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237 magic number for alcohol petition

Last week, Tyler Collins of Marion announced the kickoff of his Grow Marion campaign, an effort to legalize the sale of beer and wine within the city limits of Marion at restaurants seating 50 or more people.

A petition for alcohol sales within the City of Marion would require the signatures of 237 registered city voters to make it to the ballot, according to Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford. By law, to place an alcohol referendum on the ballot calls for the signatures of 25 percent of the total number voting in the most recent general election, which occurred Nov. 4. That number is 947, said Byford.

Collins hopes to begin circulating his petition within the next week. If the requisite number of signatures is attained within six months of the first signature, a special local option election would have to be held next year.

Government offices closing for holiday

All city, county and state government offices will be closed Nov. 27-28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Additionally, the offices of the county clerk, circuit court clerk and sheriff will be closing for the holiday beginning at noon next Wednesday. The University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service and Crittenden County Public Library will also be closed Nov. 27-28. The library will re-open Nov. 29 with regular Saturday hours.

Meantime, federal offices, such as the post office, will be closed Thanksgiving Day only.

The Press closing for Thanksgiving

The office of The Crittenden Press will be closed Nov. 27-28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Due to the closure, the advertising deadline for The Early Bird will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Meantime, the newspaper will hit newsstands as usual next Wednesday, but subscribers should expect delivery of The Crittenden Press a day late due to the postal holiday.

Local Boy Scouts mount food drive

Local Boy Scout Troop 30 has been collecting non-perishable food items for the Marion United Methodist Church food pantry. Community members can show their support for the food drive by dropping off non-perishable items at the church basement or by contacting Michelle McKinney at (270) 704-6071 for pick-up.

Residents who received flyers at their homes can leave donations on their front porch this Saturday morning.

All food donations benefit the church's food pantry.

Public meetings

- Crittenden County Board of Education's Council of Councils will meet at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Rocket Arena conference room.

- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the district office on East Main Street in Salem.

- Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the hospital administrative annex.

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Leonard petitions for recount in judge's race

STAFF REPORT

A close three-county race for family court judge decided by only 50 votes earlier this month has prompted the presumptive runner-up to seek a recount.

Webster County attorney Ben Leonard filed a petition with the Crittenden Circuit Clerk's office last Friday afternoon for a recount in the race for 5th Judicial Circuit, 2nd

Division family court judge, which encompasses all of Crittenden, Webster and Union counties. Friday was the final day for which a recount could be requested.

Leonard is contesting the 50-vote margin by which Marion attorney Brandi Hagan Rogers appeared to have defeated him on Election Day, which was Nov. 4. The recorded vote was 6,193 to

6,143 in favor of Rogers.

Once a petition for a recount is filed, proceedings are handed over to the courts. Fifth Judicial Circuit Judge René Williams, who conducts court over the same three counties as the family court circuit, had set a Wednesday afternoon bond hearing for Leonard and his attorneys in the matter, William Clint Prow of Providence and Amealie R.

Zachary of Dixon.

At press time, the hearing had yet to take place, but it was scheduled to set the bond amount that Leonard must pay in order to cover the cost of the three-county recount.

Bart Frazer, Rogers' attorney in the case and a partner in the same Marion law firm of Frazer, Rogers & Peek, said Rogers is, of course, concerned about the recount, but

has trust in her victory and the election system.

"She has faith in the Election Night tally, the machines, the precinct workers and the county clerks," Frazer said.

The attorney said he believes Leonard is not acting in good faith.

"He tried to buy the election, and now he's just trying

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Drug sweep nets 10



PHOTOS BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Several law enforcement officers and special operatives with the Pennyriple Area Narcotics Task Force gathered Friday morning before a drug sweep across Marion and Crittenden County to serve warrants for drug-related criminal offenses. The task force has spent about six months amassing information to charge about a dozen individuals with drug crimes. Below, one of the suspects is led into Marion Police Department for booking.

Narcotics task force leads roundup of suspected local drug offenders

STAFF REPORT

About a dozen law enforcement officers and special operatives with the Pennyriple Area Narcotics Task Force (PANTF) spread out across Marion and Crittenden County at dawn last Friday morning to serve warrants for drug-related criminal offenses.

The task force, using cooperating witnesses, had spent about six months amassing information to charge about one dozen individuals with alleged drug crimes. Most of those named will now face felony charges in Crittenden Circuit Court. Three of the individuals were charged with misdemeanors and were scheduled for arraignment this week in Crittenden District Court.

The Crittenden County Grand

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Every World War II story worth telling; we hope to bring you many

It's difficult to imagine that the count of World War II veterans in our county is down to perhaps a score or so. It seems like just a short time ago there were dozens who had wisdom to draw from and stories to share.

Time has marched on and robbed us of them one by one. And it's not only the veterans, but the men and women who stayed behind to keep this country together as the world was falling apart.

Truly, that generation is



the greatest in the nation's long history. And great generations have great stories to tell.

I've been of the notion for

years that we should all write a book. Not all of us can be great novelists or historians, but all of us have at least one story to tell — our own.

No matter how boring we may think our lives to be, each of our stories would find an adoring audience. While all of our books may not be bestsellers, every story is worth telling and recording to someone out there.

There were more than 16 million Americans who served during World War II,

more than 400,000 of whom would not survive the war to tell stories to their children or grandchildren. Today, there are just more than 1 million World War II veterans alive in this country, and they are leaving us at a horrid pace of 400 per day.

