



Copperheads are one of four venomous snakes in western Kentucky

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Seniors about to turn graduates

Summer vacation starts for students in Crittenden County next Thursday, and the Class of 2016 is just days away from the Pomp and Circumstance that accompanies graduation. The good-byes for graduates begin next Wednesday with baccalaureate followed by class night next Thursday. Finally, seniors will receive their diplomas and close the first chapter of their lives on Friday, May 27. All events begin at 6 p.m. at Rocket Arena.

CCES screenings slated for May 31

Crittenden County Elementary School will host preschool and kindergarten screenings Tuesday, May 31. The screening for prospective preschoolers is for 4-year-olds only. Parents must call (270) 965-5846 for appointment. Incoming kindergarteners must be 5 by Oct. 31, 2016, and should have birth, immunization and health care exam records. Screenings will run from 3 to 6 p.m. at the school. Parents should call (270) 965-2243 to schedule an appointment.

Equipment on move at U.S. 641

Equipment is back on the move on the U.S. 641 relocation project in Crittenden County. Over the last few days, machinery has been moved in to apparently continue grade and drain work along the 5.2-mile segment of road that has been on hold for a couple of years. It is unclear when the road will be completed, but Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) has said he expects people to be driving on the new road by the close of 2017. It has now been 2,000 days since a ceremonial ground-breaking for the project on Feb. 17, 2012.

Meetings

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) in the judge-executives' courthouse chambers.
- **Crittenden-Livingston Water District** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the district office in Salem.
- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet for its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Rocket Arena.
- **Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the hospital administrative annex.
- **Salem City Commission** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall. The meeting was changed from the usual third Tuesday because a quorum was not available.
- **Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees** will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday at the library.

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PRESIDENT
NOVEMBER 8

Trump
Presumptive nominee
Chosen in Kentucky GOP caucus March 5
GOP CONVENTION
July 18-21
DEM CONVENTION
July 25-28

Clinton - 46.76%
Sanders* - 46.33%
Uncommitted - 5.30%
O'Malley - 1.25%
De La Fuente - 0.35%
Clinton leads in party delegate count.

U.S. SENATE
NOVEMBER 8

Paul* - 84.79%
Gould - 8.33%
Slaughter - 6.88%

Gray* - 58.73%
Wilder - 12.87%
Leach - 9.53%
Rectenwald - 5.35%
Short - 5.26%
Kender - 4.94%
Houlihan - 3.32%

*Asterisk indicates candidate carried Crittenden County

U.S. HOUSE
NOVEMBER 8

Comer* - 60.59%
Pape - 23.29%
Batts - 13.88%
Caughey - 2.23%

Gaskins
Unopposed

CRITTENDEN VOTER TURNOUT
REPUBLICAN: 24.6%
DEMOCRAT: 23.0%

Comer wins by landslide in GOP race for Congress

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

James Comer will be the favorite in November to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield on Capitol Hill. On Tuesday, the former state commissioner of agriculture and gubernatorial candidate earned a landslide win in the Congressional District 1 Republican primary to represent the party on the general election ballot. He will face political new-

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\$10M sewer rehab requires new fee

STAFF REPORT

This summer, city water customers can expect a new charge to appear on their water bills in order to help finance the city's largest capital project ever. Marion City Council on Monday introduced an ordinance to establish an environmental assessment fee that will be added to all water bills effective July 1. The revenue, City Administrator Mark Bryant explained, is

needed to start a \$10-\$12 million sewer system rehabilitation project that will include a new wastewater treatment plant. The upgrades are being mandated by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. "I wish I had a better answer," Bryant said. "It does bother us. There are a lot of fixed income residents who have trouble with \$32," the minimum combined monthly water/sewer bill.

The graduated monthly rate, as currently proposed, will run from \$8 for the minimum water users to \$110 for the city's biggest customers. The minimum user would be paying \$40 monthly if the ordinance gains final approval by the council. In order to secure the low-interest loan from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority needed

to finance the massive sewer project, the city had to reassure KIA that the money would be there to pay it back. KIA had initially suggested a 33 percent rate increase across two years. The graduated assessment is much more equitable across the spectrum of water customers, Bryant said. "What keeps us alive (as a



Alexander

city) is our business sector," he explained. "You'd put them out of business with a rate increase like that." Mayor Mickey Alexander prefers the single monthly charge over what could have been three consecutive years of rate adjustments. "I like this better than the rate increase," he said at Monday's council meeting. Since sewer rates are set

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Stepping up

It's a dirty job, and Joni Durfey decided she would have to be the one to do it. Weary of seeing years of neglect pile up on the dozens of memorial crosses at the Mapleview Cemetery tribute to fallen heroes, the U.S. Army veteran took it upon herself over the weekend to remove the mold and mildew that have sullied the once snowy stones. The crosses neatly aligned amid a semicircle of green as you enter the cemetery represent 56 men from Crittenden County — most only teenagers or in their 20s — who gave their lives on foreign battlefields in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Armed with mild cleaners, buckets of water carted miles from her rural home in the county, an assortment of brushes and some elbow grease, Durfey painstakingly removes the tarnish from the cross dedicated to Korean War casualty Ollie J. Belt. "I'm just tired of coming here, and it looking like nobody cares," she said on chilly Saturday morning in mid-May. "These men gave everything." She planned to work on a few each day, finishing in time for the annual Memorial Day service at the war memorial. Durfey's son Ronnie is in the Army, and it bothers her to think that if he lost his life in the line of duty that someday his cross might end up in the same shape. "What they gave cannot be forgotten. They earned more respect than this."

Taxpayers benefitting from school energy cuts

STAFF REPORT

Over the last five years, Crittenden County School District has kept a clear focus on energy conservation, saving taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars. From board decisions regarding facility needs to maintenance strategies for equipment use and replacement, to involving students in the middle school as a student energy team, all efforts have led to a more energy-efficient district. That is being recognized, as the district is now a 100 percent Energy Star labeled school. "Members of our board have worked together to understand the business needs to make the best decisions for using all resources wisely," Superintendent Vince Clark said in the May newsletter of the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) School Energy Matters Project (SEMP), complimenting the board of education.



Clark

Jon Nipple, project manager for SEMP, was in Crittenden County last week to award Crittenden County Elementary and Middle/High schools for their efforts toward energy savings. Both campuses earned the Energy Star label, meaning the buildings operate as efficiently as the top 25 percent of buildings nationwide. The middle/high school campus is ranked in the top 22 percent, and CCES is in the top 7 percent in energy efficiency. Since 2010, the school district has reduced its utility consumption by more than 10 percent annually, saving tens of thousands of taxpayers dollars. These savings are a result of students, teachers, principals and custodians and the support. In

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EDITORIAL

Transgender edict to public schools is fed gone too far

If it seems to you that our federal government has lost touch with the average American in the Heartland, we could not agree more.

Last week, in the latest example of overreach out of Washington, D.C., President Obama issued an edict to the nation’s public school districts that they must now begin treating transgender students as the sex with which they choose to identify. The non-discrimination order covers everything from restroom and locker room usage down to the pronoun that should be used to address the student.

All 13,500-plus public school districts, including ours right here in Marion, received the nine-page order and accompanying 25-page Q&A from the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education on how to handle specific transgender situations. As the basis for the decree, they cite Title IX of the U.S. Education Amendments of 1972. This is the same Title IX that most associate with having given girls equitable athletic opportunities like soccer and volleyball.

Around here, as in most rural areas with limited experience with transgender issues, the President’s action has been largely met with disgust. While that is certainly the overwhelming reaction in general, we have not polled our local school administrators or board of education. With schools wrapping up their academic year, we feel they currently have much more important issues on which to focus.

The biggest point of contention related to this issue is allowing restroom and locker room access to transgender students who wish to utilize the facilities of the sex with which they identify, not the one they were assigned by biology.

This is a nightmare for most parents, particularly of those who don’t wish their daughters to be forced into compromising situations with a male in their shower room. For students, namely middle and high schoolers, it also creates a whole new set of concerns at a time in life when they are just beginning to figure out themselves – mentally and physically. A locker room can be a terribly uncomfortable place for adolescents even when sexual identities are clear.

Gov. Matt Bevin seems to be aligned with the consensus of our community.

“It is difficult to imagine a more absurd federal overreach into a local issue,” the governor said in a statement issued Friday. “Under the 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution, the federal government has no authority to interfere in local school districts’ bathroom policies.”

While last week’s federal order has yet to impose any new legal punishments, the threat is in the money. Most school districts are dependent upon federal funds they receive. If the fed becomes unhappy with local school board policies toward transgender students, it can withhold funding.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch has called school districts’ lack of bending to transgender desires “state-sponsored discrimination” and a violation of civil rights, likening it to the days not too long ago when blacks were forced to use separate facilities. The statements by Lynch, who like our President is black, is an affront to those who fought the real civil rights battles after suffering through true, dehumanizing discrimination based solely on the color of their skin. Minorities comprise about 37 percent of the American population. The transgender population is less than half of 1 percent.

Let’s be clear, “gender identity” is terminology created by a politically-correct society gone awry. Transgender is a choice to not accept what you were given biologically. Ethnicity and skin color are not a choice.

We would never invite discrimination of any type. It is not only unlawful, it is a social blight. But we do not feel prohibiting biologically-created males in the same locker room with girls and vice versa is discrimination. It’s just common sense.

School districts face far more relevant hurdles than this in preparing the next generation of society for the world. Their time – and money – can be better spent than crafting policy on when to use “he” or “she.” For millennia, that has been dictated by nature.

President Obama, as the first minority to occupy the White House, had a golden opportunity to unite the country socially, if not politically. Instead, the nation from metropolis to hamlet now stands more divided than at any time since the Vietnam War.

Again, our governor seems to agree.

“The President is not promoting unity,” said Gov. Bevin. “In fact, he is doing quite the opposite. He is intentionally dividing America by threatening to sue or withhold funding from our cash-strapped public schools if they do not agree with his personal opinion on policies that remain squarely in their jurisdiction. They should not feel compelled to bow to such intimidation.”

The President is using his position as far more than a bully pulpit. He has repeatedly used his office to simply strong arm those with whom he does not agree – even if they are in a clear majority – through threats and executive orders. Increasingly, with an impotent Congress, our laws seem to get made in the White House and through the federal courts. States’ rights appear to be a thing of the past, and special interests now rule the day. And the issue of transgender accommodations in public schools is sure to one day be finalized in the courts.

We submit, if everyone in the nation unhappy with our leadership – notably, those who grumble and complain the most – were to actually cast a ballot, the state of our union could be very different. But look at Tuesday’s abysmal election turnout in Kentucky. The politicians we believe have ruined our country have not wrested away the power from the voters, we have simply handed it to them.

Snake IDs can be slippery

Most people don’t know a copperhead from a copper wire and that tends to be a fatal issue for a number of otherwise friendly reptiles.

It’s that time of year again when we humans begin encountering the serpent. We trace our hatred for snakes all the way back to Genesis. They’re the devil incarnate. Right?

Well, let’s not get too hasty. Some belly-crawlers serve us two-legged creatures quite well.

Over the last couple of weeks, conversations have formed in my circles about snakes, their appearance and the potential threats they pose.

I don’t pretend to be an expert on snakes, but over my lifetime I have had many close encounters with snakes, eliminated a good number of them, studied their characteristics and developed what one might consider a working knowledge of these rascals and their tendencies.

Every time I write a column about snakes, there is an uptick in the comments that come in. This particular subject, for whatever reason, tends to be one that tickles the fancy of a good number of readers.

Kyle Myers showed me a photo of a snake he vanquished recently near the golf course. At first glance, it appeared to be of the threatening order. Striped snakes generally get a bad rap. I suspect that is because rattlers and copperheads are among the most feared and they have the appearance of being banded or lined to a great degree. Some folks have a rule: If it’s striped, it’s dead.

Perhaps the most vilified of all harmless snakes is the banded water snake. He has the congenital misfortune of being striped up almost identically to the more nefarious copperhead.

The snake waylaid near the golf course was barred with tawny, black and brown stripes – a menacing combination indeed. However, its bands were wide on its spine and narrow on its back, a telltale sign of his mild mannered demeanor. The more hazardous copperhead is marked with hourglass-shaped stripes with the small part of the band on the spine.

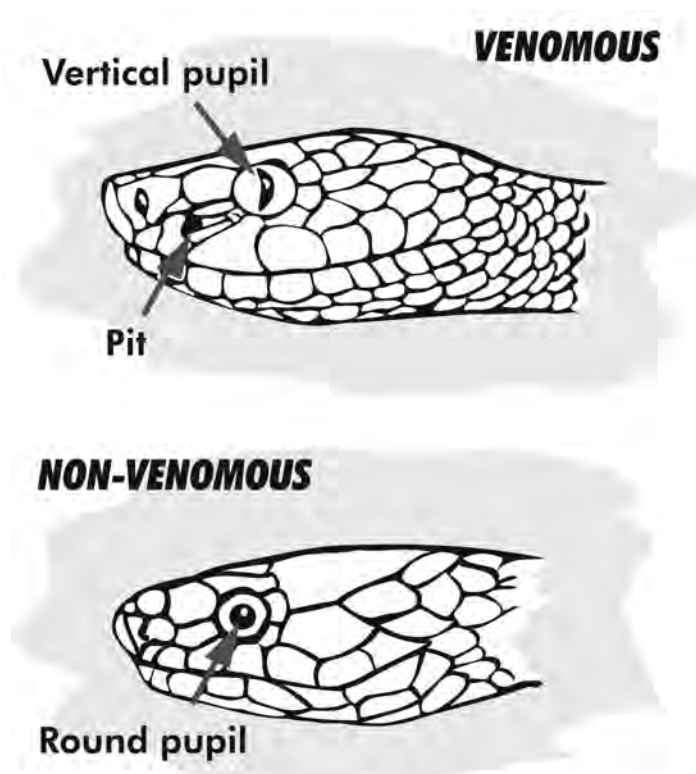
Another common snake misstep is calling them poisonous when in fact they are venomous. Mostly biologists raise their eyebrows at the misuse of the term poisonous. The lay person couldn’t care less.

Venomous snakes found in this part of the world are pit vipers.

The most common pit viper in western Kentucky is of course the copperhead. A friend of mine near Mott City called upon me one day to come help identify a small slithering creature he hoed to death near his barn. Upon investigation, it was identified as a true copperhead. It was a young one with a yellow-tipped tail, common



Chris EVANS
Press publisher
About Town



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES IMAGES
The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources offers its own snake identification help in “Kentucky Snakes,” a publication available on the department’s website at <http://fw.ky.gov/Wildlife/Documents/kysnakebook.pdf>.

among the breed’s juveniles.

The best way to tell if your dead snake is venomous – don’t try this until the viper is beheaded – is to look at its underbelly. If the scales from the snake’s anus to the tip of its tail are in a single row, it’s a bad dude and capable of delivering potential deadly toxins. Non-poisonous snakes have double-row scales on the tip of their tail. All venomous snakes in these parts have noticeable pits or cavities between their nostrils and the eyes. A poisonous snake will also have elliptical pupils.

Round eyes indicate that the snake is harmless.

It is a terrible folly to identify a snake by the formation of its head. Not sure where that ever got started, but it’s absolutely not an accurate detail for judging a snake’s variety. All of them have diamond shaped heads, even the harmless mouse eaters who are nice to have around the barn.

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Today in America seems a lot like ‘1984’

Remember the classic novel, “1984” written by George Orwell? It was about a totalitarian government that went so far as to monitor every move of its citizens, force them to profess things they knew weren’t true and, in general, worship and serve the government and its party line.

Sound familiar? Today, we call it political correctness, but there really is nothing correct nor American about it. It’s straight out of the Marxist socialist play book, and yet many citizens of this country have embraced it. As the old saying goes, “I never thought I’d see the day...”

Are we living in the USA. Or revived USSR? The Beatles may have sung lovingly of it in their song, “Back in the USSR,” but I see nothing to love about such tyranny.

We hear a lot about rights these days, but our true God-given rights talked about in our Declaration of Independence and supposedly guaranteed in our Constitution’s Bill of Rights are being ignored and contradicted by those with ignorant or evil motives.

