scramble May 20-21 at the club's nine hole course. Register at the pro shop 270-965-5415 or call 270-704-5015.

TRACK & FIELD

**Results from last week**  
May 2 Marshall Co. Meet  
**Girls results**  
**Team Totals:** Marshall 164, McCracken 140, West Creek 122, Fulton County 33, Livingston 22.5, Dawson 15.5, Crittenden 14, Henry County (TN) 10, St. Mary 10, Fulton City 9, Graves 26, Fort Campbell 5, Lyon 3  
**100 hurdles** 5. Jessie Potter (19.41)  
**300 hurdles** 5. Jessie Potter (56.00)  
**1600 meters** 7. Kate Keller (6:03.48)  
**3200 meters** 3. Kate Keller (13:38.83)  
**400 relay** 7. Crittenden County A (59.61)  
**800 relay** 7. Crittenden County A (2:09.27)  
**Triple Jump** 4. Kenlee Perryman 28-10.5  
**Discus** 8. Alexis Tabor 69-02

**Boys results**  
**Team Totals:** West Creek 155, Marshall 113, Henry County (TN) 87, Crittenden 47, Fulton County 41, Dawson 28, Graves 26, Lyon 17, St. Mary 14, Livingston 14, Fort Campbell 12, Fulton City 3  
**110 hurdles** 4. Will Perkins (18.27)  
**300 hurdles** 5. Will Perkins (47.29)  
**100 meters** 8. Branen Lamey (11.89)  
**200 meters** 8. Branen Lamey (24.81)  
**400 meters** 2. Will Tolley (53.80)  
**800 meters** 4. Aaron Lucas (2:08.59)  
**1600 meters** 3. Aaron Lucas (4:43.82)  
**3200 meters** 1. Aaron Lucas (10:42.06)  
**3200 relay** 4. Crittenden A (9:01.34)  
**High Jump** 6. Will Perkins 5-06  
**Long Jump** 7. Branen Lamey 17-06  
**Discus** 3. Adam Beavers 121-05

Rockets revving up for Saturday’s regional

**BY DEREK MCCREE**  
PRESS REPORTER  
Two-time state qualifier Aaron Lucas heads a growing number of Crittenden County athletes with high aspirations as the First Region Track and Field meet nears.  
Just a junior, Lucas is a two-time state qualifier and the top ranked CCHS runner in the state. However, another dozen or so Rocket athletes have a great chance to advance past Saturday's regional event, says coach Angela Starnes.  
One thing the 26-year track coach said has helped prepare Lucas this year is the team taking part in larger meets and



Lucas

qualifiers.  
“Distance runners need to know how to run in a pack,” Starnes said. “In his freshman and sophomore year he didn't ever have to run in the pack because he was leading. He didn't know how to navigate and this year he is learning to do that.”  
Lucas admits this year has been a little tougher than previous ones. He's hoping to beat times from the last year's regional and state meets.  
“I should have trained over the summer more,” Lucas said. “I'm catching up now, and peaking at the right time.”  
Another athlete seeking a return to the state is senior Will Tolley. Tolley is ranked second in the region in the 400 and 800 meter runs.

“I've worked very hard and trying to get my name in the record books,” Tolley said. “My intentions are to win at least three events at the region and maybe a fourth.”  
He also participates on some top-notch relay teams that have a chance to make some noise in the regional meet.  
On the girls' side, eighth-grader Kate Keller has made incredible strides and Starnes would love to see the middle schooler get the chance to make it to state.  
“The venue is so different at state than any place else we run and you can't imitate that,” Starnes said. “She is right there in the 1600 and 3200 meters and she is only a middle schooler.”