Sadly, most of their stories, reflections, wisdom and insight gained from their time served will never be shared with their families, let alone the general public.

Many are not willing to

open up and relive the terrible moments of the war.

Some feel their stories are not worth sharing. And others simply have never been asked to share.

The Crittenden Press has come up with about a dozen names of World War II veterans living in the county. Some have told their stories — or portions of them — to us in the past. For that, we are grateful. Others have per-

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Hunt to retire as Extension agent early next year

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Much like the objectives of the University of Kentucky's Cooperative Extension Service, Nancy Hunt has dedicated her life to outreach and education in Crittenden County. And after more than three decades as an Extension Service agent, Hunt has become an integral part of the community in which she serves.

However, Hunt, who's celebrating 35 years with the Extension Service, has announced she will retire as family and consumer sciences agent on Feb. 5.

A native of Bowling Green, Hunt came to the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service in 1979. For five years, she served as the

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T.O.N.E.-z returns to Marion Saturday for performance

STAFF REPORT

The hip-hop artist T.O.N.E.-z, banned from singing at a high school football game in October, will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at Fohs Hall followed by the band Big Atomic from Murray.

The Emmy-nominated rapper and actor will sing a variety of his songs. He said they will be tailored for the Marion audience.

T.O.N.E.-z's biggest hit has been "Long Hard Times to Come," the theme song for the hit FX television drama "Justified." The TV show is about a fictitious lawman from Harlan, Ky. It is set in Harlan and Lexington, but filmed elsewhere.

The theme song was nominated for an Emmy in 2012.

T.O.N.E.-z writes all of his lyrics and says he makes no apologies that some of them may be explicit, even offensive for some listeners. He explains that his music comes from a culture perhaps foreign to people in western Kentucky.

Born and raised in the Bronx, T.O.N.E.-z has been signing since age 9. His brother was also involved in music, singing for the Sugar Hill Records label and working at one time with the Beastie Boys.

"I love music," T.O.N.E.-z said. "I listen to everything from Lynyrd Skynyrd to Def Leppard. Ar-timus Pyle of Lynyrd Skynyrd is a good friend of



T.O.N.E.-z

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The next Crittenden County Food Bank distribution day is Friday

Distribution is from 8 a.m. until supplies are exhausted • 402 N. Walker St., Marion



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Crittenden Fiscal Court convenes in regular session at the courthouse at 8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the courthouse open on Saturday? Yes. Most offices are open a half-day Saturday except during holiday weekends. The PVA and judge-executive's office, however, are closed on Saturday.

When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed on Wednesday and Sunday.

Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Denise Peek (969-1054) at the animal shelter on U.S. 60 East.



IMAGE PROVIDED BY ALEXA BLACK
Mamie Threlkeld is pictured with her sons Harry "Bud" and Charles Threlkeld. The family was from Carrsville in Livingston County. Both of Threlkeld's sons fought in World War II.

Threlkeld on move nearing end of war

It had been one fierce battle after another for World War II soldier Harry "Bud" Threlkeld of Carrsville, just as it was for so many others.

More than a month after the Battle of the Bulge, Threlkeld expressed numerous times in the letters to his parents that he was happy to have survived and live to fight another day. However, he prepared himself for the coming days, as he knew, unfortunately, the war was not over.

Threlkeld, nor his comrades had any speculation as to when it would be officially over either. But Threlkeld knew that he would try his hardest to persevere regardless of the opposition he would inevitably face. Despite how things may have been, he continued to keep his rifle aimed high and his hopes even higher.

Things had calmed down drastically for him after what he had faced in the Battle of the Bulge, up until the middle of March. Threlkeld writes, "It is about 2 in the afternoon and the sun is shining for the first time in a very long time. German planes are going over me to somewhere, so I guess Hitler is 'catching hell.'

"I can't tell you exactly where I am right now, but I am fine and am doing OK for now. It is way better than it was previously.

"You wrote and said that you haven't heard from me in about 35 days, and I don't know why. I just hate that some of my letters aren't getting to you. Although I haven't been able to write as much as I'd like to, I will try to do better.

"I was very glad to hear that my brother (Charles) was given the Silver Star, but I sure wish he would keep his head down. See if you can find out what exactly he did to get it. I haven't been able to write him much lately either. Speaking of which, I noticed that I haven't been given the Good Conduct Medal yet. Maybe I have done something I shouldn't have and didn't even realize it, ha-ha. How about that?"

Just a week before the end of March, Threlkeld was on the move again. He and some of his platoon had fought their way

Alexa Black

Crittenden Press guest contributor

A Soldier's Life



through countless opposition recently, and according to Threlkeld, some of them were now taking shelter at a German house and were using it as cover from enemy fire.

He took full advantage of the time he had away from combat to write his parents back home once again. According to some of his other letters, those moments of being able to let his guard down were becoming few and far between.

He writes to his mother, "It is about 10:30 here, and I am sitting in a German house trying to write you a few lines to tell you that I love you. Even though I haven't been able to tell you lately, that doesn't change anything.

"It isn't snowing, but it has been raining a ton. When you have to wade in water up to your armpits, trust me, it gets pretty chilly.

"I know you hate that I can't give you details – I can't tell you where I am or where I am going – but I can tell you I have seen a lot more than I want to lately, and I will be sure to tell you about it when I get home.

"When you read about our division or elements of the 1st Army, you can pretty well tell that I am on the move, and it is no pushover. I can't see why the Germans are still fighting even, but I will say they have been doing a fair share of it lately.