It is no accident or coincidence that the very first constitutional amendment in our Bill of Rights guarantees religious freedom and freedom of speech. These are mentioned first because they are foundational to all the rest of our freedoms.

And then comes our right to bear arms in the 2nd Amendment. The founding fathers very wisely realized these rights were all necessary to our protection against a tyrannical government like the one written about in the novel “1984” and the one we see developing before our eyes today.

These foundational rights in the Bill of Rights – freedom of religion, speech and the right to bear arms in defense of our liberty – are the very ones most under attack today. The attack is very cleverly coming under the guise of “fairness” and “civil rights,” but it is really plain old politically-correct mind control.

God-haters, government officials and tyrants are attempting to force many of us to accept their line of thinking, even though it goes against our religious beliefs and conscience, or else. This is about as far as you can get from truly American behavior.

Even many large corporate businesses are playing tyrant. The safety of Americans, particularly children, has been trumped by politically-correct bathroom and fitting room etiquette. Corporate America and businesses are to sell products to the public, not be our conscience and tell us what to believe. I think God and His word have that covered.

That which is morally



Mark GIRTEN
Guest columnist
Pastor’s Pen

wrong should never become a political right. The God of the Bible, our Creator and Redeemer, is the only One who has the right to define morality...and He has!

Why are so many people listening to lies? One of these lies is that homosexuals are born that way. I’ve yet to see any scientific proof from studies in genetics, yet many people believe this lie simply because it has been repeated, and they want to believe it.

The God of the Bible is a good and loving God, but how could that be so if He made homosexuals that way and then condemned them for it? How absurd! Homosexuality is a behavior, not an identity. At one time, both the American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association considered homosexuality as something to be treated, according to their manuals. Then along came political correctness, and that changed. Sometimes, science, even soft science, is politicized.

I hear a lot these days about homosexual rights, and its couched in terms of civil rights. The homosexual movement has painted homosexuals as victims who are being persecuted. This is laughable. Studies have shown that they earn more money per capita than heterosexuals, and they have greater political clout for their numbers. They are anything but victims.

When was the last time you watched a television program that doesn’t show homosexuality as something

we all should support?

Victims? I think not, but I can tell you who have become the victims. We whose religious beliefs and conscience are being trampled in the politically-correct dust. We are being vilified as bigots because we disagree with the party line.

Big Brother is alive and well! The politically-correct homosexual propaganda being peddled on practically every episode of every television program is nothing more than mind control, or what was once called “brainwashing.”

I do not discriminate against people who indulge in homosexual behavior, but that hardly means I’m obligated to put my stamp of approval on their behavior at the expense of my conscience and religious beliefs. My right to the free exercise of my religious belief as I see fit is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Others’ right to force me to believe what they think I should believe is not.

It’s time to take a stand, as the government of North Carolina did against the federal government’s “thought police.” Tell Big Brother and his friends to go jump in the lake, preferably in another country. This is the USA, not the USSR. Nor is it 1984.

(Editor’s note: Mark Girtten, pastor at Crooked Creek Baptist Church, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. He can be reached at (270) 601-0965. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

LETTERS

Mt. Zion, other small cemeteries hurting financially

To the editor

This time of year, we are reminded of those who have already left us.

As many know, Mt. Zion is a beautiful country cemetery nestled in the once thriving community of Mattoon. Friends, family and loved ones of many Crittenden County families are buried there. Like everything else, times change, people

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move and loved ones leave us.

Originally, the interest on the perpetual fund that was established for Mt. Zion sufficiently covered mowing, trimming, spraying and

whatever else needed to be done each year (tree trimming, gravel, monument repair, etc). With interest being as low as it presently is, it is difficult to annually generate the funds needed to suffi-

ciently care for all the needs of the cemetery.

I would like to ask, if you have anyone buried in the Mt. Zion and would like to donate, please make your check out to: Mt. Zion Cemetery Fund, c/o Beverly Herin, 3738 U.S. 60 E., Marion, KY 42064.

Many other cemeteries are in this same predicament. If you don’t have friends, family or loved ones at Mt. Zion Cemetery, please consider donating to a cemetery that you do.

LaNell Easley Bell
Cadiz, Ky.

Court orders man to 6 years, forfeit 30 weapons

STAFF REPORT

A Marion man will serve six years in prison and forfeit 30 weapons that were in his possession on Nov. 4 of last year when investigators went to his home to serve warrants.

According to court records, Pennyryle Area Narcotics Task Force officers went to the home of Marty Menser, 38, of Marion on Ky. 120 last fall to arrest him as part of a drug investigation. When officers arrived, Menser fled with a backpack into a nearby forest despite officers' demands for him to stop. Menser was eventually apprehended and inside the backpack, which he had dis-

Circuit Court

carded during the chase, was a number of items that investigators labeled as evidence of illegal drug activity at Menser's home.

Officers also confiscated 32 guns at the residence and charged Menser with a variety of offenses. Last month, he pleaded guilty to two counts of fleeing or evading police, Class A misdemeanors; violating an EPO or DVO, a misdemeanor; trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), a Class B felony; and tampering with physical evidence, a

Class D felony.

Circuit Judge Rene Williams formally sentenced Menser last Thursday to 12 months on each of the misdemeanors, five years on the evidence tampering charge and six years for drug trafficking. All of the sentences will run concurrent for a total of six years.

Menser's mother was in court and asked for the return of the guns that were seized in the investigation. She told the court some of the weapons were family heirlooms.

After testimony, the court agreed to return two of the long guns to the defendant's mother because they had be-

longed to her grandfather. The rest were ordered to be forfeited.

In other cases before Judge Williams last week:

- Jason Millikan, 37, of Marion had his probation revoked. He was ordered to serve a three-year sentenced on a 2015 drug conviction. The court said Millikan was in violation of terms of his parole when he was inadvertently let of jail in Henderson a few weeks ago and failed to report to a probation officer. He did voluntarily show up a few days later for a scheduled court appearance in Marion.
- Millikan is also being held on other drug charges related to an alleged scheme to buy

methamphetamine from a California provider while he was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

- Malon Miller, 18, of Marion was sentenced to a year in prison for first-degree sexual abuse. Court records say that on Sept. 14 of last year, Miller had forcible sexual contact with an adult victim. The case was investigated by the Kentucky State Police.
- Four individuals were sentence on what's known as the Rocket Docket, whereby the cases are expedited in order to reach a more rapid disposition. All four pleaded guilty to flagrant non-support of minor children. They were Aaron Haney, 29, of

Marion; David Morris, 26, of Burna; Josh Sisco, 33, of Marion and Kevin Gipson, 44, of Marion.

Haney received a five-year sentence but was given pre-trial diversion for five years.

Morris also received pre-trial diversion.

Sisco and Gipson were ordered to jail. Sisco received a five-year sentence with shock probation available in 80 days or fewer if he can prove an ability to make regular child-support payments. Gipson was sentenced to five years but will be eligible for shock probation after 120 days or sooner if he can show ability to make routine payments.

Grand jury indicts 6 on drug, assault, flagrant non-support charges

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted six individuals on a variety of felony and misdemeanor charges last Thursday during its regular monthly session.

A grand jury does not determine innocence or guilty. It merely determines whether enough evidence exists in a particular case to continue prosecution of it in circuit court.

Indicted last week were:

- Jerry Pruitt, 47, of Marion was indicted on misdemeanor possession of

Grand Jury

marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia and felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). According to court records, Marion Police Officer Heath Martin was investigating on Feb. 12 an unrelated case and was given consent to search the suspect's home on Poplar Street. The citation says a bong and a straw that tested positive for meth

were found in the home along with scales and marijuana. A child was inside the home at the time, a matter which was turned over to Social Services.

- Cory T. Vincent, 31, of Dawson Springs was indicted on a misdemeanor charge of second-degree possession of a controlled substance (Adderall) and felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Vincent was arrested by Assistant Police Chief Bobby West on April 15 when he was

found slumped over the steering wheel of his vehicle at the basketball courts at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Inside the vehicle, police found what they believe was four small bags of meth and five other pills.

- Kimberly M. Crowe, 35, of Sturgis was indicted on a felony count of flagrant non-support and misdemeanor falsely reporting an incident. The child support matter is concerning alleged arrears in the amount of \$6,001.20 as of April 30. The other charge stems from Crowe's alleged

use of a false name in reporting an alleged incident at Food Giant.

- Michael Hillyard, 57, of Marion was indicted on misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia and a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Court records say that items used to smoke, inject and snort meth were found at Hillyard's residence on East Belleville Street on March 13 along with the alleged drugs.

- Julius E. Abu, 27, of Marion was indicted on a charge of second-degree assault (domestic violence), a Class C felony, for allegedly stabbing a female victim with a knife on March 31 at a residence on Chipps Drive. Court records say the victim sought medical treatment for an injury to the abdomen.
- David Morris, 26, of Burna was indicted on a charge of flagrant non-support for allegedly being in arrears by the amount of \$3,937.55 on child support payments.

Tuesday deadline to appeal PVA tax assesment

STAFF REPORT

Local residents have until close of business on Tuesday to appeal their 2016 tax assessment.

Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator Ronnie Heady mailed letters to almost 3,000 local property owners at the beginning of May, notifying them of changes in their tax assessment for this year, particularly adjusted figures for agriculture property.

A number of property owners are finding their land values have gone up markedly,

like John Gregory who owns farmland on the edge of town. Gregory says he receives five tax bills from the county, one for each of his tracts of land. His land assessments have gone up between 130 and 190 percent on each of those tracts.

Landowners who want to dispute their assessed values may set up a conference either in person or by phone with the local PVA. That conference must be scheduled prior to the close of business on the day following the inspection period, which ends

Monday.

Many disputes are settled with this type of informal conference. However, if a landowner continues to disagree with his assessment, there is a three-stage appeals process that starts with filing an appeal with the county clerk's office. Documentation supporting the landowner's claims will be necessary at that time. The landowner does not need to hire legal counsel for the local appeals process, but may if so desired.

A hearing will be set in

front of a local, three-person tax assessment appeals team. This is generally an informal hearing where the taxpayer presents his argument backed up with documentation such as recent sales prices or comparable sales in the area.

The local tax appeals board has 30 days to render a decision. If the taxpayer is still not satisfied, he may appeal the decision to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals and even beyond that to circuit court in his local jurisdiction.



KENTUCKY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION PHOTO

Celebrating Crittenden County School District's 100 percent Energy Star status are teacher Carol Davis and students Natalie Hutchings, Kyonna Ross and Chloe Weathers. All are members of the Crittenden County Middle School Energy Team.

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fact, KSBA reports the district's efforts to reduce energy consumption has saved more than \$160,000 in the past 10 years.

"During recent renovations, we have ensured use of the most current technologies in running our facilities. Updating our HVAC control system has allowed us to schedule our schools to 'unoccupied settings,' when school is not in use," added facilities director Greg Binkley, a leader in school facilities for a number of years.

KSBA recognized the district as "good stewards of taxpayer funds" as well as "thoughtful consumers of the resources that are required to create our energy needs."

Binkley said a maintenance decision was made last year to purchase more efficient lights.

"It made sense to use the precious maintenance dollars

wisely and upgrade to new technology," he said.

Participation in SEMP encourages districts to identify ways to involve students in the process. Crittenden County Schools has made use of the classroom curriculum from the National Energy Education Development (NEED) program. Supported by NEED Regional Coordinator Sue Parent, CCMS eighth-grade science teacher Carol Davis has led the student energy team for three years. She says students now have a clearer understanding of how their actions impact the learning environment, as well as the reasons for making wise decisions on energy use.

Using a three-pronged approach of board decisions, maintenance strategies and student involvement has led a district that was already energy efficient to being a 100 percent Energy Star district.

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY PRIMARY RECAPITULATION

| REPUBLICAN  | | Crittenden County GOP | Marion No. 1 | Marion No. 2 | Marion No. 3 | Marion No. 4 | Fords Ferry No. 5 | Marion No. 6 | Frances No. 7 | Frances No. 8 | Sheridan No. 9 | Tolu No. 10 | Rosebud No. 11 | Shady Grove No. 12 | Total Absentee |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | 24.61% | 16.50% | 24.40% | 25.70% | 24.90% | 17.70% | 27.40% | 19.40% | 24.80% | 23.50% | 24.00% | 21.60% | 15.70% | 37 ballots |
| U.S. SENATE | | STATE TOTAL | COUNTY TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James R. Gould | | 16,611 | 90 | 7 | 8 | 18 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 4 |
| Rand Paul | | 169,180 | 668 | 49 | 53 | 85 | 88 | 13 | 91 | 60 | 27 | 75 | 47 | 33 | 32 |
| Stephen Howard Slaughter | | 13,728 | 25 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | | DISTRICT TOTAL | COUNTY TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mike Pape | | 9,357 | 270 | 23 | 18 | 41 | 53 | 7 | 25 | 19 | 8 | 25 | 13 | 23 | 8 |
| Miles A. Caughey Jr. | | 896 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Jason Batts | | 5,578 | 115 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 9 | 1 | 13 | 15 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 7 |
| James R. Comer | | 24,342 | 393 | 25 | 37 | 48 | 43 | 6 | 62 | 38 | 20 | 43 | 32 | 10 | 21 |

| DEMOCRAT  | | Crittenden County Dems | Marion No. 1 | Marion No. 2 | Marion No. 3 | Marion No. 4 | Fords Ferry No. 5 | Marion No. 6 | Frances No. 7 | Frances No. 8 | Sheridan No. 9 | Tolu No. 10 | Rosebud No. 11 | Shady Grove No. 12 | Total Absentee |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | 23.03% | 13.50% | 29.90% | 19.10% | 17.50% | 28.90% | 22.70% | 19.20% | 17.30% | 23.90% | 35.20% | 19.20% | 34.00% | 27 ballots |
| PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES | | STATE TOTAL | COUNTY TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Martin J. O'Malley | | 5,703 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Bernard "Bernie" Sanders | | 210,626 | 344 | 28 | 33 | 24 | 20 | 14 | 32 | 30 | 12 | 44 | 44 | 22 | 12 |
| Hillary Clinton | | 212,550 | 240 | 22 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 10 | 18 | 20 | 5 | 21 | 24 | 16 | 9 |
| Rocky De La Fuente | | 1,593 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Uncommitted | | 24,101 | 67 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| U.S. SENATE | | STATE TOTAL | COUNTY TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jim Gray | | 240,613 | 446 | 38 | 50 | 36 | 32 | 19 | 43 | 39 | 11 | 47 | 52 | 25 | 17 |
| Rory Houlihan | | 13,585 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Jeff Kender | | 20,239 | 40 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Ron Leach | | 39,026 | 68 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 |
| Tom Recktenwald | | 21,910 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Grant T. Short | | 21,558 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Sellus Wilder | | 52,728 | 37 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |

Unofficial results from county clerk and The AP

ELECTION

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comer Samuel Gaskins, who ran unopposed for the Democratic nomination after his opponent, Tom Osborne, pulled out of the race late due to health reasons.

Elsewhere in the Kentucky primary, former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton eked out a win over the only other Democrat still actively campaigning for the party's presidential nomination, Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Democrats also selected Lexington Mayor Jim Gray in a runaway U.S. Senate primary victory over six opponent to face incumbent Sen. Rand Paul, who trounced his two Republican challengers by a combined 6-to-1 margin.

Congressional primary

After 11 terms on The Hill, GOP Congressman Whitfield of Hopkinsville will be vacating his seat in January. He was the first Republican to ever be elected to represent the district. Comer is hoping to be No. 2.



Pape

Comer is a resident of Tompkinsville in the far eastern reaches of the district that encompasses most of western Kentucky and runs east to the south-central portion of the state. However, the 43-year-old is very familiar with Crittenden County and its leaders. He has visited the county numerous times as ag commissioner and as a candidate.

Comer carried 27 of the 35 counties in the district, including Crittenden, Livingston and Monroe, where he makes his home. Mike Pape, Congressman Whitfield's district director for 21 years, took five counties, including his home of Christian as well as Crittenden's neighbor to the north, Union County. First-term Hickman



PHOTO BY ARRY SCHOFIELD, THE PRESS

Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders visited western Kentucky Sunday, just two days before the state's primary election. Almost 2,000 Sanders supporters packed the Julian Carroll Convention Center in Paducah to see the U.S. Senator from Vermont. Hillary Clinton visted Paducah on Monday. Clinton narrowly defeated Sanders in Tuesday's primary election, earning the majority of the state's 55 Democratic delegates.