Tolley



Keller

Best Chances for State

Aaron Lucas 1600 & 3200  
Will Tolley 400 & 800  
3200 Relay Team  
1600 Relay Team

Outside Chance for State

Adam Beavers discus  
Kate Keller 1600 & 3200  
Will Perkins hurdles  
Jessie Potter hurdles

Class A 1st Region  
CCHS Athlete Rankings

**Aaron Lucas** 1st 800 meters, 1st 1600 meters, 1st 3200 meters  
**Will Tolley** 2nd 400 meters, 2nd 800 meters  
**3200 Relay Team** 1st (Will Tolley, Gavin Davidson, Tyson Steele, Aaron Lucas, Sawyer Towery, Chris Perez)  
**1600 Relay Team** 2nd (Branen Lamey, Gavin Davidson, Will Perkins, Will Tolley)  
**Adam Beavers** 2nd Discus  
**Kate Keller** 3rd 1600 meters, 3rd 3200 meters

Brighter Course

Rockets get ship back on better direction as postseason closes in

**BY DEREK MCCREE**  
PRESS REPORTER  
The Rockets (7-16) are playing .500 ball since the All A Classic on April 10 after a disappointing 1-11 start. Now that spring rains have slowed and weather is improved, Crittenden County's ship is righting just in time for the Fifth District Tournament, which begins in about 10 days. The Rockets would like to be on track for the playoffs, particularly this year because the team is hosting the Second Region Tournament for the first time.  
Crittenden won 11-10 at Dawson Springs Tuesday night, extending a period of better results since it lost to Dawson last month in the Classic opener. Since that time, the Rockets are 6-6.

Details of Tuesday's win were unavailable at press time.  
**Crittenden takes first game of DH**  
CCHS split a double-header at home against Union County on Monday. Both games were decided by just one run with the Braves needing an extra inning in the night cap to finish off the Rockets 4-3.  
The Braves (12-16) jumped out to a 2-0 advantage in the first frame. Crittenden took a short lived 3-2 lead in the fifth inning when Paxton Riley scored off a double by Cody Belt. Belt scored when senior Bobby Stephens reached base on an error to center-field. The Braves tied the game in their next at-bat and scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth on an RBI single.  
The Rockets used three pitchers in the game with sophomore Ethan Dossett throwing five innings allowing three runs on seven hits and striking out two. Freshman Hunter Jones and senior Taylor Yancy saw time in relief. Maeson Myers, Logan Belt and Cody Belt had two hits



PHOTO BY DEREK MCCREE

**Rocket coach Donnie Phillips communicates with a batter using customary baseball sign language while Ethan Dossett gets ready at third. Phillips has his team back on track with postseason less than two weeks away.**

each. A total of 23 runners were stranded on base with CCHS leaving nine and Union 14.  
The Rockets committed four errors and withstood a late inning surge by the Braves to inch out a 5-4 victory in the first game of a two-game matchup between the clubs. A single in the fifth inning by Shelby Robinson drove in seniors Ethan Hunt and Maeson Myers to give Crittenden a 5-1 lead. The Braves scored three runs in the sixth inning and left two runners in scoring position in the seventh inning, when Taylor Yancy made the final out on a ground ball to the mound. Yancy closed the game out for the Rockets, striking out two and walking one. Junior Kyle Castiller worked five innings giving up four hits and five runs with three strikeouts. Cody Belt was the only Rocket batter to collect multiple hits in the contest.  
**Robinson's big game not enough**  
A three-hitter through 8½ innings was a remarkable outing for senior hurler Shelby Robinson, but it wasn't enough for a favorable decision as the Rockets fell 2-1 in nine innings at St. Mary on Saturday.  
Robinson allowed two runs and struck out four in the contest. CCHS faced four different Viking pitchers, managing three hits and tallying 11 strikeouts.