"You can see in the paper how fast things have been moving for us, but you truly can't imagine what a terrible price we are having to pay for it. Things may not be great right now, but I am still alive and that is enough for me."

(Alexa Black is a freelance writer from Livingston County. Her series on the life of Pfc. Harry M. "Bud" Threlkeld during World War II continues. Threlkeld, of the Carrsville area, was killed in the war.)

Papers step up during holidays

By CAROLINE LITTLE
GUEST COMMENTARY

There is only one question on the minds of retailers and advertisers for the next two months – what is the best way to reach consumers?

The answer this year, as it has for many years prior, is newspaper media.

As we enter an exciting holiday shopping season, retailers will experiment more than ever with mobile apps, geolocation push notification and other advertising strategies to reach elusive consumers. However, data reveals that one of the most effective methods remains print and digital newspaper advertising.

The proof is in the numbers. Recent research from a national survey found that 79 percent of adults have taken action as a result of seeing an advertisement in a print newspaper in the past 30 days, and more than half made a purchase. Furthermore, 69 percent of adults cite newspapers as key coupon sources, making newspapers the leading medium for coupons.

These numbers indicate what we in the newspaper



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media business have always believed – that nothing connects advertisers with potential customers like we can. Newspapers engage consumers and influence purchasing decisions.

This is especially important to note as trends suggest this will be a huge holiday season for our economy. Despite a shaky start to 2014, the National Retail Federation announced earlier this month that it expects sales in November and December to increase by an impressive 4.1 percent. If those numbers hold true, this will be the first time since 2011 that holiday sales would surpass the four percent mark. The NRF anticipates that holiday sales will represent 19.2 percent of the retail industry's \$3.2 trillion total annual sales.

For many, the holiday shopping season truly kicks off the day after the Thanksgiving feast on Black Friday. Regarded as the busiest shopping day of the year, Black Friday sees major retailers compete for earliest opening time, biggest sales and largest markdowns, vying to earn the business of customers nationwide.

In fact, Black Friday has taken on such importance that many retailers in 2013 decided to open their doors on Thanksgiving day and it is expected that trend will continue this year. Leading up to that week of shopping – let's not forget Cyber Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday weekend – is an important time for the newspaper industry as retailers compete for advertising space and consumers seek out the best deals.

The holiday shopping season presents an enormous opportunity for retailers to use the power of newspaper media to capture the attention of millions of consumers across the country. Statistics show that 57 percent of adults used print or digital newspaper advertisements in a typical week to make shopping, planning and purchasing decisions. To top it off, newspapers continue to climb to new audience heights – in 2014, people engaging with newspaper digital content reached a new peak, totaling 164 million unique visitors, a 16 percent increase from September of last year.

The prominence of newspapers is also true internationally. Worldwide, more than half of the adult popu-

lation reads a daily newspaper – that is 2.5 billion people across the globe engaging with newspaper-generated content. The newspaper industry generates more than \$160 billion in revenue globally across multiple sectors. This is not only from content sales and advertising revenues, but also increasingly from other forms of diversified revenue streams.

The media landscape is changing and newspaper media are at the forefront of this innovation. A new survey from mobile shopping app Retale and location analytics platform Placed finds that 58 percent of people surveyed used a circular ad from a newspaper in the last 30 days.

We live in a digital age where audiences are fractured and overwhelmed with options. Newspaper media – in print, read online or viewed on a mobile device – is essential. That is why advertisers and retailers will turn to newspapers to drive their biggest sales of the year, and potentially their biggest sales in several years.

(Editor's note: Caroline Little is the president and CEO of the Newspaper Association of America.)

Grow Marion seeks limited sale of alcohol

By TYLER COLLINS
GUEST COMMENTARY

Grow Marion is a petition-based campaign seeking to bring beer and wine sales to restaurants seating at least 50 people or more within the city limits of Marion. There is also a campaign built into the campaign to organize people to urge the city council to ban price advertising and alcohol signage from being able to be displayed in windows.

This campaign seeks to curb alcohol consumption by being a Limited Restaurant 50 proposal, or simply LR-50, which does not allow for beer or wine to be sold unless a meal is bought. Restaurant receipts must also be from at least 70 percent food and nor more than 30 percent alcohol.

By being in the city limits only, we prevent a few things: Places like the Dycusburg curve and Pilot's Knob; anywhere in Mattoon, Tolu and Crayne; and at the Crittenden-Livingston County border will remain off limits to alcohol sales. By keeping it in the city, we concentrate alcohol consumption into a single area where the city law enforcement can better police drinking in the county.

By limiting alcohol types to beer and wine only, we reduce the number of drunk drivers on the road because the type of alcohol consumed is directly correlated to drunk driving. The more alcohol content in the beverage, the less alcohol one has to drink to become intoxicated.

Alcohol being in the city limits reduces drunk driving because impaired driving depends on how long one has to travel to consume the alcohol. Dry counties are at a higher risk for drunk driving, which is one of the few reasons why MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) and RID (Rid



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Intoxicated Drivers) focus on alcohol management rather than the wet/dry conflict. MADD's official stance is to stay out of wet/dry races.

As mentioned earlier, we believe in a ban on price advertising. This means that places that sell alcohol cannot publicly have price wars in the same manner as gas stations can compete with gas prices. This results in people spending more money in search of and paying for more expensive alcohol, which means they do not buy as much and inherently do not drink as much.