County Attorney Jason Batts, new to the political scene outside his own county, carried Hickman and its immediate neighbors to the north and south. Miles A. Caughey Jr. hardly registered a blip in any county.

Senatorial primaries

There was zero suspense in either of the primaries for U.S. Senate. Both Gray and Paul carried all 120 counties for their respective parties. With 240,613 votes, Gray earned more ballots than any other candidate Tuesday. First-term Sen. Paul was the top GOP vote-getter with 169,180 lots.

Presidential primary

Clinton's win earned her a majority of the state's 55 delegates, and despite Sanders' victory in Oregon Tuesday, she is now only a handful of delegates away from the magic number needed to be tapped the presumptive Democratic nominee. She would most certainly face Donald Trump in November, as the billionaire business-

man remains the last Republican standing and is sure to get the number of delegates needed to clinch the GOP nomination. Trump was selected by Kentucky Republicans in the March 5 party presidential caucus.

Sanders took home victories in 82 of Kentucky's 120 counties, including Crittenden and Livingston. But his message seemed to resound only in mostly rural, less populated areas.

Clinton's spoken intent to continue President Obama's "war on coal" hurt her in Kentucky coal country. Just a few weeks ago, she said that as President she was "going to put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business." She won only seven of the 37 coal-producing counties in the Bluegrass State, including Henderson, Christian and Butler counties in the western coalfields. Most of the 38 counties she carried were confined to central Kentucky and the more densely populated areas in and around Louisville, Lexington and Covington.

Turnout

Voter turnout in Crittenden County and across the state was low, but better than expected.

Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford estimated only a 17 percent turnout, but just more than 24 percent of eligible Democrats and Republicans showed up at the polls. GOP voters turned out at a slightly higher rate overall, but in the Tolu and Shady Grove precincts, Democrats came out in comparative force. In both of the rural precincts, more than a third of registered Democrats voted. Meantime, just under 16 percent of the 121 Republicans in the Shady Grove area cast a ballot, the lowest party turnout in any of the 12 county precincts.

Last week, Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes estimated a 20 percent turnout statewide. After the votes were counted Tuesday, 22.4 percent of registered Republicans and Democrats had come out.

The general election will be Nov. 8.



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Local tourism generates \$6.15 million

STAFF REPORT
Kentucky's tourism industry has experienced the strongest overall economic impact growth rate the state has seen since 2005, according to Cabinet of Tourism, Arts and Heritage Secretary Don Parkinson, and the growth continues in Crittenden County.

Kentucky's tourism industry generated \$13.7 billion in economic impact during 2015, an increase of 5 percent over the previous year. The industry supported more than 186,000 jobs, including 6,200 jobs created in 2015.

Last year in Crittenden

County, tourism brought \$6.15 million into the local economy, according to the Cabinet's figures. That is up from \$5.73 million in 2014.

Across the state, tourism generated more than \$1.43 billion in taxes, with \$184.9 million going directly to local communities. These are the strongest overall numbers the Commonwealth has seen in the past 10 years. Locally, some of that tax revenue is going to help fund construction of a new farmers' market on the corner of North Main and Poplar streets.

"There continues to be momentum for tourism

throughout Kentucky," said Secretary Parkinson. "Kentucky is blessed with signature industries such as bourbon and horses. Authentic Kentucky destinations continue to draw people to the Commonwealth."

"The economic impact numbers for 2015 reinforce the fact that the tourism industry continues to be an economic driver for Kentucky," said Department of Travel and Tourism Commissioner Kristen Branscum. "Our growth in 2015 is a great indicator of how well we are marketing Kentucky and the encouraging

way visitors are responding."

The Kentucky Department of Travel and Tourism plans to build upon the six pillars of Kentucky Tourism – horses, bourbon, music, arts, outdoors and culinary – over the next year with creative marketing and programming that will reach new audiences and present Kentucky as a top-level destination. Additionally, the budget approved by Gov. Matt Bevin includes \$18 million in additional funding to improve the safety and aesthetics of Kentucky State Parks. These improvements will strengthen Kentucky's tourism industry.

Senior center features Friday move, popcorn

STAFF REPORT
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 are available each day. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Menu is sweet and sour chicken, rice, spring roll, green beans, dreamsicle gelatin and fortune cookie.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. There will be a movie and popcorn following lunch. Menu is beef pot roast and gravy, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, whole wheat roll and fruit cobbler.
- Monday: Ladies' exercises will be led at 9:45 a.m. by Full Body Fitness Studio. Menu is beef vegetable soup, pimiento cheese with crackers, cornbread and Mandarin oranges.
- Tuesday: Craft Day will be held at the center. Menu is Southwest pork roast, baked sweet potato, peas, cornbread

and fruit crisp.

- Wednesday: Menu is chili dog with onions on whole wheat bun, macaroni and cheese, applesauce and dreamsicle gelatin.
- Next Thursday: A senior health fair will be held at the center from 9 to 11 a.m. Blood pressure checks, heart rate, oxygen level, blood glucose, fasting blood cholesterol and mental health checks will be provided by Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services Senior Care. They will also have snacks and gifts. Menu is chicken and dumplings, broccoli cheese casserole, buttered carrots, cornbread and baked apples.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information. The center is a service of Pennyryle Allied Community Services. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.



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Spring spruce up

Crittenden County High School sophomore Jacob Russelburg (foreground) and junior Dakota Little spruce up the flowers their Greenhouse Tech Class potted Friday and placed at the central office on the CCHS campus.

Marion Police activity report

The following is an activity report for Marion Police Department, reflecting information from April 2016 compared with the same month from last year. The data are provided by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

| CATEGORY | APRIL 2016 | APRIL 2015 |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Miles driven/patrolled..... | 3,042..... | 2,356..... |
| Criminal investigations..... | 16..... | 13..... |
| Domestics..... | 13..... | 17..... |
| Felony Arrests..... | 1..... | 0..... |
| Misdemeanor arrests..... | 3..... | 11..... |
| Non-criminal arrests..... | 7..... | 20..... |
| DUI arrests..... | 0..... | 1..... |
| Criminal summons served..... | 0..... | 30..... |
| Traffic citations..... | 19..... | 25..... |
| Traffic warnings..... | 9..... | 16..... |
| Other citations..... | 16..... | 62..... |
| Parking tickets..... | 0..... | 2..... |
| Traffic accidents..... | 4..... | 10..... |
| Security checks/alarms..... | 68..... | 61..... |
| Calls for service..... | 311..... | 304..... |

Cell phone drive to help deployed U.S. military

STAFF REPORT
Kentucky Motorcycle Association District 17, which represents Crittenden County, will conduct a cell phone collection drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Walgreens in Moranfield and Henderson.

Saturday is Armed Forces Day, so KMA is hosting the

drive to honor active-duty military deployed overseas.

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Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2 250-300 280 172.50-185.00 178.42
3 300-350 320 199.00-205.00 201.24
6 350-400 380 189.00-192.00 190.99
8 400-450 414 177.00-186.00 181.21
14 450-500 474 173.00-179.00 175.90
24 500-550 532 161.00-170.00 163.24
23 550-600 563 152.00-160.00 158.17
15 600-650 623 144.00-151.00 148.28
11 650-700 667 141.00-144.00 143.27
8 650-700 655 150.00 150.00 Fancy
10 700-750 720 135.00-142.00 140.20
1 950-1000 970 116.00 116.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 300-350 330 190.00 190.00
1 350-400 350 180.00 180.00
4 400-450 425 171.00-175.00 173.53
5 450-500 462 169.00-171.00 170.20
1 500-550 535 158.00 158.00
3 550-600 565 146.00-151.00 148.63
1 600-650 610 141.00 141.00
1 700-750 740 131.00 131.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2 250-300 262 183.00 183.00
2 300-350 330 169.00-175.00 171.86
10 350-400 378 170.00-175.00 173.65
10 400-450 411 164.00-170.00 166.27
25 450-500 473 153.00-157.00 154.99
34 500-550 517 147.00-155.00 152.47
30 550-600 581 141.00-146.00 144.61
11 600-650 606 138.00-143.00 141.70
1 650-700 660 139.00 139.00
4 700-750 702 138.00 138.00
1 800-850 820 110.00 110.00
1 850-900 880 110.00 110.00
4 900-950 918 108.00 108.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 200-250 245 165.00 165.00
3 250-300 281 170.00-175.00 171.66
1 350-400 350 160.00 160.00
7 400-450 429 145.00-158.00 149.11
8 450-500 471 142.00-148.00 144.40
10 500-550 526 141.00-146.00 144.31
9 550-600 579 129.00-139.00 133.50
2 600-650 610 130.00-134.00 131.98
1 650-700 690 121.00 121.00
1 700-750 705 116.00 116.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 200-250 245 120.00 120.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
17 350-400 383 181.00-187.00 184.53
3 400-450 423 168.00-176.00 172.26
17 450-500 469 165.00-172.00 168.51
9 500-550 527 154.00-162.00 158.49
13 550-600 578 142.00-151.00 144.41
12 600-650 614 134.00-142.00 139.92
2 650-700 670 127.00-130.00 128.54
1 700-750 730 122.00 122.00
1 800-850 805 114.00 114.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 300-350 320 165.00 165.00
1 350-400 375 172.00 172.00
1 400-450 410 157.50 157.50
1 450-500 470 158.00 158.00
5 500-550 533 150.00-152.00 150.60
3 550-600 585 133.00-140.00 136.66
1 600-650 630 130.00 130.00



Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2 400-450 435 129.00-138.00 133.45
1 550-600 555 130.00 130.00

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
3 800-1200 1117 65.00 65.00
9 1200-1600 1324 64.00-70.00 66.21
4 1200-1600 1309 62.00-64.00 63.19 LD
1 1600-2000 1630 63.00 63.00 LD

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
18 800-1200 1071 66.00-74.00 70.16
2 800-1200 1118 63.00-64.00 63.49 LD
14 1200-1600 1320 67.00-75.00 70.26
2 1200-1600 1355 66.00 66.00 LD

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 700-800 795 50.00 50.00 LD
15 800-1200 1060 60.00-69.00 63.67
1 800-1200 1020 76.00 76.00 HD
1 800-1200 1190 58.00 58.00 LD
8 1200-1600 1284 60.00-68.00 63.49

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 1500-3000 1590 95.00 95.00

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2 1000-1500 1400 89.00-95.00 92.15
1 1000-1500 1185 86.00 86.00 LD
5 1500-3000 1766 88.00-96.00 90.60
1 1500-3000 1685 80.00 80.00 LD

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Young
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 800-1200 1015 117.50 117.50
4-6 Months bred
1 800-1200 815 102.50 102.50
7-9 Months bred

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 800-1200 1100 117.50 117.50
7-9 Months bred

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Aged
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 800-1200 1105 77.50 77.50
4-6 Months bred

Stock Cows and Calves: Medium and Large 1-2: Cows 6 to 8 years old with 100-200 lb calves at side 1250.00-1650.00 per head.
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This report reflects price of majority of cattle with a USDA grade, weight and sex on sale date. This report does not represent all animals at sale.

Next eclipse meeting set for today

STAFF REPORT
The next meeting for planning local events tied to next year's rare total solar eclipse will be at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at The Peoples Bank in Marion. Organizers are hoping to schedule a community fun day the Saturday before the Monday, Aug. 21, 2017 event.

The eclipse will be the first since 1918 with a path of totality crossing the lower 48 states, and Crittenden County will have one of the longest viewing times in the country. Tens of thousands of people from around the world are expected to descend upon western Kentucky for the astrological phenomenon.

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3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath home located on Ky. 1077. New metal roof and central heat/air unit. All appliances stay. 28x40 garage with electric and concrete floor. Nice home with a great view. \$114,000.00

SOLD

This home has over 2000 sq. ft. of living space. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, family room and living room. Lots of new updates, ready to move into. 2 car attached garage, concrete driveway, too much to list. This is a lot of home for the money won't last long.

Ready for you and your family, 4 bedrooms 3 baths with a finished basement. Beautiful kitchen with lots of cabinets and granite countertops, all appliances stay. Central heat and air with new wood fireplace for emergencies. Home is sitting on 3+/- acres located in Fredonia Ky. \$179,000.00

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SOLD

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Religion *The Crittenden Press*

“I call on the LORD in my distress, and he answers me”
— Psalms 120:1 (NIV)

What is happening to America?

By **JOEY DURHAM**
GUEST COLUMNIST

My devotion today is centered on this sad question, “What Is Happening To America?” My text is also the answer. In Psalm 9:17, we see “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

We are witnessing the literal unravelling of America as having any semblance of being a Christian nation. This nation, even though many today will try to deny it, was founded upon the precepts

and principles of the Holy Word of God. Yet today, the foundation laid by the founding fathers of this great nation is not crumbling, the foundation is being pulverized by relativism and Godless philosophies that undermine the very heart of what this nation was founded upon.

It is a Bible truth that the wicked will never see heaven if they leave this world without accepting Jesus Christ as their own personal savior. That is exactly what our text

is literally saying.

The Word of God declares emphatically, “The wicked shall be turned into hell.” But also notice the rest of the verse, and make the application to our beloved America.

The Word of God says, “... and all the nations that forget God.” I submit to you that America has forgotten God in every major area of society and the godless junk that’s coming down the pipes is insane.

Bro. Lester Roloff, one of God’s great warriors for the

faith from yesteryear, made this statement, and it’s crystal clear today: “America is nothing more than a glorified insane institution run by its own inmates.”

The only hope America has is to repent of sin to God and turn to the great God of heaven for salvation.

(Editor’s note: Joey Durham, pastor of Sturgis Baptist Church, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Society gone from paganism to Christian and back

God sent His people here from Europe to win pagans to Jesus, and to let this wilderness become an example to the world how true Psalms 33:12 is: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.”

Slowly, through years of toil, hardships, prayer and Godly living, pagans and the wilderness gave in to the power and influence of Jesus Christ and civilization to become the richest and freest envy and mystery of the world.

Slowly, through years of neglecting the God who made us great, ignorance of His Word and putting ourselves before God, we are returning to paganism in subtle but very definite and deadly ways.

The so-called Christian teaching, that is not Christian at all (teaching that man cannot live holy, but you can go to Heaven without it), flies in the very face of God’s Word that says, “Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord.” Heb. 12:14.

The same unChristian teaching that once you are saved you can never be lost, denies God’s Words in Ezek. 33:13 “When a righteous man commit iniquity he shall die for it.”

Both of these deadly teachings were brought out of the Dark Ages by John Calvin and Martin Luther. This gives people who are led into these teachings comfort in their sins, and hell is their destination.

In the meantime, it is literally destroying our once free, Godly, powerful nation. “Sin is a reproach to any people,” and “For the nation that will not serve thee shall perish; yea shall be utterly wasted.” Isa.60:12.



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK
Guest columnist

Religious Views

You would have to be blind, deaf or dead not to see it happening before our eyes.

Eighty-six percent of Americans say they believe in God, yet the majority of those are not Christian, proven by their voting for people who support same-sex relations, killing of the innocent unborn, lying, committing almost everything the Bible says will take us to hell.

The Bible says divorce and remarriage are sins and calls it adultery. Yet the majority believes they can sneak this by God.

Shacking-up or having a so-called “live-in” is fornication. The Bible teaches fornicators, adulterers, homosexuals, lesbians, liars, haters of good, are going to hell, yet millions are guilty of these evils. They think they are going to Heaven.

These men and women with their so-called same-sex marriage, trying to tell God to “stuff-it, I’m going to make my own laws and you have to like it,” will find out when the Lamb’s mercy has run out: “Hide us from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” Rev. 6:16,17.

According to the Bible, if a man puts on a woman’s gar-

ment he is an abomination unto the Lord and any honest, God-fearing or just a little-intelligent person accepts that as truth, especially women.

Yet the very same Bible scripture says that if a woman wears that which pertains unto a man she too is an abomination unto the Lord our God.” Deut. 22:5. How do they explain that? They follow their god-mother Eve.

They think because everyone is doing it, it makes it alright. Yet, “God’s Word is forever settled in Heaven.”