Senior Bobby Stephens scored the Rockets' only run off an error by the Viking catcher in the first inning. With two outs in the ninth, St. Mary walked it off with a single against relief pitcher Kyle Castiller.  
Junior Cody Belt led CCHS with two hits and Robinson a single.  
**Rockets draw district split**  
Crittenden drew a Fifth District split in a doubleheader at Livingston Central last Tuesday night in Smithland. CCHS won the opener 4-1 and lost 10-2 in the nightcap.  
Senior Maeson Myers drove in two runs on two hits to lead the three-run victory. Kyle Castiller and Ethan Dossett also had RBIs. Castiller pitched into the final inning before getting some late relief from Taylor Yancy, who picked up the save.  
In the second game, sophomore Payton Riley struggled on the mound, giving up 10 hits and 10 runs while walking seven. He fanned four. Yancy threw for 2½ innings in relief, allowed one hit and fanned three.  
Cardinal ace Cameron Head threw a complete game, giving up only two runs on seven hits, and he struck out seven CCHS batters.  
Logan Belt was the only Rocket batter to get multiple hits. He had two singles and an RBI. The Rockets stranded eight runners in the game.

Lady Rockets get 22nd win in avenging fashion

Softball Sluggers					
Player	R	HR	RBI	Avg.	
Cassidy Moss	29	5	28	.532	
Brandy Book	22	6	42	.296	
Ashlyn Hicks	37	1	9	.404	

**STAFF REPORT**  
Crittenden County avenged one of its few losses of the season by beating Union County 7-0 at home Tuesday on senior night.  
Senior Cassidy Moss threw a shutout and Brandy Book and Courtney Beverly added some power on offense. Beverly had three hits and Book drove in three. Chaylee Wolf also had a strong day at the plate with two hits.  
The Lady Rockets are now 22-6 on the season. They lost to Union County (10-14) by a run in March. Since then, the Bravettes have lost starting pitcher Evyn Hendrickson to an injury and lost nine of their last 10 games. Hendrickson may be back later this week. About a month ago she took a line drive off her face.  
**Girls tripped at Caldwell County**  
Looking to avenge two previous losses including one in the Second Region All "A" Classic Tournament to Crittenden, the Caldwell County jumped out to an early two-run lead Monday at Princeton and won 4-2.  
In the third inning, senior ace Cassidy Moss gave up a two-run home run to sophomore Moshea Glover, giving the Lady Tigers a 4-0 advantage.



**Senior Jessi Brewer beats out an infield hit against Union County Tuesday.**

Crittenden's only runs came late in the sixth inning on a two-run dinger by sophomore Brandy Book. It was Book's sixth home run of the year, breaking a 16-game slump after recording five in her first 11 games.  
Crittenden didn't generate much

offense at the plate, collecting only six hits. Those were by Kalli Champion, Ashlyn Hicks, Kaitlyn Hicks, Book, Jessi Brewer and Emmie Smith. On the rubber, Moss allowed four runs on eight hits, striking out seven, but gave up her first home run of the season in the outing.

Freshman teams set high goals

**BY DEREK MCCREE**  
PRESS REPORTER  
For the first time in memory, Crittenden County High School has fielded freshmen baseball and softball teams and so far, results are favorable, according to coaches.  
The baseball team won most of its games against stiff competition that included McCracken, Union and Christian counties, some of western Kentucky's top baseball programs. The young Rockets won two against Christian County but lost to McCracken 5-0.  
The squad is made up solely of middle school players as the program's only three freshmen are playing varsity or junior varsity baseball. Tyler Boone, Trace Adams, Gabe Mott, Braxton Winders and Caden McCalister lead the team offensively and defensively.  
Eighth-grader Ian Ellington has been the club's ace this season, posting a 5-1 record and 1.15 ERA through his first six starts.  
A number of seventh graders are seeing considerable playing time on the first team, including Ben Evans, Maddox Carlson and Logan Bailey. The freshman team plays a doubleheader each date, approaching the first contest as a varsity matchup and the second as a junior varsity type game. Other players showing promise are Coleman Stone and Hayden Adamson, according to the coaching staff.