This decision would be made by the city council.

Dry counties also are at higher risk of binge drinking, according to Peggy Batey in an interview with journalist Stan Diel.

Batey is the executive director of the Alabama chapter of MADD. She said, "the odd amalgam of wet, dry and damp counties in Alabama forces some people to drive significant distances to buy liquor or beer. If you drive a

long distance, you tend to buy in bulk. And if you buy in bulk, you're more likely to drink the same way."

It is also important to note the revenue in city taxes Marion is missing out on to neighboring areas like Princeton, Lyon County, Trigg County, Marshall County, McCracken County, Union County and Hopkinsville. And Grow Marion takes a much more conservative stance than the policies that are in these areas.

If you would like to sign the electronic petition, text "GROW" to (270) 594-4897. A campaign representative will soon be with you. If you would like to donate by credit card, go to www.GrowMarion.com.

If you are a no voter and do not want to be contacted by the campaign in any manner, text "DRY" to the same number.

(Editor's note: Tyler Collins is the organizer of Grow Marion, an effort to put limited alcohol sales on the ballot in Marion.)

STORIES

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haps never had the occasion to share their memories with our readers.

But beginning next week, we hope to bring you a new story on a local World War II veteran and continue that regularly over the course of the next few weeks. We realize not all remaining veterans of that great war will be able to share their memories. Others will not wish to. Time, unfortunately, may catch up to others before our note pads and recorders.

But, as we've asked over the last few weeks, if you are a World War II veteran living in this county or are the friend or family member of one, please let us know. We would love to recognize all of our remaining World War II veterans by sharing their story – or at least their names – with our readers.

They deserve to be honored in every way possible, so please let us help by printing each remaining story waiting to be told and recorded for posterity.

The following excerpt from an anonymously-written, but poignant poem, "I Am a World War II Veteran," goes a long way in explaining why the veterans of that war are so special:

"I signed up at the age of 18, became a tail-gunner on a B-17.

"I served in all branches, I

held every rank, from a pilot to a sergeant, on an Army tank.

"A lieutenant flying fighters in the blue skies, a young rifleman who thinks his kind never dies.

"When the ramps went down at Omaha we knew very well, on this day in Normandy, we were visitors to hell.

"I went in a boy, came out a man, I trembled with fear, but never ran."

Veterans Day may be over, but its meaning never has to fade.

Once again, please help us in recognizing our remaining World War II veterans. Simply contact our office if you know of one living in our midst.

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139 children await generosity of Community Christmas givers

STAFF REPORT

With the Christmas season quickly approaching, members of the Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council are celebrating the 40th anniversary of Community Christmas and encourage community members to join in the spirit of giving this holiday season. Angel Trees will be set up Friday at Shopko and Farmers Bank & Trust Co.'s main office in Marion. Monetary donations will also be accepted at Farmers Bank.

Inter-Agency Council president Nancy Hunt said 76 families have signed up for Community Christmas this year, with 139 children age 12 and under needing sponsorship. The number of households with adults only totals 42, including 64 individuals.

Children ranging in age

from infants to 12 years old can be sponsored through Angel Trees. Identities of the children remain confidential. Organizers ask sponsors that an item's value not exceed \$50 and to not to spend more than \$100 per child. Those wishing to spend more than \$100 are encouraged to sponsor more than one child.

Distribution day is scheduled for Dec. 19 at the Carson G. Davidson National Guard Armory in Marion. Food distribution will be held the same day at the Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center.

This year, the Inter-Agency Council established new guidelines for Community Christmas participation. Under the new requirements, children 12 and under whose parent(s) attended three different educational classes will be the first to have their angel

tags available for sponsorship. Children 12 and under whose parents did not attend the three Community Christmas-approved classes will be eligible for food and a gift voucher and a limited number of new toys available on distribution day.

Inter-Agency Council members said they have heard positive feedback from individuals who attended the educational classes and programs. Some individuals even attended more than the required three classes and said they enjoyed learning about the variety of subjects and information each class provided to participants.

In addition to angel tags for children, a total of 34 youth between the ages of 13 and 17, or those up to 18 still enrolled in high school, will be receiving gift vouchers based on the amount of


funds raised. Vouchers can be spent at participating local businesses. Parents can either use the voucher to buy the gifts to be wrapped up or can choose to let that be their child's gift they open up on Christmas morning. The teenager may spend his or her voucher at a participating local business on whatever item they choose. Officials stress vouchers may not be used to buy tobacco products, however.

Food donations will be accepted at Marion Baptist Church. Organizers would like to receive all food donations a week before distribution day. For more information, contact Pastor Mike Jones at (270) 965-5232.

Community Christmas is coordinated through the Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council.


Thank You!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you for the next four years. Knowing that I have a lot to learn, my prayer is to represent YOU to the best of my ability. I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. I greatly appreciate your support and encouragement.



Mark HOLLOWMAN
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Holidays urgent time for food bank

STAFF REPORT

Holiday months are typically slow times for receiving donations, and the same is the case for Crittenden County Food Bank.

Food bank coordinator Minnie Lou Brown said it's a serious situation at this time, as non-perishable food items or monetary donations are needed to help feed area families requiring assistance for meals.

"We're concerned that things are going to be dim if we don't get donations this month and next month where we can buy food," Brown said last week.

Approximately 200 to 250 families are fed each month

through the food bank. Brown said that averages between 500 and 600 people a month who receive food assistance.