The Bible teaches we are not to pierce or print any marks upon our bodies, for “Ye are the children of the Lord your God, a holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the peculiar people unto Himself above all the nations that are upon the earth.” Deut 14:1,2.

Yet the pagan practices of putting rings in noses, eyebrows, ears, tongue, printings on our bodies takes us back to the jungles of the aborigines of pagans and are defiling the body God made in His own image. The Bible tells us in 1st Cor. 3:16,17 and 6:19,20

“That our body is the temple of God and if any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy... and “You are not your own. For you are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your Body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

God’s love warns that “My Spirit shall not always strive with man.” Gen.6:3.

Many preachers are not taught the Word of God by the Holy Spirit but in seminars on how to preach a sermon in a three-point layout. They do not always preach all the Word of God. Instead, they only preach what they think people want to hear.

“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” 1 Peter 4:17,18.

Think what you want of me, but I love people and fear God. He commands me to “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions and their sins.” “For I am the Lord. I change not.” Isaiah 58:1 Mal. 4:6.

“For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses.

“Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, where-with he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done insult unto the Spirit of grace?”

“For we know him that hath said, vengeance belongs unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” Heb. 10:26-31.

(Editor’s note: Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Asbridge Cemetery

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Sat., May 28 at Asbridge Cemetery

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Author of Wampus Cat Brasher

Donald Garner Brasher went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the age of 81. He was born at home in Dycusburg Nov. 18, 1934.

Brasher is survived by his wife, Jean Brasher of Poteet; brother, Jim Brasher and wife Tina of St Clair Shores, Mich.; sisters, Jane Gibbs of Henderson, Joyce Norman of Evansville and Betty Collins of Kokomo, Ind.; sons, Donald Cal Brasher and wife Sheila of Marion, Harold Morrison Jr. of Pleasanton, Texas, Danny W. Morrison and wife Joett of Pleasanton, Texas and Jason Babcock of Poteet; daughters, Athena G. Driskill and husband Dwayne of Murray, Ky., Donna Green and husband Winfred of Marion, Katrina Wilkins and husband Dale of Hudson Oaks, Texas and Deborah Wright of San Antonio; grandsons, Carrolle Wayne, Donald Earl, Shane, Stephen, Danny Wane II and Jason; granddaughters, Athena, Nicole, Kristi, Misty, Jennifer, Jada, Caitlyn, Georgia, Ashley, Wendy, Ginger and Tara; 29 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and first wife, Joyce Haegelin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Collin and Macie Bell (Tosh) Brasher; second wife, Georgia Nell "Dottie" Brasher; and granddaughter, Crystal Cowger.

At the age of 20, Brasher enlisted in the United States Air Force in Dycusburg, Ky.; he served his country for four years during the Korean Conflict as a sergeant. He then joined the U.S. Air Force Reserves and served another four years. He and his family moved to Castroville, Texas and he went to work for Civil Service at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During his more than 30 years of service as a Civil Engineer, Brasher worked in the textile laboratories developing all types of safety devices used by the pilots and crew of the aircraft. During this time, he and his family opened a restaurant in Castroville, specializing in steaks and seafood. He was a great cook.

After retirement, he joined General Atomics as a consulting engineers bidding on new contracts for the Air Force.

He and his family moved to Blanco, Texas where he enjoyed being out in nature. This is where his story writing about his childhood began. He is the author of the published book "The Wampus Cat," a story about his youth during World War II with his friends in the backwoods of Crittenden County, Kentucky. Brasher and his friends made a living hunting in the backwoods. Late one night during their adventure, they had a terrifying encounter with a black panther known in that parts of the country as the wampus Cat. The book details how the boys tracked the cat and their adventures along the way.

Brasher always carried extra copies of the book with him and would give books to school libraries and people he encountered day to day. He loved to tell his stories and he would autograph his books "TTT" for Tall Tale Teller. He truly had a gift to tell a story and draw the



Area Deaths

Beard

Charles Edward Beard, 87, of Marion died Friday, May 13, 2016 at Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation in Marion.

His wife, Deloris Jane Beard, 78, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013 at Livingston Hospital Salem.

Mr. Beard was a member of Carrsville Baptist Church and Bingham Masonic Lodge #256. He enjoyed fishing, farming and attending auctions. Mrs. Beard was a member of Lola Baptist Church.

They are survived by: sons, Brent Beard and Barry Beard both of Marion; daughters, Carolyn Beard of Fordsville, Ky., Charlotte (Billy) Fox of Marion and Sherrie Wilson of Marion; and several grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

They were preceded in death by a son, Greg Beard; his brother, Floyd Beard; his sister, Margery Johnson; her sister, Shirley Fox; his parents, Ray Beard and Allie Mae Belt; her parents, PY Damron and Carmen Kimsey.

Graveside Memorial Services for Mr. and Mrs. Beard was Sunday, May 15, 2016 at Deer Creek Cemetery. There was no visitation.

Memorials may be made to Gideon's International, PO Box 304, Salem, KY 42078 or Bigam Masonic Lodge, 206 Sturgis Road, Marion, KY 42064.

Arrangements were handled by Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Robertson

Martha Jane Robertson, 82, of Princeton, formerly of Marion, died Thursday, May 12, 2016 at Crittenden Health Systems.

She attended Freedom General Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonita Travis of Frances; sons, Ricky (Teresa) Robertson of Marion and Greg Robertson of Winchester; a sister, Helen Meeks; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husband, Cook Robertson; a brother, Ray Holloman; and parents, Alvie Holloman and Ilene Hamby Holloman.

Services were Sunday, May 15 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. John Dunn officiating. Burial was at Freedom General Baptist Church Cemetery.



Watson

Charles D. Watson, 75, of Morocco, Ind., died Thursday, May 5, 2016 at his home.

He was born in Crittenden County on June 5, 1940, the son of the late Orvel Watson and Cassie Dean (Belt) Watson.

He was a laborer for Local #41 Labor Union for 50 years, building many commercial structures in northern Indiana, including hospitals, schools and factories. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife of almost 54 years, Linda Watson; son, Richard Watson; daughter, Shelia (Johnny) Robinson; three grandchildren, Jonathan (Chelsea) Watson, Brently Watson and Kegan Watson; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gary (Sara) Watson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Paul Watson; and two sis-

ters, Wanda Shell and Betty Martin.

Services were Monday, May 9 at Morocco Community Center with Pastor Rick Helton officiating. Burial was at Oakland Cemetery. Steinke Funeral Home of Morocco was in charge of arrangements.

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Autry

John James Autry, 35, of Marion died Thursday, May 12, 2016 at his home after a long illness.

He was a member of Harvest House Church.

Surviving are his wife, Stephanie Autry of Marion; daughters, Sidney and Destiny Autry, both of Marion; mother, Sandra Autry of Marion; brother, Conward Autry Jr. of Lyon County; and a sister, Linda Young of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his father, Conward Autry Sr.; and a sister, Monica Ann Autry.

Services were Tuesday, May 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Deer Creek Cemetery.

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Murray names York Outstanding Senior

Mandy York, the family and consumer science teacher at Crittenden



County High School, was recently awarded the Murray State University Outstanding Senior in career and technical education. A resident of Marion, York graduated in December 2015.

The award was presented recently in an honors ceremony at the university. The Outstanding Senior award is presented to seniors who have outstanding academic achievements, leadership, campus activities and professional commitments while a student at Murray State.

MSU's LaPlante joins Sigma Alpha Lambda

Elle Martine LaPlante of Marion has recently been named a member of Sigma



Alpha Lambda, a National Leadership and Honors Organization at Murray State University. Sigma Alpha Lambda is an organization dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development and lifelong professional fulfillment.

LaPlante is a 2015 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

Newman wins poetry competition at MSU

Alley Newman, a seventh-grade student at Crit-



tenden County Middle School, has won the National Council of Teachers of English Poetry Competition at Murray State University. Middle school language arts teacher Talley Joyce had students from her classes submit poetry for the competition, and Newman won out of submission from 17 school districts from her grade level. Newman's poem was entitled "Fingers."

Senior center offers health fair to seniors

A free health fair for local seniors will be offered next week at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.

Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services, through its Senior Care Services, next Thursday will be offering checks for blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen level, blood glucose, fasting blood cholesterol and mental health. Snacks and gifts will also be offered.

The fair will run from 9 to 11 a.m. at the center on North Walker Street in Marion. All seniors are invited to participate and stick around for lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. On the menu will be chicken and dumplings, broccoli cheese casserole, buttered carrots, cornbread and baked apples.

Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information and to reserve a spot for lunch by 9 a.m. the day of the fair.

Submit your calendar item

Community calendar is designed for individuals, non-profit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events that may be of interest to the community. The Crittenden Press reserves the right edit or reject any announcement. To submit your item, call (270) 965-3191, email pressnews@the-press.com or stop by our office at 125 E. Bellville St.

Henley representing county on state Extension council

By DEE BRASHER
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Marion resident Darl Henley has been busy representing Crittenden County on the Kentucky Extension Council this spring. Henley was elected by the Crittenden County Extension Council as a delegate for Extension District 7 East.

The state Extension Council serves as a way for local Extension volunteers to provide input to the state director of Extension and program staff. The council also serves as a way to further the volun-

teer's knowledge of Extension programming and enables them to become better advocates for Extension.

Each Extension district has four delegates and they are rotated by county. This rotation ensures that each county has a voice at the state level. It has been nine years since Crittenden County has been represented on this council.

Feedback to Extension staff is a big push for council delegates.

"They want to make sure that they are well rounded in servicing the entire community. They are focused on hearing feedback of the needs in the counties," Henley said.

Delegates started the spring meeting by being introduced to other delegates and program directors for various Extension programs. Delegates shared ideas and problem solved issues in small groups then were brought back together as a whole to discuss

the ideas.

"I feel that meeting others in Extension and sharing ideas of what is happening with Extension in our area and having them share ideas will be a benefit to all," Henley said.

She continued by saying that she enjoyed meeting others from across the state and had an enjoyable time.

Henley went to her first meeting in March and will return to Lexington in August for the next meeting. She has served as a Crittenden County Extension Service

volunteer for several years and is active in the Crittenden County Extension Homemakers and Kentucky Extension Homemakers Associations.

(Editor's note: Dee Brasher is the agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources with the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service. She can be reached at (270) 965-5236. Educational programs of the Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.)

Engagements



Emily Paige Myers and Justin Allen Rickman

Myers, Rickman to marry May 28

Michael and Melissa Myers of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Paige Myers, to Justin Allen James Rickman, son of Richard and Stacey Rickman of Mayfield.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Faye Conger of Marion and the late Charlie Conger and Kenneth and Joanne Myers of Paducah. She is a 2011 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2015 graduate of Murray State University. She is a graduate student at Mur-

ray State obtaining her master's degree in speech language pathology.

Rickman is the grandson of Sharon Moffitt of Mayfield and the late J.W. Moffitt and R.C. and Linda Rickman of Mayfield. He is a 2009 graduate of Graves County High School and 2013 graduate of Murray State University. He is employed by Skanska USA as an environmental, health and safety manager.

The wedding will take place at 4 p.m. May 28 at historic Cherokee State Park in Hardin.



Jessie Ann Adams and Justin Kirk Crider

Adams, Crider plan late-May wedding

Bonnie Adams of Murray announces the engagement of her daughter, Jessie Ann Adams, to Justin Kirk Crider, son of Steve and Donna Crider of Marion.

The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Pat D. Adams. Grandparents of the bride to be are Edgar and Martha Smith and the late Colie Dee and Clara Ann Adams of Murray. She graduated from Murray State University and Southern Illinois University with a Master of Science degree in communication disorders and sciences.

She is a speech language pathologist at East Calhoun Elementary School.

Crider is the grandson of the late Kenneth Kirk Martha Kirk of Dawson Springs, the late Jim Crider of Paducah and the late Beauton Crider of Marion. He graduated from West Kentucky Community and Technical College with an Associate of Arts degree. He is a service technician with AT&T.

The wedding is planned for 3:30 p.m. May 28 at Elm Grove Baptist Church in Murray. All family and friends are invited.

Older Americans Month celebrated locally, nationally

STAFF REPORT

Older adults are a growing and increasingly vital part of our country. Today, there are an estimated 65-million-plus Americans who are 60 or older, the largest senior population in the history of the country. That segment of the country is being celebrated in May through Older Americans Month, and Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center will next week be making a special effort to recognize local seniors.

The contributions seniors make to our communities from coast to coast are varied, deeply rooted and include influential roles in the nation's economy, politics, and the arts. From our next President who will be at least 69 when elected to office in November to 83-year-old Ruth Bader Ginsberg, who took her seat as a Supreme

Court Justice at age 60, senior citizens are blazing trails in all aspects of American life.

In 1963, America began to acknowledge the contributions of older people by using the month of May to celebrate Older Americans Month (OAM). Led by the Ad-

ministration for Community Living, the annual observance offers the opportunity to learn about, support and celebrate the nation's older citizens. This year's theme, "Blaze a Trail," emphasizes the ways older adults are reinventing themselves through new work and new

passions, engaging their communities and blazing a trail of positive impact on the lives of people of all ages.

The local senior center provides a variety of services to older adults year-round, and it is using May 27 to recognize the local community's senior citizens who make up more than a quarter of the county's population. The center will on that day be hosting a lunch-time cookout on its grounds on North Walker Street in Marion.

On the menu will be hamburger on whole wheat bun, baked pork and beans, baked potato and an oatmeal cookie served with milk, tea or coffee. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and is \$3 for anyone 60 or older and \$5 for others. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. that day by calling the center at (270) 965-5229.

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SECTION 8
HOUSING

Community Calendar

- **Evening Belles Extension Homemakers** will meet at 12:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Extension office. New members are welcome.
- **Crittenden Hospital Auxiliary** will meet at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) in the education building at the hospital.
- **4-H Sew Much Fun** will meet at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Extension office.
- **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m. Friday at the Extension office. This group is meant for anyone with diabetes or anyone who is a caretaker for someone who has diabetes. Any and all topics related to diabetes and how to manage it are covered. Anyone is welcome to join this monthly fun and informative meeting.
- **A yard and bake sale for Trust for Life**, an organ donor awareness program, will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Crittenden County Courthouse. Some items include furniture, clothes, shoes, purses, Barbies and housewares.
- **Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Quilt Club** will meet at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Extension office. This will be the last organized meeting until fall.
- **Breakfast Makes a Difference** will be 2 p.m. Monday at the Extension office.
- **Extension District Board** will meet at 5:45 p.m. Monday at the Extension office.
- **Gardening Group** will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Extension office. This is open to anyone interested in learning more about gardening from the dirt up.
- **After Hours Extension Homemakers**, 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Extension office. New members are always welcome.
- **Asbridge Cemetery's** annual meeting will be held at 10 a.m. May 28 at the cemetery. There will be preaching and a potluck following the meeting.
- **American Legion Post 111** in Marion will be hosting its annual Memorial Day service May 30 at the war memorial in Maplevue Cemetery. There will also be a ceremony next Saturday at the Veterans Walk of Honor in Blackford.
- The annual meeting of the **Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter** will be held at 5:30 p.m. June 6 at the Welcome Center in Marion.

Starts Friday, May 20

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Sun. 1, 4, 6:45 • M.-Th. 6:30

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Letter recalls final days of War in the Pacific

Marsha Manley Green of Fredonia shares the letter her father, Eskel Manley, wrote home to his parents during World War II. In the letter, he tells of the fighting in the last days of the war. What a wonderful and memorial letter to have, as he tells of many of the battles and the part he and the others played in this historic time. And the most wonderful part is that he was able to come home to his family. He was the son of William Thomas and Georgia Brookshire Manley.

These wartime letters are so special, and the families who have them must treasure them greatly. Manley's enlistment date was April 25, 1944, and the ship he was assigned to was the USS Belleau Wood, a light aircraft carrier.

Seaman 2nd Class Manley's letter home

Dear Mother and Dad, Since the (Japanese) Emperor has hollered "Nuff," it is now possible to tell you the part that the old gal Belleau Wood took in helping clinch the victory.

When the official order to cease attack came through the morning of the 15, that was the 46th eventful day of the cruise. Our last wartime cruise was also our longest and a most unhappy one for our Honorable Opponent.