Chris Evans, coach of the freshmen boys, says the team has deliberately scheduled teams like Henderson, Union, Christian and McCracken in order to raise the bar. The Rockets play at Henderson Friday to close out the season.  
“This is a very talented group of young players. We talk regularly about the high expectations that this group has for itself, so it's aiming high. As this group moves into the high school varsity ranks I think we're going to see Rocket baseball soar to maybe some heights it hadn't reached previously,” Evans said.  
Stephen Smith, the high school softball coach, says his freshman team is also playing very well despite many of the games being rained out. The team boasts a 6-3 record and is comprised of mainly eighth-graders, many of which are already seeing varsity playing time.  
“Our eighth-graders are a special group. They would start for just about any high school team around,” Smith said. “In another year or two you are going to be hearing bigtime from this freshman team. It could be the best team we have ever had.”  
Freshman Jenna Potter and eighth-graders Ashlyn Hicks, Matthia Long, Chandler Moss and Kali Champion are leading the team offensively. Currently there are only three seventh-graders on the team – Hadley Rich, Raylee Belt and Callie Brown. All are making improvements and will be the building blocks for a larger incoming group next year, Smith said.  
“Most bigger schools have freshman and middle school programs and that is what we need to succeed and build a foundation for our varsity program going forward,” Smith said.





**Real Deal Alumni Game**

Crittenden County held a fundraising alumni football game Saturday night as the Rocket old-timers took on Union County. Crittenden won the game 24-20. It was only the second time ever for an alumni tackle football game. Crittenden beat Caldwell County in the inaugural event two years ago. Among those participating in last weekend’s event were (front from left) Jeremy Wheeler, Dugan Overfield, A.J. Thompson, Steve Thompson, Brian Bradham, Devin Hopper, Alex Cosby, Tommy Templeton, Tyler Coleman, (back) Coach Al Starnes, Noah Dickerson, Barkley Hughes, Sean Thompson, Bryan Qualls, Travis McKinney, Jeremy Poindexter, Barrett Sherer, Jacob Courtney, Gaige Courtney, Jacon Crider and Grant Gardner. Not pictured Blake Gardner.



At left CCHS associate head coach and alumni team QB Sean Thompson (14) rushes for a big gain. Above, Gaige Courtney and A.J. Thompson share a high five after a big play. For more photos from the alumni game see The Crittenden Press Facebook Page or football website.

# Alumni players bruised, booster club rakes in some dollars

STAFF REPORT

“This game was so much fun!”

That’s a quote from a fan, but the players had a blast, too.

The second ever alumni tackle football game was held Saturday at Rocket Stadium. Besides some bumps and bruises, everyone came out with a sense of accomplish-

ment and fun – especially the Crittenden County Quarterback Club, which raised almost \$2,000.

The event was hosted by the local football boosters and orchestrated by Alumni Football USA, a national corporation that specializes in adult tackle football.

The game was originally sched-

uled under the lights on Friday, but heavy rain washed the contest into the late afternoon hours of Saturday. Some of the players said they were hoping to relive the Friday night atmosphere, but enjoyed the opportunity to suit up once again no matter the time or day.

“It was great to be out there amongst some great athletes on both sides of the ball,” said Rocket alumnus Barkley Hughes, who at 44 was the oldest man on the field.

This year’s roster was a bit younger than the one that played in the inaugural alumni game against Caldwell County two years ago. Crittenden beat Caldwell back

then and knocked off Union County 24-20 this time.

Several former collegiate players were on the field for CCHS, including associate head coach Sean Thompson (Campbellsville graduate), who quarterbacked his club to victory despite suffering some bruised ribs.

# Tracing direct lines from KY to Indiana; Why Knox decision makes sense at UK

By LARRY VAUGHT

Even though Kentucky and Indiana no longer play annually, the two basketball coaching staffs certainly have some interesting ties now.

Two of John Calipari’s former assistant coaches, Ed Schilling and Bruiser Flint, are on new coach Archie Miller’s staff at Indiana and both readily acknowledge Calipari has had a big influence on their careers.

“I think the biggest thing I gleaned from coach Cal is one, just how hard he got them to work. He knew the buttons to push. He knew how to push them, how to just maximize them. And I think if you see coach Calipari’s teams, you see how hard they play,” Schilling said.

“And also sitting in recruiting visits with coach Cal, you see his charisma. You see how he connects with players regardless of their – where they are from, whether it’s a kid in the south or the north or rich or poor, he has an incredible ability to connect with them.