In fact, more than 4 tons of food is distributed each month by the local food bank and more than \$14,000 was spent to purchase much of that food from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014.

"People don't realize how much food goes out each month and what the building looks like before we hand out food and what it looks like after we have a food-hand out," she said, speaking to the bare shelves after distribution days.

Local churches contribute to the food bank either monetarily

or by purchasing food. Brown said the Hunters for the Hungry program provides another much-needed source of food this time of year by donating venison.

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Pennyrite Allied Community Services office on North Walker Street or by calling Fred or Minnie Lou Brown. Those wishing to make monetary donations for the food bank can also call the Browns at (270) 965-2141 or (270) 704-1938.

Brown said donations to the food bank – no matter how large or small – will be appreciated.

Kentucky has a state tax credit for farmers who donate

produce to food banks. Meanwhile, the America Gives More Act awaits action in the U.S. Senate. It's a package of bills that reinstates federal tax credits that could help increase donations, both from farmers and the smaller "mom and pop" stores.

The America Gives More Act already passed in the House this summer.

Because of the holidays, the food bank's distribution days will be altered the next two months. Distribution days are set for Friday and Dec. 19 instead of the usual fourth Friday of the month.

(Greg Stotemyer of Kentucky News Connection contributed to this story.)

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mine."

T.O.N.E-z's set at Fohs Hall this weekend will be palatable for anyone despite their musical tastes, he said. There will be no explicit lyrics. The artists says he has spoken and sang at several high schools in the New York area.

"There has never been a problem," he said.

Big Atomic, the band from Murray that was originally scheduled for a solo performance at Fohs Hall for Saturday, has been in contact with T.O.N.E-z. Micah Greene, the band's guitarist, said there is some discussion about T.O.N.E-z and Big Atomic collaborating on some stuff once the rapper has finished his performance. Big Atomic will do a couple of sets following T.O.N.E-z.

The Murray band includes six members. Its a rock-n-roll band with influences from rhythm and blues, blues and funk.

"This should be pretty interesting," Greene said. "We're excited to be part of it and to see how it turns out."

Big Atomic mostly plays at western Kentucky bars, and it's done some things on campus at Murray State University.

"We have never played with anyone with the mainstream success (T.O.N.E-z) has had, such as having an Emmy nomination and a song on a popular TV show," Greene said.

T.O.N.E-z was suppose to perform at a high school football game earlier this fall, but was prohibited from coming at the last minute after some parents and members of the faith-based community raised questions about lyrics in some of his songs. The school administration stopped the performance, saying some of the rapper's lyrics "do not align with values we want to promote as a school district and

community."

T.O.N.E-z said he was disappointed and thought the late cancellation was disrespectful, but that he understood.

"The fact that it got cancelled is one thing. The fact that I am coming back, now that's the story," he said in a recent telephone interview with The Crittenden Press.

His music, or at least one song, became popular with the high school football team and its fans because it was routinely played while the team was warming up before home games. Jody Porter, who is the public address announcer at Rocket Stadium, contacted T.O.N.E-z last summer and asked him to record some shoutouts to play over the sound system before the games. T.O.N.E-z emailed them to Porter and they, too, have been played. The song that most fans recognize is "Put Your Hand up High," which T.O.N.E-z recorded with Gangstagrass on the album "Lightning on the Strings, Thunder on the Mic."

According to T.O.N.E-z, he has written or recorded thousands of songs, and has sold a couple hundred more. Many of them do have explicit lyrics, but many also glorify his relationship with God – a bit ironic – but the rapper says his music is just music. However, he does realize its impact on people. One person, he said, credited a song of his with saving the man's life because the man was contemplating suicide.

T.O.N.E-z has done a variety of benefit performances, including an appearance in southern Indiana a few years ago following a devastating tor-

nado.

"I'm the kind of person that if I have \$2 I'm not going to say you can have \$1 if you need it, I'm going to give you both dollars," he said. "I don't really do concerts, I do giveaways. Money is not that important to me."

Although his life has been influenced by inner city culture in New York, he recalls going fishing and hunting in Upstate New York and says the South has a special place in his heart because his mother's family is from Georgia.

He says the hip-hop, bluegrass sound is popular among a different demographic than most rap music. He is even thinking about a tour in the South to drum up interest in his music.

Tickets for the Fohs Hall concert are only \$10 each and a limit number are available. Promoters say they have sold about half of the 400 available seats.

Tickets are available from the concert organizers, Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation, at two locations in Marion – Full Body Fitness Studio and The Crittenden Press. Tickets will be available at the door if it does not sell out ahead of time. Advance ticket holders will be admitted into Fohs Hall for seating prior to general admission sales the night of the concert. VIP tickets are also available.

A portion of the proceeds from the performance will be donated to special needs children, promoters said.


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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the courthouse open on Saturday? Yes. Most offices are open a half-day Saturday except during holiday weekends. The PVA and judge-executive's office, however, are closed on Saturday.

When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed on Wednesday and Sunday.

Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Denise Peek (969-1054) at the animal shelter on U.S. 60 East.



IMAGE PROVIDED BY ALEXA BLACK
Mamie Threlkeld is pictured with her sons Harry "Bud" and Charles Threlkeld. The family was from Carrsville in Livingston County. Both of Threlkeld's sons fought in World War II.

Threlkeld on move nearing end of war

It had been one fierce battle after another for World War II soldier Harry "Bud" Threlkeld of Carrsville, just as it was for so many others.