Our task group – under command of Rear Adm. T.L. Sprague, part of Vice Adm. McCain's Task Force 38 – left San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf (Philippines), the morning of July 1. As always, the Belleau Wood was traveling in some pretty famous company, but, in all modesty, so were they – by sailing with us.

Just one part of the task force was imposing enough to give the Emperor nightmares. Here was the San Jacinto, another light carrier, which has been our fighting partner for a long time. Among the big carriers was the new Lexington. Also traveling with us this cruise were the battleships South Dakota, Massachusetts and Indiana, plus several cruisers – more about them later. All these, combined with our screening destroyers, made a wonderful sight, but it was no comfort to the Jap planes who were so unfortunate as to get in range of all these guns.

Until July 9, we conducted the familiar training exercises, with a little more emphasis on defense against those Jap suicide attacks (kamikaze) you've read so much about. We also spent a good amount of time getting acquainted with our new air group, which had come aboard in Leyte. Then, we refueled at sea, an old routine to us now, and began our high speed run in to the target – Tokyo.

Our planes struck airfields in the Tokyo Plain, along with



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

the rest of the task force and British fleet units, all day the 10. We knocked out many planes and airfield installations – the first clean-up blows that left us in complete control of the air over the empire by the time the cruise ended.

The little yellow men were taken completely by surprise and only one or two "snooper" search planes came out toward the fleet all day. They joined their ancestors shortly, as usual.

We retired that night and refueled the next day letting the Japs worry about where our next attack would be, and we think we fooled them completely, because we next hit the northernmost home island of Japan, Hokkaido. The foggy weather up here, which reminds me of the North Atlantic in the summer, held us up the first day, but we hit them hard on the 14th and 15th. We knocked out many planes and hangars and factory buildings over the island.

Our air group capitalized on its specialty, rocket firing, and blew up a number of locomotives and sank a 1,900-ton cargo ship.

Those two days, as you probably remember from the big broadcasts, were the days the battlewagons first bombarded Japan. Our battleships went in the night of the 14th to blast the steel mills at Kamaishi on northern Honshu. The next morning, the big boys from one of the other groups in the force went in to blast industrial areas on Hokkaido itself.

We then moved south and hit the airfields of Honshu, north of Tokyo, on the 17th and 18th of July. Another slice was taken out of the Emperor's rapidly disappearing air force. But our best blow in those two days was against the last modern battleship in the beaten Jap Navy, the Nagato. She was battered beyond use and our air group got several hits of the many landed on her. The pilots said it looked like half the anti-aircraft guns in Japan had been planted in the hills around the harbor where the Nagato was concealed and heavily camouflaged, but they made history by bombarding the shores of the Empire north of Tokyo at midnight. The cruisers Atlanta and Dayton from our group were in the bombardment group.

For our next strikes, we fueled and moved far south and around to the Inland Sea area to Japan, the primary targets were aircraft and the remnants of the Japanese Navy which holed up in the Jap naval base at Kure on the Inland Sea. Here, our boys – torpedo-bombers and fighter-bombers – really made the sons of heaven duck.

On the 24th, our air group alone registered at least five direct hits and that many



Submitted photo
Seaman 2nd Class Eskel O. Manley served aboard the USS Belleau Wood, a light aircraft carrier, during the last months of World War II. He shares an incredible letter of the events he took part in to his parents.

near misses on the old Jap battleship Ise, which had been partly converted to a carrier by adding a flight deck on the stern. The weather held up the Kure strikes on the 25th, but we continued to strike at airfields, and on the islands of Shikoku and Honshu, getting more planes and locomotives, plus hits on factories and hangars.

Also on the 25th, our fighter squadron got its first crack at airborne opposition. Fifteen of the Jap's fast new fighters jumped a flight of 10 of our Hellcats – most unfortunate for the wily Nips. When the dust cleared, seven

Japs had gone down flaming, and the rest were suddenly needed at home, it seems.

One of our veteran aces, in the Pacific for his second tour of duty, ran his score up to 19 Japs by shooting down four of the seven. He is Lt. C.N. Nooy of Smithtown, N.Y. The day would have been perfect, but for the loss of one of our pilots who was crashed head-on in the dogfight by one smoking Jap.

On the 28th, we returned to the same area and launched more strikes against the ships at Kure. There was little left of the Jap fleet on the topside of the

USS Belleau Wood was home to 1,570 sailors in war

The story just wouldn't be complete without a little history of their faithful ship, the USS Belleau Wood. Following are some details of the ship:

- Designated for completion as an aircraft carrier (CV-24), Feb. 16, 1942, and was reordered from New York Shipbuilding Corp. on March 18, 1942.
- Renamed USS Belleau Wood, March 31, 1942, after Bois Belleau (Belleau Wood), near Chateau Thierry, France, the scene of a bloody battle between the 4th Marine Brigade and elements of three German divisions June 6-26, 1918. This was part of the larger Battle of the Aisne launched on May 27 by Germany in the hopes of defeating French forces near Paris before significant American forces could arrive at the front. At the end of the battle, the 4th Marine Brigade had suffered 55 percent casualties – more than 1,000 killed – but it brought to an end the last major German offensive of World War I.
- Reclassified as a small aircraft carrier and re-designated CVL-24 July 15, 1943.
- The ship was 623 feet long and displaced 11,000 tons when fully equipped. It had a crew of 1,569, could make 31 knots at top speed and was outfitted with 30 aircraft and 48 anti-aircraft guns.



NavSource.org/David Buell
The USS Belleau Wood in Tokyo Bay after the end of World War II on Oct. 15, 1945.

- Awards that were presented to the USS Belleau Wood included Presidential Unit Citation, American Campaign Medal/Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 12 stars, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal (Asia clasp), Philippine Presidential Unit Citation and Philippine Liberation Medal.
- The USS Belleau Wood was transferred to France, Sept. 5 1953, at San

Francisco under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program. It was fittingly renamed Bois Belleau and designated R97. She served off Indo-China and in the Mediterranean. She was returned to U.S. Navy custody Sept. 12, 1960, at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. Her name was struck from the Naval Vessel Register Oct. 1, 1960. She was sold to the Boston Metals Co., Nov. 21, 1960, for scrapping.

Public Notice

Legal advertisements
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May 19, 2016

Foreclosure sale set for May 27 in city

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 15-CI-00113

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust
Plaintiff
vs.

Robert C. Millikan; unknown defendant, spouse of Robert C. Millikan
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the April 14, 2016, I will on **Friday, May 27, 2016 beginning at the hour of 10 a.m.** at the courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Ky., proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Ky., to-wit:

Property Address: 4190 State Route 70 Marion, Ky. 42064
Parcel No.: 049-10-03-004.00

Being the same property described in the deed to Robert C. Millikan and his wife, Donn C. Millikan, for their joint lives with remainder in fee simple to

the survivor of them from Farmers Bank & Trust Co. recorded on December 8, 1984 in Book 145 at Page 18, of the public records of Crittenden County, Ky.

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

The description of the property conveyed herein was provided to the draftsman by the plaintiff and the draftsman does not certify the accuracy of the same nor any existing easements.

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10 percent deposit, wit the balance upon credit of 30 days. The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay

cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.

This the __ day of May, 2016.

Robert B. Frazer
Master Commissioner
Crittenden Circuit Court

Property to be sold at courthouse door

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 15-CI-00101

City of Marion, Ky.
Plaintiff
vs.

Frank Moore; unknown heirs/spouse of Frank Moore; County of Crittenden, Ky.; unknown occupants and/or tenants of 225 N. Weldon St., Marion, Ky.
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on

the 18th day of March 2016, I will on **Friday, May 27, 2016, at the hour of 10 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible** at the courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Ky., proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 225 N. Weldon St., Marion, Ky.
Map No.: 058-20-05-008.00

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10 percent deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchase will be prepared to

promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

Given under my hand this the 28th day of April, 2016.

Stephen M. Arnett,
Special Master Commissioner

City property set for sale at courthouse

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action No. 15-CI-00102

City of Marion, Ky.
Plaintiff
vs.

John Loewen; Amanda Loewen; County of Crittenden, Ky.; unknown occupants and/or tenants of 123 Hickory Hills Ave., Marion, Ky.
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the 14th day of April, 2016, I will on **Friday, May 27, 2016, at the hour of 10 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible** at the courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Ky., proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real prop-

erty located in Crittenden County, Ky., to-wit:

Property Address: 123 Hickory Hills Ave., Marion, Ky.
Map No.: 058-30-09-048.00

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10 percent deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchase will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

Given under my hand this the 2nd day of May, 2016.

Stephen M. Arnett,
Special Master Commissioner

SCHEDULE

Local prep games

THURSDAY
Softball hosts Christian Fellowship
Baseball at Hopkins Central

FRIDAY
Baseball hosts Hopkins Central
Softball at Webster County

NEXT WEEK
Baseball District at Lyon
Softball District at Lyon

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

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| Coyote Nighttime | Feb. 1 - May 31 |
| Spring Squirrel | May 21 - June 17 |
| LBL Squirrel | May 14 - June 17 |
| Bullfrog | May 20 - Oct. 31 |

GOLF

Tournament this weekend

The Heritage Golf Course at Marion Country Club is hosting a 3-Person format golf scramble this weekend. Players may still register at the pro shop. This will be a two-day, 36-hole event on Saturday and Sunday.

RECREATION

Park pavilion reservations

Marion-Crittenden County Park has two pavilions available for residents planning special events. The pavilions have electricity and water available nearby. For more information or to reserve a pavilion, contact Tourism Department at (270) 965-5015. For those who have reservations, the park encourages you to post a sign at the pavilion.



CCHS senior Alex Cosby signed a letter of intent to play collegiate baseball last week. Pictured with him during the signing ceremony are (front from left) CCHS Athletic Director Angela Starnes, father Jim Cosby, Alex, mother Jackie Cosby, sister Taylor Tinsley (back) CCHS Principal Curtis Brown, West Kentucky Bombers coach Rick Hayworth, Bombers coach Robert Copeland, Bombers coach Jason Darnell and CCHS baseball coach Donnie Phillips.

Cosby heading to Arkansas for collegiate baseball

STAFF REPORT

There's a group of young baseball players in western Kentucky who consider 17-year-old Alex Cosby a living legend.

So says Cosby's former travel league coach Rick Hayworth of Mayfield.

Cosby signed a letter of intent Friday at Crittenden County High School surrounded by coaches, school administrators and his family. The senior will be attending Ecclesia College in Springdale, Ark., next year on a baseball scholarship. The four-year Christian college is almost an eight-hour drive from home, but it's a place where he will

fulfill a dream; and become a hero for other boys who aspire for the same.

Hayworth, who coached Cosby and his teammates to a third-place finish in the USSSA Baseball World Series three years ago, said his 11-year-olds playing travel ball now think Cosby is a baseball legend because he's going to play collegiately.

Cosby began playing baseball in the Crittenden County recreational league when he was nine. When he joined the travel team at age 14, Cosby told his dad he was serious about playing and wanted to play in college. His father, Jim, last year registered his son with a national

recruiting service. He developed a player profile for his boy and loaded some video to a website. It wasn't long before the phone started ringing.

"They reached out to us," Jim Cosby said. "And they recruited him as a catcher."

Although the CCHS senior has caught a couple of games this season for the Rockets, he's never really been a first-team backstop. Not because he isn't good back there, but mostly due to the fact that he's perhaps an even better outfielder.

"His speed is his greatest asset," Hayworth said. "He's very rangy defensively."

Donnie Phillips, who coaches the high school team, said Cosby's baseball IQ is excellent, too.

"His knowledge of the game helps everyone around him," said Phillips, who has coached Cosby the last two seasons. "He anticipates well."

Cosby hits anywhere from two to five in the lineup. He's been on the high school team since seventh grade and is a three-year starter. Right now, he's hitting .296. He's pitched about 50 innings and has a 2.15 ERA.

Cosby was also an all-conference football player, but he says he enjoyed baseball much more.



Sophomore Aaron is headed back to the state finals.

Lucas throtteling toward school records at Lexington

STAFF REPORT

Somewhere among the hills and hollows surrounding Mattoon there's a dream lingering.

Last summer, Aaron Lucas chased it at dawn, running three miles from his home as measured on a smartphone fitness app, then turning around for a return trip. He runs the roads surrounding the rural community in northern Crittenden County, building stamina for long-distance racing.

The Crittenden County sophomore never really thought much about running until high school, he said, after his career as a football player failed to pan out. A friend and teammate, Jacob Russelburg, encouraged the tall, lanky ninth grader to try out for track last spring.

To say it's all been down hill from there would be inaccurate. Lucas is a raw but talented harrier,

just now learning to run. His times in the 1600 and 3200 meters continue to plummet and on Memorial Day weekend he hopes to compete for a state championship in the mile- and two-mile races at Lexington. For good measure, he wants to break Crittenden's age-old records in those races.

Last weekend at the First Region Class A Finals at Murray State, Lucas won the 1600 meters with a time of 4:51.43. That's not far from James Willoughby's CCHS school record back in the early 1970s at 4:35.80. In the 3200 meters, Lucas also was regional champion, completing the race in 10:30.23. That isn't too far off Claude Williams' school best time of 10:14.30 that's more than 25 years old.

Lucas won the two-mile regional race for the second time in a row. Last year, he was second in the mile at regionals and earned a

state berth in both events as a freshman. As a sophomore, he wants to improve on his times at Lexington where the state finals are held on the UK Campus. He wants to do better than his 17th-place finish in the 3200 and 21st in the 1600 a year ago.

Lucas has trimmed more than a half minute off his two-mile time since last spring. Track coach Angela Starnes says Lucas's speciality is the two-mile run and she thinks he already shows enough promise to be a collegiate prospect.

The sophomore was the only state qualifier from Crittenden County after last weekend's regional meet. However, Starnes said the boys' and girls' 4x400 relay teams and hurdler Dylan Hicks have chances to earn invitations to the state meet once all of the state's regional events are complete and at-large berths are handed out.

Starnes said Lucas has potential to indeed set school records and perhaps more. His unrefined skill set amazes opposing runners and their coaches. Starnes said Lucas's overtly casual approach to competition is refreshing and revealing.

"He is just so laid back," the longtime track coach said. "Before races he's always shaking hands with the other runners and striking up conversations."

For now, Lucas is just having fun, excelling in a sport that he's far from mastering.

He put in several miles during the offseason to get better, but realizes the peak is much farther down the road.

"I plan on working even harder this summer, waking up early and watching the sun rise on a long run," he said.