“I think the extent of how hard he gets them to play and how he connects with them in recruiting, and also to be able to challenge players the way he has over the years, but yet, at the end of the day, they know that he cares about them.”

Both Schilling and Flint were on Calipari’s staff at Massachusetts in 1996 when UMass (35-2) made the Final Four and lost to national champion Kentucky. Schilling went with Calipari to the New Jersey Nets as an assistant coach for one year. He landed on Calipari’s staff again for two years at Memphis.

Flint was on Calipari’s UMass staff for seven seasons and eventually became head coach at UMass.

“I learned a lot from him. I mean, we’re like best friends to be honest with



Larry Vaught  
UK Sports Columnist  
Vaught's Views

you,” Flint said. “Our relationship is more than just basketball to be honest with you. We talk about everything. So we were young. I mean, we were really young, and we talked about a lot of things, growing up, relationships with our families, with our players, all those things like that.

“For us, it was almost like, you grew up together, you know what I mean. You had a guy, your next door neighbor, y’all are together every day. So you experience a lot of things with each other. That’s why our relationship is the way it is today. Cal coached you hard but Cal is a big relationship guy. Those are the types of things you learn when you were young. I was 23 years old when I started work for him. It’s more than that.

“But we always play defense. We also believe, one of the things we always talked about was having post presence. We think if you don’t have post presence, you’re a little bit of a fraud. So we talk about that all the time. You know, those types of things like that.”

Schilling comes to Indiana from UCLA where he was an assistant coach last season when the Bruins split games with Kentucky.

“With coach Cal, you have certain things that he’s going to allow you to do. I’ve been fortunate to be with guys that let you run with different things,” Schilling said. “And so I’ve been at programs that have been pretty successful. When I got to UMass, they had everything -- everything was rolling. We went to the Final Four at Memphis, it was kind of a little bit of a build but it had a lot of tradition.”

Kevin Knox fooled most of the recruiting analysts when he announced that he would play college basketball – not at North Carolina, Duke or Florida State as the analysts expected.

Never mind that Knox, a 6-9 player with guard-like skills, had always listed Kentucky as a possibility and that several sources at UK had continued to say

they liked their position with Knox, a consensus top 10 player in the 2017 recruiting class.

The logic was that with the return of Kenyan Gabriel and Sacha Killeya-Jones along with the arrival of freshmen Jarred Vanderbilt and P.J. Washington that Knox could go to one of the other schools on his list and know he would get more playing time.

That theory made Kevin Knox Sr. chuckle.

“I think it says a lot about who he is as a person that he wanted to go to Kentucky,” Knox Sr. said. “At the end of the day, it was his decision to go to the University of Kentucky. This was not the parents making the choice. We just oversaw his recruiting and guided him.

“It also says he is very confident in his skill set. Everybody said he would not go there because they have got so many players. What the pundits really meant is that they already had players like Kevin. But that is where they are wrong. That’s why we have a chip on our shoulders. We are not like them.

“We are not a 4 (power forward). Coach Calipari and his staff are not going to put Kevin in a box. Cal said, ‘You are a position less player.’ He can bring the ball up the floor. He will play the 2 (shooting guard). They (UK coaches) are hoping he is the guy that can replace (Malik) Monk.”

Kentucky freshman Hamidou Diallo has until May 24 to take his name out of the NBA draft, something that Tom Espinosa, Diallo’s coach at Putnam Science Academy in Connecticut, still thinks he will do even though more and more draft analysts seem to think it won’t happen.

Diallo enrolled at UK in January. He chose not to play and prepare for next season with the possibility that he might put his name into the draft to get evaluation from NBA personnel. He’s been projected as a late first-round pick in some NBA mock drafts.



**MIKE HARMON**  
**AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

The Honorable Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable Wayne Agent, Crittenden County Sheriff  
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Independent Auditor's Report

**Report on the Financial Statement**  
We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the Sheriff of Crittenden County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2015, 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, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 County Fee Officials* 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 opinion.