More than a month after the Battle of the Bulge, Threlkeld expressed numerous times in the letters to his parents that he was happy to have survived and live to fight another day. However, he prepared himself for the coming days, as he knew, unfortunately, the war was not over.

Threlkeld, nor his comrades had any speculation as to when it would be officially over either. But Threlkeld knew that he would try his hardest to persevere regardless of the opposition he would inevitably face. Despite how things may have been, he continued to keep his rifle aimed high and his hopes even higher.

Things had calmed down drastically for him after what he had faced in the Battle of the Bulge, up until the middle of March.

Threlkeld writes, "It is about 2 in the afternoon and the sun is shining for the first time in a very long time. German planes are going over me to somewhere, so I guess Hitler is 'catching hell.'

"I can't tell you exactly where I am right now, but I am fine and am doing OK for now. It is way better than it was previously.

"You wrote and said that you haven't heard from me in about 35 days, and I don't know why. I just hate that some of my letters aren't getting to you. Although I haven't been able to write as much as I'd like to, I will try to do better.

"I was very glad to hear that my brother (Charles) was given the Silver Star, but I sure wish he would keep his head down. See if you can find out what exactly he did to get it. I haven't been able to write him much lately either. Speaking of which, I noticed that I haven't been given the Good Conduct Medal yet. Maybe I have done something I shouldn't have and didn't even realize it, ha-ha. How about that?"

Just a week before the end of March, Threlkeld was on the move again. He and some of his platoon had fought their way

Alexa Black

Crittenden Press guest contributor

A Soldier's Life



through countless opposition recently, and according to Threlkeld, some of them were now taking shelter at a German house and were using it as cover from enemy fire.

He took full advantage of the time he had away from combat to write his parents back home once again. According to some of his other letters, those moments of being able to let his guard down were becoming few and far between.

He writes to his mother, "It is about 10:30 here, and I am sitting in a German house trying to write you a few lines to tell you that I love you. Even though I haven't been able to tell you lately, that doesn't change anything.

"It isn't snowing, but it has been raining a ton. When you have to wade in water up to your armpits, trust me, it gets pretty chilly.

"I know you hate that I can't give you details – I can't tell you where I am or where I am going – but I can tell you I have seen a lot more than I want to lately, and I will be sure to tell you about it when I get home.

"When you read about our division or elements of the 1st Army, you can pretty well tell that I am on the move, and it is no pushover. I can't see why the Germans are still fighting even, but I will say they have been doing a fair share of it lately.

"You can see in the paper how fast things have been moving for us, but you truly can't imagine what a terrible price we are having to pay for it. Things may not be great right now, but I am still alive and that is enough for me."

(Alexa Black is a freelance writer from Livingston County. Her series on the life of Pfc. Harry M. "Bud" Threlkeld during World War II continues. Threlkeld, of the Carrsville area, was killed in the war.)

Papers step up during holidays

By CAROLINE LITTLE
GUEST COMMENTARY

There is only one question on the minds of retailers and advertisers for the next two months – what is the best way to reach consumers?

The answer this year, as it has for many years prior, is newspaper media.

As we enter an exciting holiday shopping season, retailers will experiment more than ever with mobile apps, geolocation push notification and other advertising strategies to reach elusive consumers. However, data reveals that one of the most effective methods remains print and digital newspaper advertising.

The proof is in the numbers. Recent research from a national survey found that 79 percent of adults have taken action as a result of seeing an advertisement in a print newspaper in the past 30 days, and more than half made a purchase. Furthermore, 69 percent of adults cite newspapers as key coupon sources, making newspapers the leading medium for coupons.

These numbers indicate what we in the newspaper



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media business have always believed – that nothing connects advertisers with potential customers like we can. Newspapers engage consumers and influence purchasing decisions.

This is especially important to note as trends suggest this will be a huge holiday season for our economy. Despite a shaky start to 2014, the National Retail Federation announced earlier this month that it expects sales in November and December to increase by an impressive 4.1 percent. If those numbers hold true, this will be the first time since 2011 that holiday sales would surpass the four percent mark. The NRF anticipates that holiday sales will represent 19.2 percent of the retail industry's \$3.2 trillion total annual sales.

For many, the holiday shopping season truly kicks off the day after the Thanksgiving feast on Black Friday. Regarded as the busiest shopping day of the year, Black Friday sees major retailers compete for earliest opening time, biggest sales and largest markdowns, vying to earn the business of customers nationwide.

In fact, Black Friday has taken on such importance that many retailers in 2013 decided to open their doors on Thanksgiving day and it is expected that trend will continue this year. Leading up to that week of shopping – let's not forget Cyber Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday weekend – is an important time for the newspaper industry as retailers compete for advertising space and consumers seek out the best deals.

The holiday shopping season presents an enormous opportunity for retailers to use the power of newspaper media to capture the attention of millions of consumers across the country. Statistics show that 57 percent of adults used print or digital newspaper advertisements in a typical week to make shopping, planning and purchasing decisions. To top it off, newspapers continue to climb to new audience heights – in 2014, people engaging with newspaper digital content reached a new peak, totaling 164 million unique visitors, a 16 percent increase from September of last year.

The prominence of newspapers is also true internationally. Worldwide, more than half of the adult popu-

lation reads a daily newspaper – that is 2.5 billion people across the globe engaging with newspaper-generated content. The newspaper industry generates more than \$160 billion in revenue globally across multiple sectors. This is not only from content sales and advertising revenues, but also increasingly from other forms of diversified revenue streams.