See track results below

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

| FIRST REGION MEET | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Friday & Saturday at Murray State | | |
| <i>Crittenden and Livingston results only</i> | | |
| Girls Team Totals | | |
| 1) Murray 251 | | |
| 2) University Heights 97 | | |
| 3) Fulton County 60 | | |
| 4) Mayfield 40 | | |
| 5) Dawson Springs 26 | | |
| 6) Fulton City 8 | | |
| 7) Livingston Central 17 | | |
| 8) Crittenden County 16 | | |
| 9) Christian Fellowship 8 | | |
| 10) St. Mary 6 | | |
| 11) Lyon County 2 | | |
| 12) Ballard Memorial 1 | | |
| Boys Team Totals | | |
| 1) Murray 160 | | |
| 2) Mayfield 92 | | |
| 3) Fulton County 72 | | |
| 4) Dawson Springs 66 | | |
| 5) Crittenden County 59 | | |
| 6) Livingston Central 24 | | |
| 7) St. Mary 23 | | |
| 8) Ballard Memorial 21 | | |
| 9) Lyon County 12 | | |
| 10) Fulton City 8 | | |
| 11) University Heights 5 | | |
| 12) Christian Fellowship 3 | | |
| Girls 3200 Relay | | |
| 4 | Crittenden | 12:36.79 |
| <i>(K.Keller, A.Gobin, E.Barnes, J.Duncan)</i> | | |
| 5 | Livingston | 13:06.61 |
| <i>(I.Ferrell, S.Wooten, T.Tolley, P.Dudley)</i> | | |
| Boys 3200 Relay | | |
| 3 | Crittenden | 9:29.88 |
| <i>(W.Tolley, L.Brooks, J.Belt, A.Lucas)</i> | | |
| Girls 100 Hurdles | | |
| 8 | Kenlee Perryman | Crittenden 20.26 |
| Boys 110 Hurdles | | |
| 5 | Will Perkins | Crittenden 19.42 |
| 6 | Gary McConnell | Crittenden 19.85 |
| Girls 100 Meters | | |
| 10 | Shayenna Styzt | Livingston 13.88 |
| 11 | Laken Givens | Livingston 13.89 |
| 12 | Shelby Wallace | Crittenden 14.25 |
| 18 | Madison Champion | Crittenden 15.28 |
| Boys 100 Meters | | |
| 4 | Maciej Sloma | Livingston 11.79 |
| 7 | Devin Nesbitt | Crittenden 12.15 |
| 9 | Jacob Russelburg | Crittenden 12.22 |
| Girls 800 Relay | | |
| 5 | Livingston | 2:04.01 |
| <i>(A.Ringstaff, K.Campbell, H.Stafford, S.Stytz)</i> | | |
| 6 | Crittenden | 2:05.88 |
| <i>(K.Perryman, S.Wallace, M.Champion, A.Lynch)</i> | | |
| Boys 800 Relay | | |
| 4 | Crittenden | 1:39.42 |
| <i>(D.Nesbitt, B.Lamey, D.Hicks, J.Russelburg)</i> | | |
| 7 | Livingston | 1:43.47 |
| <i>(M.Sloma, C.Kitchens, C.Kitchens, C.Cooper)</i> | | |
| Girls 1600 Meters | | |

| 6. | Kate Keller | Crittenden | 6:34.56 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------|
| Boys 1600 Meters | | | |
| 1. | Aaron Lucas | Crittenden | 4:51.43 |
| 8. | Janzen Croft | Crittenden | 5:31.79 |
| 9. | Alex Con | Livingston | 5:39.25 |
| Girls 400 Relay | | | |
| 4. | Livingston | | 56.65 |
| <i>(L.Givens, J.Cosby, S.Stytz, C.Adams)</i> | | | |
| 5. | Crittenden | | 58.14 |
| <i>(J.Potter, S.Wallace, M.Champion, A.Lynch)</i> | | | |
| Boys 400 Relay | | | |
| 4. | Crittenden | | 47.16 |
| <i>(D.Nesbitt, B.Lamey, D.Hicks, J.Russelburg)</i> | | | |
| Girls 400 Meters | | | |
| 8. | Laken Givens | Livingston | 1:13.07 |
| 10. | Kenlee Perryman | Crittenden | 1:16.10 |
| 11. | Abigail Callender | Livingston | 1:16.63 |
| Boys 400 Meters | | | |
| 6. | Will Tolley | Crittenden | 57.50 |
| 14. | Gary McConnell | Crittenden | 1:02.65 |
| Girls 300 Hurdles | | | |
| 7. | Jessie Potter | Crittenden | 58.96 |
| 8. | Madison Champion | Crittenden | 1:01.10 |
| Boys 300 Hurdles | | | |
| 3. | Chase Cooper | Livingston | 44.48 |
| 3. | Dylan Hicks | Crittenden | 44.55 |
| 9. | Will Perkins | Crittenden | 50.27 |
| Girls 800 Meters | | | |
| 6. | Kalynn Campbell | Livingston | 2:56.14 |
| 8. | Kate Keller | Crittenden | 3:02.46 |
| 11. | Isabella Ferrell | Crittenden | 3:10.06 |
| 12. | Anzie Gobin | Crittenden | 3:21.25 |
| Boys 800 Meters | | | |
| 7. | Jesse Belt | Crittenden | 2:30.93 |
| 9. | Alex Con | Livingston | 2:31.43 |
| 10. | Ray Tyler | Livingston | 2:33.84 |
| Girls 200 Meters | | | |
| 8. | Amanda Lynch | Crittenden | 30.26 |
| 12. | Paige Dudley | Livingston | 31.54 |
| 14. | Cortne Curnel | Crittenden | 32.72 |
| 15. | Savannah Elder | Livingston | 33.82 |
| Boys 200 Meters | | | |
| 3. | Maciej Sloma | Livingston | 23.94 |
| 9. | Branan Lamey | Crittenden | 25.23 |
| 15. | Landon Brooks | Crittenden | 26.10 |
| 19. | Carson Kitchens | Livingston | 26.51 |
| Boys 3200 Meters | | | |
| 1. | Aaron Lucas | Crittenden | 10:30.23 |
| 9. | Janzen Croft | Crittenden | 13:14.97 |
| Girls 1600 Relay | | | |
| 3. | Crittenden | | 4:51.73 |
| <i>(J.Potter, N.Shuecraft, S.Wallace, K.Perryman)</i> | | | |
| 4. | Livingston | | 5:00.38 |
| <i>(L.Givens, J.Cosby, H.Stafford, C.Adams)</i> | | | |
| Boys 1600 Relay | | | |
| 3. | Crittenden | | 3:45.74 |
| <i>(J.Russelburg, D.Hicks, D.Nesbitt, W.Tolley)</i> | | | |
| 7. | Livingston | | 4:25.92 |
| <i>(C.Kitchens, L.Sharp, C.Cooper, T.Ray)</i> | | | |
| Girls Shot Put | | | |
| 8. | Audrey Zimmerman | Livingston | 22-07.75 |
| 9. | Paxton Dudley | Livingston | 22-02.00 |
| 11. | Alexis Tabor | Crittenden | 20-02.25 |
| 13. | Kaylee Grham | Crittenden | 18-07.75 |

| Boys Shot Put | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------|----------|
| 10. | Adam Beavers | Crittenden | 30-01.75 |
| 12. | Tyson Steele | Crittenden | 29-04.00 |
| 15. | Quinton Gibson | Livingston | 23-06.00 |
| 15. | Jake Zimmerman | Livingston | 23-06.00 |
| Girls Discus | | | |
| 5. | Alexis Tabor | Crittenden | 63-03 |
| 7. | Carlee Mayhugh | Livingston | 54-09 |
| 9. | Carlie Cooper | Livingston | 51-09 |
| 13. | Kaylee Graham | Crittenden | 40-03 |
| Boys Discus | | | |
| 4. | Adam Beavers | Crittenden | 108-01 |
| 8. | Ross Crider | Crittenden | 76-09 |
| 11. | Jake Zimmerman | Livingston | 68-02 |
| 12. | Laine Sharp | Livingston | 66-09 |
| Girls Long Jump | | | |
| 8. | Nikki Shuecraft | Crittenden | 13-02.00 |
| 10. | Amanda Lynch | Crittenden | 12-10.25 |
| 12. | Addison Ringstaff | Livingston | 11-09.00 |
| 13. | Gracie Grimm | Livingston | 11-07.00 |
| Boys Long Jump | | | |
| 5. | Branan Lamey | Crittenden | 17-05.00 |
| 8. | Will Tolley | Crittenden | 16-04.75 |
| Girls Triple Jump | | | |
| 7. | Hailey Stafford | Livingston | 27-06.00 |
| 8. | Kalynn Campbell | Livingston | 27-06.00 |
| 10. | Nikki Shuecraft | Crittenden | 25-05.00 |
| 13. | Trinity Hayes | Crittenden | 22-10.00 |
| Boys Triple Jump | | | |
| 3. | Maciej Sloma | Livingston | 38-03.00 |
| 5. | Tyson Steele | Crittenden | 36-07.00 |
| 7. | Carson Kitchens | Livingston | 33-06.00 |
| 8. | Landon Brooks | Crittenden | 32-01.00 |
| Boys High Jump | | | |
| 4. | Chaney Adams | Livingston | 4-04.00 |
| Boys High Jump | | | |
| 6. | Gary McConnell | Crittenden | 5-04.00 |
| 8. | Devin Ford | Crittenden | 5-00.00 |

| Quad Meet May 9 | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Marion-Crittenden County Park | | | |
| <i>Crittenden results only</i> | | | |
| Girls 100m Dash | | | |
| Place | Name | Team | Time |
| 3 | S. Wallace | Crittenden | 13.80 |
| 8 | M. Champion | Crittenden | 15.09 |
| Girls 200m Dash | | | |
| 5 | A. Lynch | Crittenden | 31.26 |
| 6 | C. Curnel | Crittenden | 33.50 |
| 8 | M. Champion | Crittenden | 34.83 |
| Girls 400m Run | | | |
| 4 | C. Curnel | Crittenden | 1:15 |
| 5 | E. Barnes | Crittenden | 1:20 |
| 6 | A. Newman | Crittenden | 1:21 |
| Girls 800m Run | | | |
| 4 | K. Keller | Crittenden | 3:08 |
| 5 | A. Gobin | Crittenden | 3:17 |
| 7 | S. Pate | Crittenden | 3:47 |
| Girls 1600m Run | | | |
| 2 | K. Keller | Crittenden | 6:31 |
| Girls 3200m Run | | | |
| 1 | J. Duncan | Crittenden | 13:38 |
| Girls 100m Hurdles | | | |
| 1 | J. Potter | Crittenden | 19.87 |

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| 2 | K. Perryman | Crittenden | 20.46 |
| Girls 300m Hurdles | | | |
| 2 | J. Potter | Crittenden | 57.59 |
| 4 | M. Champion | Crittenden | 58.9 |
| Girls 4x100m Relay | | | |
| 1 | | Crittenden | 58.59 |
| 3 | | Crittenden | 1:10.52 |
| Girls 4x200m Relay | | | |
| 2 | | Crittenden | 2:04.06 |
| 3 | | Crittenden | 2:22.36 |
| Girls 4x400m Relay | | | |
| 1 | | Crittenden | 5:12 |
| 2 | | Crittenden | 6:27 |
| Girls 4x800m Relay | | | |
| 2 | | Crittenden | 13:05 |
| Girls Shot Put | | | |
| 4 | A. Tabor | Crittenden | 22'11" |
| Girls Discus | | | |
| 5 | A. Tabor | Crittenden | 60'10" |
| Girls Long Jump | | | |
| 1 | A. Lynch | Crittenden | 13'3" |
| 2 | N. Shuecraft | Crittenden | 12'6" |
| 3 | T. Hayes | Crittenden | 11'5" |
| 4 | A. Darrow | Crittenden | 10'3" |
| Girls Triple Jump | | | |
| 2 | N. Shuecraft | Crittenden | 23'11" |
| 3 | E. Barnes | Crittenden | 20'0" |
| 4 | S. Pate | Crittenden | 18'2.5" |
| 5 | T. Hayes | Crittenden | 16'2" |
| Girls High Jump | | | |
| 2 | N. Hutchings | Crittenden | 4'0" |
| Boys 100m Dash | | | |
| 3 | D. Nesbitt | Crittenden | 12.00 |
| 4 | J. Russelburg | Crittenden | 12.04 |
| 7 | E. Moss | Crittenden | 12.48 |
| Boys 200m Dash | | | |
| 4 | L. Brooks | Crittenden | 26.03 |
| 5 | B. Larney | Crittenden | 26.12 |
| 8 | A. Beavers | Crittenden | 27.56 |
| Boys 400m Run | | | |
| 2 | W. Tolley | Crittenden | 55.96 |
| 4 | G. McConnell | Crittenden | 1:01.26 |
| 6 | J. Estes | Crittenden | 1:01.99 |
| Boys 800m Run | | | |
| 2 | J. Belt | Crittenden | 2:31 |
| 3 | Z. Weathers | Crittenden | 2:42 |
| Boys 1600m Run | | | |
| 1 | A. Lucas | Crittenden | 4:49 |
| 3 | J. Croft | Crittenden | 5:35 |
| 4 | J. Belt | Crittenden | 5:48 |
| Boys 3200m Run | | | |
| 1 | A. Lucas | Crittenden | 10:44 |
| 4 | J. Croft | Crittenden | 13:29 |
| Boys 100m Hurdles | | | |
| 2 | W. Perkins | Crittenden | 18.75 |
| 3 | G. McConnell | Crittenden | 19.87 |
| Boys 300m Hurdles | | | |
| 1 | D. Hicks | Crittenden | 45.59 |
| 2 | W. Perkins | Crittenden | 48.45 |
| Boys 4x100m Relay | | | |
| 1 | | Crittenden v | 47.90 |
| 5 | | Crittenden jv | 58.41 |
| Boys 4x200m Relay | | | |
| 1 | | Crittenden v | 1:38.84 |

Wildlife officials mindful of Crittenden’s turkey dip

STAFF REPORT

Local wildlife biologist Philip Sharp knows there’s something going on that is affecting the local wild turkey population, either in nature or beyond. Problem is, neither he nor seemingly anyone else can put a finger on it.

What Sharp knows is that Crittenden County has habitat to hold a higher number of turkeys than are currently living here. Hunters see that they are taking fewer and fewer turkeys over the last three seasons and they’re reporting seeing fewer birds afield.

Sharp thinks it may take a more conservative season to get the turkey flock back to where it was 10 years ago, and he’s pressing that point with superiors in Frankfort.

The spring gobbler season ended a few days ago and wildlife officials are still parsing the numbers with some concern about to where Crittenden County has fallen. Just four years ago, Crittenden was among the top wild turkey producing counties in the state. That spring, hunters here took 566 birds and Crittenden was the No. 3 harvest county in the commonwealth behind Ohio at 573 and Hopkins at 567. That year, 33,068 wild turkeys were taken statewide.

This year, Kentucky’s statewide harvest is down to 31,047, apparently setting off no alarm bells at Kentucky Department of Wildlife Resources headquarters at Game Farm Road in Frankfort. However, the private lands biologist on the ground in Crittenden County

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knows something needs to be done. That is why Sharp is suggesting a serious contemplation of zoned hunting to manage turkey populations much like they are used for deer hunting. In counties where the turkey populations are healthier, there would remain a liberal bag limit. In counties where numbers are low or harvest figures show a declining trend, the season could be shortened or bag limits reduced.

“I certainly don’t think we need to go to a three-bird limit,” said Sharp, pointing out that some outdoors advocates want an increase in the number of spring gobblers they can legally harvest. Right now, the statewide limit is two spring toms. Hunters can also legally harvest four turkeys in the fall shotgun and archery seasons, in addition to the spring bag. That is something else that might be needed to be adjusted, say hunting advocates who are concerned with the declining population in Crittenden County.

Crittenden County’s turkey flock flourished after restocking efforts in the 1980s and early 1990s. The first relocated birds were released in Crittenden County on Westvaco property and what is now Big Rivers WMA (known back then as Alcoa). Crittenden had a brief turkey season in the mid 1980s, but it was shut down after biologists decided the flock wasn’t truly

ready for hunting. In 1992, the southern portion of the county was opened to turkey hunting then in 1994 the entire county was opened. That year, hunters took 228 turkeys in Crittenden, second most in western Kentucky were with 227.

Steadily, the turkey flock grew as hunters began taking to the relatively new opportunities in Kentucky. Prior to restocking efforts, about the only place to hunt wild turkeys in the commonwealth was in Land Between the Lakes.

Observers says there could be a number of factors affecting the local harvest – a perfect storm perhaps. Those elements are a number of extraordinary weather events over the past several years, an increase in natural predation (partly due to those weather conditions), fewer hunters, the appearance of diseases in the local flock and maybe even some complications from chicken waste being used as farm fertilizer.

“You have to factor in the extreme weather conditions in this area from ice storms to extreme droughts to extremely wet periods in the nesting season,” Sharp said.

Turkeys roost in trees, but they nest on the ground. Hot and dry



Sharp

periods or cool and wet periods can have adverse effects during the nesting period, generally spring and early summer. A couple of failed hatches can have serious consequences on the overall general health of the population, Sharp explained. He is seeing fewer and fewer broods in the months of July and August when hens should be raising their young.

“We do a summer brood count,” he said. “I used to have three or four pages full of reports I’d turn in every month where I’d seen hens with broods, but I don’t anymore.”

Some turkey hunters have reported a scarcity of birds where farmers have deployed poultry waste as farm fertilizer. The smell, they say, is horrendous enough to run every critter off. Sharp, however, cites a least one study in Tennessee that found no correlation between chicken waste and diseases in the wild turkey population. There is, however, some concern that sterilization drugs pumped into commercially-raised chickens to increase their speed of growth could be seeping into the wild turkey habitat at the molecular level through waste products. Still, biologists don’t think that’s what is having a dramatic influence on the local population.