**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 Crittenden 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 Crittenden County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2015, 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 receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Crittenden County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2015, 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 February 26, 2017 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 that 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 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 comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

- 2015-001 The Crittenden County Sheriff's Office Lacks Segregation Of Duties Over Accounting Functions
- 2015-002 The Crittenden County Sheriff's Office Had Weak Internal Controls Over Daily Checkout Procedures And Receipts
- 2015-003 The Crittenden County Sheriff's Office Did Not Implement Internal Controls Over Disbursements
- 2015-004 The Sheriff's Tax Commissions Were Not Accounted For Properly
- 2015-005 The Crittenden County Sheriff Overspent The Approved Budget For Calendar Year 2015

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**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards (Continued)**  
2015-006 The Crittenden County Sheriff's Payroll Exceeded The Maximum Salary Order Approved By Fiscal Court  
2015-007 The Sheriff Failed To Timely Submit The 2015 Fourth Quarter Financial Report

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mike Harmon  
Auditor of Public Accounts

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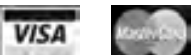


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### notice

Notice of Public Hearing, Zoning Map Amendment: A request for a Zone Change form R-3 to C-2, General Business District, for the property located at 243 Travis St., Marion, Ky. has been filed with the Marion Planning Commission.

A public hearing will be held at 5 p.m. on May 11, 2017, before the Marion Planning Commission at the Council Chambers in City

Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Ky.

For further information contact the Marion Planning and Zoning Coordinator at (270) 965-2266. (2t-44-c)

BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) FUNDS.

A public hearing will be held by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court at the courthouse on May 18, 2017 at the 8:30 a.m. regularly scheduled meeting of the Crittenden Co. Fiscal Court for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds.

All interested persons in Crittenden County are invited to the hearing to submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments, should call the office of the County Judge Executive at (270) 965-5251 by May 17 at 4:30 p.m. so the arrangements can be made to secure their comments. (1t-44-c)

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  - 6.55 acres within city limits, tract #2 is 3.25 ac and tract #3 is 3.30 ac. Can be sold together or separate. Located on Vandell St. in Marion, Ky. Total \$29,800.
  - 1.2+ acres, country atmosphere, subdivision lifestyle, Grand View Estates, located on Ky. 506 in Marion, Ky. \$10,000.
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  - 650 acres in Crittenden County, two cabins, one with power and water, spring-fed creek, two ponds, 50+- tillable acres, marketable timber, road frontage on US 60 and Baker Rd. \$1,300,000
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Speak your truth, not necessarily the one you have been told to speak. It's called Truth 360 (degree mark). Accept it from any direction. Send comments to David Watts, 1099 Tiline Rd., Smithland, KY 42081. (24t-50-p)

### legal notice

Notice is hereby given that on May 3, 2017 Teresa Michelle Johnson of 10745 Rhinestone Dr., Colorado Springs, Co. 87908 and Barry Todd Nelson of 4107 Nebraska Ave., Nashville, TN 37209 were appointed co-executors of Linda Jo Nelson, deceased, whose address was

2871 U.S. 641, Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Robert Frazer, P.O. Box 361, Marion, Ky. 42064, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-executors before the 3rd day of November, 2017 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-44-c)

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# Hampton man brings metal working experience from California, England

By **DEREK McCREE**  
STAFF WRITER

If you have a car or vehicle that needs metal fabrication or restoration work with a master's touch, Kevin Masson can help.

He and his wife Maritza moved to Hampton from Redonda Beach, Calif., looking for a more relaxed atmosphere that would allow her to retire and him to open a small business. Having spent the last 35 years on the West Coast, Kevin said the expense would make it difficult to retire in California.

So, what brought them all the way from the Golden State to the Bluegrass?

Maritza's mother and grandmother had lived in the area for many years. Fifteen years ago, the very property that her grandmother's house was located on was offered to her. But the couple wasn't ready for the move yet.

When they did decide to settle in Kentucky, they were looking for land to build a house on near the campground road area of Hampton. That's when Maritza found out the owner of the same house from 15 years ago – on the land that had been a part of her family for two generations – was looking to sell. Everything fell into place after that for Kevin to build the shop for his restoration and metal fabrication business.