The media landscape is changing and newspaper media are at the forefront of this innovation. A new survey from mobile shopping app Retale and location analytics platform Placed finds that 58 percent of people surveyed used a circular ad from a newspaper in the last 30 days.

We live in a digital age where audiences are fractured and overwhelmed with options. Newspaper media – in print, read online or viewed on a mobile device – is essential. That is why advertisers and retailers will turn to newspapers to drive their biggest sales of the year, and potentially their biggest sales in several years.

(Editor's note: Caroline Little is the president and CEO of the Newspaper Association of America.)

Grow Marion seeks limited sale of alcohol

By TYLER COLLINS
GUEST COMMENTARY

Grow Marion is a petition-based campaign seeking to bring beer and wine sales to restaurants seating at least 50 people or more within the city limits of Marion. There is also a campaign built into the campaign to organize people to urge the city council to ban price advertising and alcohol signage from being able to be displayed in windows.

This campaign seeks to curb alcohol consumption by being a Limited Restaurant 50 proposal, or simply LR-50, which does not allow for beer or wine to be sold unless a meal is bought. Restaurant receipts must also be from at least 70 percent food and nor more than 30 percent alcohol.

By being in the city limits only, we prevent a few things: Places like the Dycusburg curve and Pilot's Knob; anywhere in Mattoon, Tolu and Crayne; and at the Crittenden-Livingston County border will remain off limits to alcohol sales. By keeping it in the city, we concentrate alcohol consumption into a single area where the city law enforcement can better police drinking in the county.

By limiting alcohol types to beer and wine only, we reduce the number of drunk drivers on the road because the type of alcohol consumed is directly correlated to drunk driving. The more alcohol content in the beverage, the less alcohol one has to drink to become intoxicated.

Alcohol being in the city limits reduces drunk driving because impaired driving depends on how long one has to travel to consume the alcohol. Dry counties are at a higher risk for drunk driving, which is one of the few reasons why MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) and RID (Rid



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Intoxicated Drivers) focus on alcohol management rather than the wet/dry conflict. MADD's official stance is to stay out of wet/dry races.

As mentioned earlier, we believe in a ban on price advertising. This means that places that sell alcohol cannot publicly have price wars in the same manner as gas stations can compete with gas prices. This results in people spending more money in search of and paying for more expensive alcohol, which means they do not buy as much and inherently do not drink as much.

This decision would be made by the city council.

Dry counties also are at higher risk of binge drinking, according to Peggy Batey in an interview with journalist Stan Diel.

Batey is the executive director of the Alabama chapter of MADD. She said, "the odd amalgam of wet, dry and damp counties in Alabama forces some people to drive significant distances to buy liquor or beer. If you drive a

long distance, you tend to buy in bulk. And if you buy in bulk, you're more likely to drink the same way."

It is also important to note the revenue in city taxes Marion is missing out on to neighboring areas like Princeton, Lyon County, Trigg County, Marshall County, McCracken County, Union County and Hopkinsville. And Grow Marion takes a much more conservative stance than the policies that are in these areas.

If you would like to sign the electronic petition, text "GROW" to (270) 594-4897. A campaign representative will soon be with you. If you would like to donate by credit card, go to www.GrowMarion.com.

If you are a no voter and do not want to be contacted by the campaign in any manner, text "DRY" to the same number.

(Editor's note: Tyler Collins is the organizer of Grow Marion, an effort to put limited alcohol sales on the ballot in Marion.)

STORIES

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haps never had the occasion to share their memories with our readers.

But beginning next week, we hope to bring you a new story on a local World War II veteran and continue that regularly over the course of the next few weeks. We realize not all remaining veterans of that great war will be able to share their memories. Others will not wish to. Time, unfortunately, may catch up to others before our note pads and recorders.

But, as we've asked over the last few weeks, if you are a World War II veteran living in this county or are the friend or family member of one, please let us know. We would love to recognize all of our remaining World War II veterans by sharing their story – or at least their names – with our readers.

They deserve to be honored in every way possible, so please let us help by printing each remaining story waiting to be told and recorded for posterity.

The following excerpt from an anonymously-written, but poignant poem, "I Am a World War II Veteran," goes a long way in explaining why the veterans of that war are so special:

"I signed up at the age of 18, became a tail-gunner on a B-17.

"I served in all branches, I

held every rank, from a pilot to a sergeant, on an Army tank.

"A lieutenant flying fighters in the blue skies, a young rifleman who thinks his kind never dies.

"When the ramps went down at Omaha we knew very well, on this day in Normandy, we were visitors to hell.

"I went in a boy, came out a man, I trembled with fear, but never ran."

Veterans Day may be over, but its meaning never has to fade.

Once again, please help us in recognizing our remaining World War II veterans. Simply contact our office if you know of one living in our midst.

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Where is your name recorded and by whom?

Many people want their names recorded on famous people's list of friends. And many, when asked if they are a Christian, proudly say their name is on some church roll.

But what does Jesus say about where our names must be at the end of our journey in this short life and by whom must it be recorded?

On one occasion, when some of Jesus' disciples returned rejoicing that the devils were controlled by using Jesus' name, it caused Jesus to say to them, "Rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

The Bible is very clear that the books of names are kept in heaven and the recorder is Jesus.

The Bible also says in Acts 2:47, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

In Philippians 4:3, Paul talked to the Philippians about the need to help those whose names were in the Book of Life.