Jake Perryman, a local turkey call maker and avid hunter, says he found five mature gobblers dead last winter during a snowstorm. They were all within a 100-acre farm. It appeared that weather had at least been partly to blame for their demise. Whether they had

been weakened by disease or caught off guard by predators could not be identified.

Sharp said wildlife officials want to see the birds when hunters or farmers find them dead. “If you see a turkey that doesn’t run off when you get close to it, something is wrong with it,” he said.

Biologists want to know about those sightings and they want fresh carcasses when they can get them. Sharp gathered a couple of dead turkeys from Livingston County this spring and sent them to a laboratory in Georgia. One of them came back positive for a relatively new disease known as LPD virus. There are a few other avian diseases to which local turkeys are susceptible, but those types of problems are generally considered part of the natural mortality, Sharp said.

“When there is a new disease like this LPD virus, there’s a cause for some concern,” the biologist said, “because with anything new you don’t know how fast it might spread or what type of long-term effects it might have.”

Crittenden County’s turkey harvest has gone almost straight down over the last five years from 566 to 525 to 395 to 390 and 374 this spring. Local sportsmen are concerned, but Sharp says there probably will be no drastic changes in the near future. He said the department is currently monitoring the situation on a county-by-county basis and will develop a plan of action if wildlife officials decide it’s necessary.

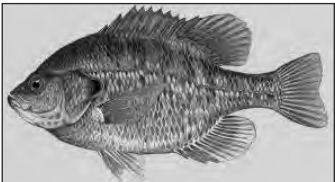
It’s that time of year when anglers enjoy a fishing bonanza for bluegill, red ear

BY LEE MCCLELLAN
KENTUCKY AFIELD

May is a special time for anglers who chase redear sunfish and bluegill as they move into the shallows to spawn.

"I think we still might be a few days from the peak for redear fishing," said Maj. Shane Carrier, assistant director of law enforcement for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The old timers say the timing is all about the full moon in May, but this year the full moon isn't until Saturday. I do best the second week and going into the third week of May."

Carrier fishes a bluegill grub available at tackle shops around Kentucky Lake consisting of short strands of rubber threaded through a 1-inch cigar-shaped plastic grub for redear, but also catches many



Whether you have a boat or fish from the bank, nearly anyone can enjoy fishing for red-ear and bluegill.

fish on 1/32-ounce black and yellow feather jigs. He tips both the grub and feather jig with wax worms and suspends them under a slip bobber.

"I use a slip bobber instead of a clip-on," Carrier said. "You can throw a slip bobber in a pocket in weeds or brush and the bait falls straight down to the fish. If you are using a clip-on bobber, the bait may get hung in the weeds or brush and not get down to the fish. A clip-

on bobber still works well in open water situations."

Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley are the best lakes in Kentucky and arguably the upper South for redear sunfish. These lakes regularly produce fish longer than 11 inches. The ability of a redear sunfish to use their body shape to pull against a rod produces great sport.

"I've caught more redear on these lakes in the back of the bays where the water coming into the lake pushes up gravel bars," Carrier said. "The redear much prefer the gravel bars in May."

Redear sunfish spawn a little deeper than bluegill, so anglers usually fish from 2- to six-foot deep.

Many smaller lakes in Kentucky such as Briggs Lake in Logan County, Elmer Davis Lake in Owen County, Marion County and Fagan Branch lakes in Mar-

ion County, Cedar Creek Lake in Lincoln County, Clear Creek Lake in Bath County and McNeely Lake in Jefferson County all hold bountiful populations of redear sunfish.

The soft bottoms on most of these smaller lakes make weedlines the best spots for redear sunfish. Fish weed edges with 1/16-ounce yellow feather jigs tipped with wax worms and suspended under slip bobbers. Many anglers bottom fish redworms beside the weedlines for redear.

Bluegill inhabit practically all water bodies in Kentucky and also spawn in May. Farm ponds, smaller lakes, large reservoirs and rivers all have them. They provide great fun as they readily bite and make the best fish to introduce kids to fishing.

For the best bluegill fish-

ing, probe the outer edges of weedlines with a redworm impaled on a No. 6 Aberdeen hook suspended under a clip-on bobber. Adjust the depth of the bobber until you find fish.

Any sunken tree top, root wad or brush pile should also be worked for bluegill with a redworm suspended under a bobber. Some anglers like to throw 1½-inch yellow curly tailed grubs rigged on a 1/32-ounce lead-heads or tiny spinner and grub combinations that resemble a Beetle Spin in these same spots for larger bluegill.

Bluegill often nestle in the cracks in rock bluffs on Lake Cumberland, Herrington Lake, Laurel River Lake and other lakes with exposed rock in May. A fly rod angler can find great fishing with small chartreuse, yellow or white poppers fished beside

these bluffs. Bluegill will come from a good distance to smack these topwater presentations. A three-weight fly rod makes a hand-sized bluegill feel like a five-pound smallmouth bass.

Spinning anglers using ultra-light equipment can also cast poppers by using a clear casting bobber attached to the line roughly three feet above the popper. Sponge spiders also work well in this situation for both fly rods and spinning gear.

The redear sunfish and bluegill are shallow and biting. It is time to enjoy some of the fastest fishing action of the year.

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HIGH SCHOOL DIAMOND SPORTS ROUND-UPS

| FIFTH DISTRICT STANDINGS | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|----------|
| | TEAM | OVERALL | DISTRICT |
| Softball | Lyon County | 28-4 | 6-0 |
| | Crittenden County | 13-11 | 3-3 |
| | Trigg County | 14-18 | 2-4 |
| | Livingston Central | 7-17 | 1-5 |
| Baseball | Trigg County | 13-17 | 4-2 |
| | Livingston Central | 14-13 | 5-1 |
| | Lyon County | 14-10 | 3-3 |
| | Crittenden County | 8-21 | 0-6 |

end, but scored four in that frame and four in the sixth to win going away.

Kaitlyn Hicks had three hits and an RBI for Crittenden and Cassidy Moss and Chandler Moss had a couple of hits apiece. Hicks and Cassidy Moss scored twice and Moss had four RBIs thanks to a couple of triples. Jada Hayes also tripled and scored a run for CCHS.

Cassidy Moss was dominant on the mound, striking out a dozen and walking none. She allowed just two hits. Those were a triple to Emily Dalton and a single to Hailley Stiles. Allison Doyle pitched for Livingston, allowing eight earned runs on 13 hits. She struck out five and walked one.

CCHS wins low-scoring duel at Graves

Crittenden won a pitcher's duel at Graves County 1-0 Friday. The Lady Eagles are 20-13 on the season and sport the third-best record in the First Region.

Crittenden infielder Courtney Beverly reached on an error to lead off the third inning and she scored on a two-out triple by Cassidy Moss for the game's only run. Graves twice had runners at third, but couldn't score.

Cassidy Moss pitched seven innings, striking out eight, walking none and allowing just four hits. Graves hurler Kristen Wimsatt struck out four Lady Rockets and allowed five hits.

For Crittenden, Chandler Moss, Emmie Smith, Kiana Nesbitt and Beverly all singled in the game.

Rocket Baseball

Skid marked by close games; Rockets face Trigg in Fifth

The Rockets lost 5-4 to Madisonville Friday at home in a game that was close from start to finish. Noah Brady went the distance for the Maroons and Crittenden starter Ryan James worked six innings, striking out four and walking two while allowing nine hits. Nick Castiller closed it out for CCHS.

Castiller, Bobby Stephens and James each drove in a run. Ethan Hunt and Paxton Riley singled for the Rockets and Shelby Robinson doubled and scored a run.

All of the scoring was done in the third and fourth innings and Crittenden was only able to get a couple of runners on in the late innings.

The Rockets continue to play well enough to be competitive, but wins have been rare. The boys have lost four straight and seven of their last nine. In the last four losses, Crit-

tenden has lost by 4, 2, 3 and 1 runs, respectively.

Fifth District playoff action begins Monday at Lyon County. The Rockets, the fourth seed in the tournament, will open against league regular-season champion Trigg County. The date and time had not been announced as of press time this week. Crittenden lost twice, 7-2 and 9-8, to Trigg County this season.

The Rockets had scheduled a makeup game on Wednesday of this week against St. Mary.

Lady Rocket Leaders

| Player | Avg. | RBIs |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| Cassidy Moss | .507 | 27 |
| Kaitlyn Hicks | .409 | 16 |
| Kali Travis | .313 | 9 |
| Brandy Book | .308 | 21 |
| Courtney Beverly | .258 | 8 |
| (50 or more plate appearances) | | |

Lady Rocket Softball

Girls on 3-game win streak

Crittenden County is hitting its stride just in time for next week's Fifth District Tournament. The Lady Rockets (13-11) wrapped up a second-place regular-season finish last week and capped a three-game winning streak on Monday with a 7-1 win at Paducah Tilghman.

The Lady Rockets were in command from start to finish at Paducah, spreading 11 hits across seven innings against the Lady Tornado (11-16).

Brandy Book drove in two runs and Kaitlyn Hicks had three hits, including two doubles and drove in a run during the contest. Cassidy Moss tripled and singled. Courtney Beverly and Jayda Hayes also drove in runs.

Moss did the pitching, allowing no earned runs, striking out four, allowing four hits and walking none. This season, Moss has struck out 110 batters and walked just 16 in 95½ innings.

Girls wrap up second-place in district

Crittenden wrapped up its regular-season league round-robin play on Saturday with a decisive 8-1 win at Livingston Central. The victory was especially important to the Lady Rockets' seeding for the post-season tournament. The win solidified CCHS's role as the second best team during the regular season behind 28-4 Lyon County, which is currently ranked 22nd in the state with the best record in the Second Region. Madisonville (26-3) is ranked No. 3 in Kentucky, according to the latest coaches' poll.

The Fifth District Tournament is next week at Eddyville and although the pairings are set with Crittenden opening with Trigg County – a team its beaten twice this year – the exact dates and times for games had not been announced as of press time.

Crittenden was behind at Livingston by a run going into the fifth inning over the week-

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| | W | L | GB |
|----------------------|---|---|-----|
| Caldwell Braves | 3 | 0 | - |
| Crittenden Blue Jays | 2 | 0 | 0.5 |
| Caldwell Yankees | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Crittenden Dodgers | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Lyon Cardinals | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Caldwell Cubs | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Dawson White Sox | 0 | 3 | 3 |

10U BASEBALL STANDINGS

| | W | L | GB |
|----------------------|---|---|-----|
| Crittenden Red Sox | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Caldwell Blue Jays | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Caldwell Braves | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Caldwell Mariners | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Crittenden Cardinals | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Dawson Cubs | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Lyon Yankees | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Crittenden Orioles | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Caldwell Dodgers | 1 | 2 | 1.5 |
| Caldwell Pirates | 1 | 2 | 1.5 |
| Crittenden Rangers | 1 | 2 | 1.5 |
| Dawson Reds | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Lyon Angels | 0 | 3 | 2.5 |

8U BASEBALL STANDINGS

| | W | L | GB |
|--------------------|---|---|-----|
| Caldwell Braves | 3 | 0 | - |
| Caldwell Yankees | 3 | 0 | - |
| Crittenden Dodgers | 3 | 0 | - |
| Crittenden Tigers | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Caldwell Cubs | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Crittenden Royals | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Dawson Red Sox | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Lyon Cardinals | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Caldwell Blue Jays | 0 | 3 | 2.5 |

12U SOFTBALL STANDINGS

| | W | L | GB |
|----------------------|---|---|----|
| Caldwell Cubs | 0 | 0 | - |
| Caldwell White Sox | 0 | 0 | - |
| Crittenden Cardinals | 0 | 0 | - |
| Dawson Braves | 0 | 0 | - |

10U SOFTBALL STANDINGS

| | W | L | GB |
|----------------------|---|---|-----|
| Crittenden Cardinals | 2 | 0 | - |
| Lyon Cubs | 2 | 0 | - |
| Caldwell Dodgers | 1 | 0 | 0.5 |
| Caldwell Rays | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Caldwell Angels | 0 | 1 | 1.5 |
| Crittenden Royals | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Dawson Pirates | 0 | 2 | 2 |

8U SOFTBALL STANDINGS

| | W | L | GB |
|--------------------|---|---|-----|
| Lyon Cardinals | 4 | 0 | - |
| Caldwell A's | 4 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Caldwell White Sox | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Crittenden Braves | 2 | 1 | 1.5 |
| Caldwell Rockies | 1 | 2 | 2.5 |
| Caldwell Yankees | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Crittenden Royals | 0 | 3 | 3.5 |
| Dawson Nationals | 0 | 4 | 4 |

Standings as of Sunday, May 15

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WEEK 2

8U BASEBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS FROM MONDAY, MAY 9

AT PRINCETON

Dawson White Sox004 10 — 5

Caldwell Yankees114 1x — 7

WP: Ben Goodaker LP: Toby Stevens

White Sox leading hitters: None.

Yankees leading hitters: Logan Chambliss 2B, 3B, 3B; Drew Davis 1B; Ben Goodaker 1B.

Caldwell Cubs205 3 — 10

Caldwell Braves562 x — 13

WP: Jack Stevens LP: Logan Smiley

Cubs leading hitters: Zach Goodwin 2B; Logan Smiley 1B, 2B; Barrett Cotton 1B, 3B; Nate Noel 2B; Seth Slayton 1B.

Braves leading hitters: Jack Stevens 1B, 1B; Gavin Board 1B; Gabe Dyer 1B.

AT MARION

Lyon Cardinals101 04 — 6

Crittenden Dodgers110 00 — 2

RESULTS FROM THURSDAY, MAY 12

AT PRINCETON

Cardinals at Yankees, PPD

AT MARION

Braves at Blue Jays, PPD

Dodgers at Blue Jays, PPD

AT DAWSON SPRINGS

Cubs at White Sox, PPD

10U BASEBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS FROM TUESDAY, MAY 10

AT PRINCETON

Reds at Braves, PPD

Pirates at Blue Jays, PPD

AT MARION

Angels at Cardinals, PPD

Red Sox at Orioles, PPD

AT DAWSON SPRINGS

Dodgers at Cubs, PPD

AT EDDYVILLE

Rangers at Yankees, PPD

RESULTS FROM FRIDAY, MAY 13

AT PRINCETON

Caldwell Blue JaysN/A — 7

Caldwell DodgersN/A — 4

WP: N/A LP: N/A

Blue Jays leading hitters: Not available.

Dodgers leading hitters: Not available.

Crittenden Cardinals513 04 — 13

Caldwell Pirates402 0x — 6

WP: N/A LP: Corbin Nichols

Cardinals leading hitters: Not available.

Pirates leading hitters: Not available.

Caldwell Mariners554 — 14

Lyon YankeesN/A — 7

WP: Jayvian Turner LP: N/A

Mariners leading hitters: Not available.

Yankees leading hitters: Not available.

10U SOFTBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS FROM MONDAY, MAY 9

AT PRINCETON

Caldwell Rays203 3 — 8

Caldwell Dodgers041 4 — 9

Rays leading hitters: Maci Tyler 1B, 1B, 3B; Hannah Lowery 2B; Presley McKinney 1B, 1B, 1B; Ellie Ramey 1B, 2B, 3B; Kennedy Hughes 3B; Marissa Smith 1B.

Dodgers leading hitters: Avery Wells 1B, 2B; Lilly Perry 1B, 1B, 2B; Laney Jones 1B, 2B; Ja'Khia Copeland 1B; Ashlee Ladd 1B; Emma Koscho 1B; Kaylee Ladd 1B.

Dodgers at Angels, PPD

AT MARION

Crittenden RoyalsN/A — 6

Crittenden Cardinals655 — 16

Royals leading hitters: Not available.

Cardinals leading hitters: Riley Smith 1B, HR; Brylee Conyer 1B, 2B, 2B; Katie Perryman 1B, 2B, 3B; Jaylee Champion 1B; Elliot Evans 2B, 2B, 3B; Alex Jones 1B, 1B;

RESULTS FROM THURSDAY, MAY 12

AT PRINCETON

Royals at Angels, PPD

AT DAWSON SPRINGS

Dodgers at Pirates, PPD

AT EDDYVILLE

Rays at Cubs, PPD

8U BASEBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS FROM MONDAY, MAY 9

AT PRINCETON

Caldwell Cubs305 310 — 12

Caldwell Braves601 501 — 13

Cubs leading hitters: Peyton Fruit 2B, 2B; Drew Stevens 1B, HR; Sutton Ritchey 1B; Hunter Collier 1B, HR; Eli Cotton 1B, 2B; Connor Forsythe 1B, 1B; Carter Ennis 1B; Trevaughn Copeland 1B.