"Kevin has been really supportive and the Lord just provided for us," Maritza said.

Kevin grew up in England, living in South London. At the age of 5, he fell in love with the design and speed of AC Cobra sports cars. When he was 15, he left high school and started working at CP AutoKraft in



Kevin Masson shapes metal with an English wheel at his shop in Hampton. Masson, originally from Great Britain, moved to the area after working in California for several years.

the United Kingdom, where he learned from the masters of metal shaping at Rolls Royce. There, he spent his apprenticeship and also picked up aspects of building and restoring older cars.

Looking to further his career, he decided to move to the United States in 1984.

"America was just more glamorous," he said. "I found work at McCluskey working on Cobras for Daryl Shelby and started to do metal work on the continuation cars, repairing Cobras that Shelby had."

Kevin said working on the Cobras was his passion and being able to come here

and do that was a better situation than in England. He really enjoyed the restoration work as well, doing metal work and panels from rusty old cars to high end cars like Mercedes, Ferraris and Cobras.

His last job in California was working for Steve Hogue Enterprises, where he did restoration and fabrication work on vintage cars.

"Moving to Kentucky, I have to adapt a bit in terms of the cars I'm working on," Masson said. "There are a lot of the old 70s cars modified and changed. That was dying out in California but is really prevalent here."

He is now a master in his field and does sheet metal, modifying and changing the chassis as well as body work. He even has an English wheel, which is a rare metalworking tool that enables him to form compound curves. He said this is a primary part of his business.

Now that he has mastered his own field, Kevin is looking to teach others his trade by offering classes on how to use various machines and shape sheet metal. The shop is located at 919 Campground Road in Hampton. The company website is KingdomMetalWorks.com.



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## Woman's Club gala

"Let's Camp under the Stars" was the Woman's Club of Marion's 2017 theme for a gala held last Thursday at their club building. Several of their members and guests dressed in camping attire. The evening started with entertainment by the Classy & Grassy Band whose members are Cutter and Cash Singleton and Brennan Cruce. Ginger Boone led the group in camp songs. Pictured above are (from left) Charlie Hunt, Lea Ann Klarner, K.C. Klarner and Susan Alexander playing Eclipse Trivia. Everyone attending went home with eclipse glasses so they will be ready for the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21.

## Kenergy distributing credits

STAFF REPORT

Kenergy is continuing its long-standing practice of retiring capital credits to its members. In June, Kenergy Corp. will return \$4 million to its membership. The credit amount represents 85 percent of net margins allocated in 2014.

There are also hundreds of former Kenergy customers with unclaimed credits.

Electric cooperatives like Kenergy aren't like other utilities. First, they operate on a not-for-profit basis, which means Kenergy operates at cost. It collects only

enough revenue to run and expand the business but without the need to generate profits for distant shareholders.

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This year, Kenergy is returning margins earned in 2014. Their share is figured by how much electricity they used during that year. If they were not a member during that year, they will not receive a credit on their bill.

This is Kenergy's sixth

consecutive capital credit retirement. Since 2012, the co-operative has returned more than \$17 million to its members and former members.

Right now, Kenergy's staff is still calculating amounts to be paid to each eligible member. But, after they receive their June statement, they can call the co-op at (800) 844.4832 if they have questions.

Former members of Kenergy are able to claim capital credits due to them. Kenergy has published a list of former members on its webpage, and it includes dozens of names from Crittenden County. The list can be downloaded by visiting <https://goo.gl/1ZWeVU>.

 Former Kenergy customers can search for their names on a list of capital credits due at <https://goo.gl/1ZWeVU>.



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**3 p.m.** Blue Terror Time - Reconnect and Tall Tales, Embellished Stories from ***Back When!!***

**5 p.m.** Dinner (Catered by Glenn's on Main)

**6 p.m.** Entertainment (Nashville Sounds performed by Cutter and Cash Singleton)

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