Braves leading hitters: Landry Dunbar 1B, 1B, 3B; Donovan Rogers 1B, 1B, 1B; Camden Thatcher 1B, 1B, 1B, 3B; Hayden Patterson 1B, 2B, HR, HR; Jacob McDaniels 1B; Elijah Thomas 1B, 1B; Max Ortt 1B; Jaden Boyd 1B; Xander Sample 1B, 1B.

Caldwell Yankees331 150 — 13

Caldwell Blue Jays103 040 — 8

Yankees leading hitters: Madux Copeland 1B, 1B, 1B, 1B; Scott Cortner 1B, 1B, 2B, HR; Brayden Goodwin 1B, 2B, HR; Timmy Martin 1B; Ethan Ramage 1B, 1B, HR; Noah Bailey 1B, 1B, 1B; Jaythen Towery 1B.

Blue Jays leading hitters: Dalton Rustin 1B, 1B, HR; Blake Darnell 1B; Elijah Kirby 1B; WestinKing 1B, 1B.

AT MARION

Crittenden Dodgers664 4 — 20

Crittenden Royals303 0 — 6

Dodgers leading hitters: Brady Dayberry 1B, 2B; Braeden Odom 1B, 2B, 2B; Caleb Whobrey 1B, HR, HR; Levi Suddoth 2B, 3B; Trent Todd 1B, 1B, 1B; Gunner Topp 1B, HR; Landon Curry 3B, HR; Jett Reddick 3B; Levi Quertermous 2B; Logan Shaffer 1B; Adam Dean 1B.

Royals leading hitters: Colt Bailey 1B; Caeden Brothers HR, HR; Jaxton Duncan 2B; Tucker Boudro 1B; Brody Samuel 1B.

AT EDDYVILLE

Crittenden Tigers300 300 — 6

Lyon Cardinals010 040 — 5

Tigers leading hitters: Grayson Davidson 2B, HR; Garner Stallins 1B, 1B; Caleb Riley HR; Ethan Thomas 1B, 2B; Davis Perryman 1B; Seth Henry 3B; Avery Thompson 1B; Jayden Cotton 1B, 1B; Breylen Clifford 1B; Glenn Starkey 1B.

Cardinals leading hitters: Drew Ritchie 1B, 1B; Brayden Kirk 1B, 2B; Carson Lewis 1B, 1B; Justice Harvey 1B, 2B; Colton Lawless 2B; Connor Brown 3B; Landon Long 1B; Cullen Beckner 1B.

RESULTS FROM THURSDAY, MAY 12

AT PRINCETON

Blue Jays at Yankees, PPD

AT MARION

Cubs at Royals, PPD

AT DAWSON SPRINGS

Braves at Red Sox, PPD

AT EDDYVILLE

Dodgers at Cardinals, PPD

PLEASE REPORT SCORES

A reminder to all coaches and/or score-keepers to report your scores and information each night after your games. Information should be sent to The Times Leader sports editor Todd Griffin. Take pictures of your scorebook pages and text them to 270-875-1126 or email them to toddgriffin@timesleader.net. Please report all games, regardless of whether your team was home or visitor.

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sales

Yard sale and bake sale for Trust for Life, Sat., 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Crittenden County Courthouse. Items such as furniture, clothes, shoes, purses, Barbies and housewares plus more.(1t-46-p)

Yard sale in Frances by school, no clothes, assortment of items, watch for signs. Fri. and Sat., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Rain cancels.(1t-46-p)

James Estate Sale, 204 Maddox Ave., in Salem, Ky. Friday and Saturday, May 27-28 and Memorial Day if necessary. For list of items, call (270) 988-2213. (2t-47p)

Yard sale, Sat., 641 South, ¼ mile past Ky. 70 on right. Lamps, end tables, door, dishes, clothes and more. (1t-46-p)

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public notices

Notice Of Public Sale
Notice is hereby given pursuant to O.R.C. 1317.16 that on the 20th day of May, 2016 at 10 a.m., a public sale will be held for the purpose of selling the following property: 2005 Acura TL 19UUA66255A028566. Location of Sale: CAS Auto Sales & Rentals 215 Violet Rd., Crittenden Ky., 41030. Conditions of sale: Cash only. Immediate possession of vehicle and removal from premises by close of business on sale day. (1t-46-p)

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Community Services, Inc.
CSBG Budget and Plan Available for Public Review

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The Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems will conduct an accreditation site visit of Air Evac Lifeteam between June 6-10, 2016.

The purpose of the site visit will be to evaluate the program's compliance with nationally established medical transport standards. The site visit results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded to the program.

CAMTS accreditation standards deal with issues of patient care and safety of the transport environment. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent or valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the CAMTS site surveyors at the time of the site visit. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for public information interviews must be made in writing and sent to CAMTS no later than 5 business days before the site survey begins. The request should also indicate the nature of the information to be provided during the interview. Such request should be addressed to:

Office of the Executive Director
Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems
PO Box 130
Sandy Springs, SC 29677

The Commission will acknowledge such written requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the program of the request for an interview. The Commission will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time and place of the meeting. (2t-46-p)

legal notice

Notice is hereby given that on May 11th, 2016, Michael R. Byford of 240 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executor of Martha Nell Byford, deceased, whose address was 240 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky. 42064. Karen E. Woodall, attor-

ney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor before the 11th day of May, 2016 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-46-p)

NOTICE OF PASSAGE
AND SUMMARY OF
ORDINANCE ORDINANCE
NUMBER 16-05 AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING
MARION CODE OF
ORDINANCES

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular called meeting held on May 16, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular called meeting of the City Council held on April 16, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance adopts the 2016 S-27 Supplement to the Marion Code of Ordinances as submitted by American Legal Publishing Corporation.

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trols for storm water runoff when land areas are developed inside the city limits. An application along with designs demonstrating how storm water runoff shall be controlled and a \$100.00 fee will be required to be submitted to the City prior to any development or redevelopment of land. The Code Enforcement Officer shall be charged with overseeing the storm water runoff regulations. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or failing to comply with any of its requirements, including violations of conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants of variance or special exception, shall constitute an offense and shall result in a fine. The first offense shall result in a fine of not greater than \$300. A second offense shall result in a fine not greater than \$500. All other offenses shall result in a fine of not greater than \$600. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

The full text of the Ordinance is

on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.
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CAF organizing barbecue festival

STAFF REPORT

Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation is hosting two summer events that should appeal to all ages.

The local agency designed to promote the arts in Crittenden County is first hosting a Summer Kids Acting Workshop, June 20-25 at Fohs Hall. Participants will increase their acting and confidence while learning to improvise through theater games, as well as take part in a dramatic presentation for family and friends on June 25.

Camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Fohs Hall and is open to students currently enrolled in kinder-

garten through fifth grade.

Contact Karen Nasserri at (270) 704-0164 for registration or more information. Cost is \$40 per child.

Later this summer, CAF is organizing its first Boot Scootin' BBQ Festival, which it hopes to make an annual affair. Competitors should sign up by Friday for the Blind BBQ Cook Off, which will pit master barbecuers in the categories of Best Pulled Pork, Best Ribs and Best BBQ Sauce. Contact Nikki Croft at (270) 704-3541 for more details.

The BBQ Festival is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. July 16 around the court square in Marion.

Crash leads to charge

STAFF REPORT

An Eddyville teen was charged with DUI following a crash on U.S. 641 early Saturday morning.

According to Kentucky State Police, Bryant Millikan, 18, was operating a 2006 Ford Mustang southbound on U.S. 641 when he lost control of the vehicle near the Crittenden-Caldwell County line, around 1:45 a.m. The vehicle crossed both lanes of travel, and ex-

ited the left shoulder of the roadway. The vehicle rolled multiple times and came to rest upright off the roadway.

Millikan was transported by ambulance to Crittenden Health Systems where he was treated and released. He was then lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center charged with DUI, first offense. There were no passengers with Millikan, who was not wearing his seatbelt.

1st graders learn ‘egg’cellent lesson

STAFF REPORT

If you ask a first-grader at Crittenden County Elementary School how long it takes for a chick to hatch, they will tell you 21 days.

That's how long – give or take a day – that these students have been waiting for their chicks to hatch, and they are finally here. Leslea Barnes, Crittenden County 4-H Youth Development agent, placed incubators full of chicken eggs in each of the first-grade classrooms at CCES on April 12. The kids waited patiently, learning about chick development and the days finally came

two weeks ago to welcome the baby chicks into their classrooms.

“Chicks are a great way for students to learn hands on about the life cycle,” said Barnes.

Barnes tested this project last year with two classrooms, and it went over so well, each classroom had its own incubator this year. The children were able to see the eggs candled before they were incubated and then again on day 10 to see the tiny chick moving around inside. They became very excited for the chicks to arrive and learn each day what is

developing inside.

“My students thought of these eggs as their responsibility,” said first-grade teacher Mollie McGowan. “They showed compassion and concern for them.”

“One exciting element to this year's incubation is some of the eggs that were used in the project were from the chicks that were hatched in the classroom last year,” Barnes explained. “The youth that took these chickens last year as a 4-H project were very excited to donate eggs from their own chickens back to this project.”



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Crashing against cancer

Crittenden County Lions Club on Saturday hosted a demolition derby at the fairgrounds in Marion to benefit Relay for Life, which will be June 3. At top, Ryan Bebout helps unload a car before the event. At left, one of the organizers, Lions Club member Tim Cosby, prepares one of the vehicles for competition.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

First-grade students (from left) Levi Quertermous, Logan Martin, Heidi Butts and Gohan Butts watch a newly hatched chick in the incubator in their Crittenden County Elementary School classroom.

Burna Legion to honor vets on May 29

STAFF REPORT

American Legion Post 217 will be holding its annual memorial services at the post in Burna on Sunday, May 29. This annual service is not only to honor the local veterans who have passed in the last year, but to honor all Livingston County veterans who have served the country.



Gavin

This year's speaker will be Dr. Michael Gavin. He is a veteran who has given much of his adult life to the country. Dee Wright will be singing national anthem.

The service will begin at 8 a.m. Those attending should have plenty of time to attend a church of their choice following the service.

The American Legion Auxiliary will be serving a continental breakfast after the service. There is no charge for the service or meal.

"Be sure to walk out to our new memorial garden and view the monuments with engraved names of our veterans who have fought for our country and given us the freedom we have today," Post Auxiliary member Faye Gibson said. "As you view the over 2,000 names there, remember how lucky we are to have the privilege to live in the United States all because of men and women just like this."

Flags will be displayed for the veterans lost in the last year and whose names are yet to be engraved on the monuments. If you find a name missing on the stones, notify one of the attending Legion members.

"We try to follow and update as notified, but we may not have received an update," Gibson said. "We appreciate the community's help to make sure we give recognition to those who so deserve this honor. They are our heroes."

Post 217 is located beside the North Livingston Middle School on U.S. 60 West.

WATER

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at 75 percent of the monthly cost for water, increasing water rates by a third could be crippling to the largest customers, Bryant suggested.

The proposed fee schedule will be up for final approval at a special-called meeting later this month. It is slightly different than what council members saw Monday night.

Bryant restructured the rate Tuesday morning in response to an objection from an individual water customer at the council meeting. The first structure saw the least users – 1,500 gallons or fewer – paying \$10 more monthly for the environmental assessment with customers using more than 25,000 gallons per month paying \$100. Some of those customers include Par 4 Plastics, Beavers Car Wash and Crittenden County Health & Rehab.

"This is heavily weighted against the average user," said Linda Schumann, a city water customer on a fixed income. "The larger customers are paying less than 7 percent, and residents are paying 30 percent. Why isn't it weighted the other way? How's it different for them except they're making money, and I'm retired."

Bryant said tweaking the rate structure made sense to lessen the burden on those who can least afford it while not being overburdensome to the city's largest employers.

"Linda was right," Bryant conceded Tuesday morning.

On Monday afternoon, he had already spoken with some of the larger water customers to discuss the proposed environmental assessment. In addition to the aforementioned private enterprises, top water users include public employers and non-profits like the hospital, schools and county jail, which by far is the city's biggest water user at 300,000 gallons monthly.

An estimated 29 percent of the 1,500 municipal water customers will be paying the minimum \$8 fee. There are only 30 or so customers who use 15,000 gallons or more.

Even with the additional fee, Utilities Director Brian Thomas said the city's water/sewer utility is still a rel-

Fee structure

Following is the structure of the City of Marion's proposed environment assessment fee.

| GALLONS | ASSESSMENT |
|----------------------|------------|
| Up to 1,500 | \$8 |
| 1,501-5,000 | \$12 |
| 5,001-15,000 | \$16 |
| 15,001-25,000 | \$55 |
| 25,000 or more | \$110 |

Sewer customers only will pay an extra \$20 monthly.

ative bargain.

"It's one of the cheapest bills you'll get...and most essential," he said.

The environmental assessment fee is anticipated to generate approximately \$240,000 annually for the water/sewer fund. That money offers KIA assurance that the city will be able to pay back the total project cost over 30 years. While current estimates range as high as \$12 million to complete the job, Bryant said the city has been guaranteed that at least 30 percent of the total special government loan will be forgiven with 50 percent likely.

Aside from an initial \$580,000 that will be borrowed for prep work like engineering and design, the interest rate will be a microscopic 0.25 percent. The first phase will be financed at only 0.75 percent.

"We can't get better terms than that," Bryant said.

With about \$700,000 in reserves, the city cannot afford the venture without the financial assistance.

Mandated spending

For years, the city has been able to delay the inevitable replacement of a 45-year-old wastewater treatment facility and failing lines.

The Energy and Environment Cabinet claims the city is "chronically non-compliant" with environmental protection regulations by releasing millions of gallons of untreated wastewater into the ecosystem at the treatment facility on the northern edge of town. The Cabinet cites 60 times since 2010 that untreated wastewater has been discharged into Rush Creek, a tributary of Crooked Creek that eventually makes its way to the Ohio River.

Failure to reach compliance could eventually cost the city \$10,000 per violation. Had each of the incidents over the last five years been accompanied by that fine, the city would have amassed \$600,000 in penalties. Thomas said the state could also come in and run the utility itself, likely leading to much higher rates.

To be clear, the events in violation of state regulations are not discharges of raw sewage into the environment; rather, they are a mixture of storm water and sewage in times of heavy rainfall when the treatment plant simply cannot keep up with the flow of combined wastewater.

The aged sewer plant has a 660,000-gallon daily treatment capacity, which is adequate to handle the city's sewage. However, during downpours, Bryant said as much as 6 million gallons of combined sewage and storm water may make its way to the facility.

The city administrator said the city has 10 years to comply with the order from the Cabinet to get a new plant building and rehabilitate the wastewater system. In December, when the Cabinet's ultimatum to the city was first brought out at a city council meeting, city officials feared sewer rates might have to double to finance the upgrades.

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Kentuckians eligible this week for free dental, medication card

STAFF REPORT

Kentuckians will have the opportunity this week to download a free Aetna Dental Access. This offer was launched to help celebrate Rx Awareness Week. The Kentucky Rx Card is a free statewide prescription assistance program launched in 2009.

"Our goal this week is to inform the residents that there is a program that can help them with their medication costs. Many families are struggling with the rise of health care costs and we are pleased to offer these programs to help them," said Milton Perkins, program director for Kentucky Rx Card.

Aetna Dental Access provides savings on dental services at more than 169,000 dental practice locations nationwide. Kentucky Rx Card can offer significant savings on brand and generic medications and is accepted at most pharmacies across Kentucky. If you are unable to print a free prescription card, simply visit CVS Pharmacy and ask them to process your prescription through the program.

All Kentucky residents are eligible for this program. Simply visit KentuckyRxCard.com to get a free Aetna Dental and prescription card. All cards can be used immediately. The Aetna Dental offer is good this week only.

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