There are those who teach that once our names are in the Book of Life, regardless of how we live, it can never be



taken out.

Again, we go to the only authority on the subject.

"And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this book," Revelation 22:19.

That false teaching is so deadly and has cost millions their eternal souls.

Jesus Himself speaks of that same truth in Revelation 3:5: "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels."

Why would Jesus ever warn that He would not blot out our name if it were not there in the first place?

Again in Revelation 13:8, we are told that our security against not being deceived and worshipping the devil is for our names to be in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Again the same warning in Revelation 17:8.

Here is a peek at what will take place at the Judgment as found in Revelation 20:12,15: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

Speaking of Heaven at the Judgment, the Revelator wrote in Revelation 21:27, "And there shall in no wise enter into it an thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

So never a more dyer question has ever been asked, where is your name

recorded and by whom?

Read what Matthew 7:21-23 has to say: "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?

"And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

We must always keep in mind that Jesus will have the last word regardless of what we die believing about our eternal destiny.

Please don't take any human's word for something as important as where you will spend eternity. Go to God's Word and find out for yourself.

A person can take portions of the Bible out of context and prove just about anything they want to, but we must take the whole Bible and always beseech the Holy Spirit to teach us the whole truth.

The Holy Spirit is to convict the sinner of his sins and

bring him to Jesus, to sincerely name his sins to Jesus and ask for forgiveness. Jesus then writes his name in His Book of Life.

Then we ask the Holy Spirit to come live in us so He can then teach us His Words, and help us to live the holy life that is required of us, "For without holiness, no one shall see the Lord," reads Hebrews 12:14.

There are two stanzas of a hymn that are among my favorites, which read: "With sinners lost my name once stood, upon a painful record, but now it's canceled by the blood, and written on His roll. While others climb through worldly strife to carve a name of honor, high up in heaven's Book of Life, my name is written there."

I do hope all who are reading this can say with the re-

frain of that song, "I know, I know, my name is there; I know, I know, I truly know, my name is written there."

If it is not, you can have it by following the above Biblical instructions, and then sing with all the redeemed, "I know, I truly know my name is written there."

Then, and only then, are the ups and downs, the good and bad struggles of this life really meaningful and worth what it takes to do it all according to what is good and right for all. It is the only way to have true happiness in this short life and the long, never-ending life in the next world.

(Rev. Lucy Tedrick of Marion shares her views regularly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

Thanksgiving Day a time of worship, rejoicing for all of God's promises

By **FELTY YODER**
GUEST COLUMNIST

With Thanksgiving Day before us, we anticipate the coming together of family and friends for celebration and thanksgiving for the bounteous, fruitfulness and blessing of the past year. Not only for that, but the Bible writers encourage us to praise God and be thankful in all things.

The Hebrew writer, in speaking of Jesus, puts it this way in Hebrews 13:15, "By Him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually. That is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name."

King David left us a good example and is remembered for his reverence to God, and praises in song, not only in good times, but also in his many trials and

calamities. "So will I sing praise unto Thy name forever," reads Psalms 61:8.

When we are truly grateful, we can praise God and be thankful for what He has done for us, is doing and will yet do for us. Love and praise is the essence of thankfulness to God for who He is.

In Romans 1, we learn that by not glorifying God and not being thankful, it can get us into trouble. There are several phases that one goes through that alienate one from God. First we become vain and foolish. Then, thinking we can get along without God, we change the truth into a lie, finally not wanting God in our knowledge. At this point our minds become depraved, and we fall into all kinds of wickedness.

From Romans 1:26-27, we can gather that regardless of what the council of churches may agree upon, or the government approves, those who practice same-sex relationships are in the final stages of apostasy.

"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak," reads Hebrews 6:9.

Our Thanksgiving Day is a day of rejoicing, worship and thanksgiving. We learned that Israel's Feast of Tabernacles was a feast of thanksgiving. When they brought in their corn, wine and oils, it was thus also a feast of ingathering. There was great rejoicing in the camp of Israel to know that God was with them and had prospered their labors.

"And they sang together

by course (or alternately) in praises and giving thanks unto the Lord; because He is good, for His mercy endureth forever toward Israel. And all these people shouted with a very great shout when they praised the Lord," reads Ezra 3:11.

Let us glory and be thankful in our heritage and in the fact that we, who once had no share in the Covenants of promise and were without God and without hope in this world, have now been grafted into the good olive tree through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is our only hope of salvation.

(Felty Yoder is a Salem resident. He shares his views regularly in this newspaper. His opinions are his own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

Community church notes

■ Calvary Baptist Church will hold a chili and soup supper at 4 p.m., Saturday. At 6 p.m., a benefit singing with Divine Mercy will begin for the Denny Maddox family. A love offering to help with medical, travel and household expenses will be taken.

■ Deer Creek Baptist Church will hosts its annual Thanksgiving meal at noon on Sunday. This is a free meal. For more information, call the church office at (270)965-2220.

■ Marion Baptist Church will transfer its Nov. 26 services to the Community Thanksgiving Service at Marion United Methodist Church at 7 p.m., Nov. 25.

■ Creek Side General Baptist Church and Pastor Roger Holloman welcomes everyone to Fifth Sunday Singing at 6 p.m., Nov. 30. Enjoy a night of singing, food and fellowship.

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OBITUARIES

— PAID OBITUARY —

Lewis

William Thomas Lewis, 49, of Benton, formerly of Salem, died Nov. 15, 2014, in Alton, Ill.

He worked as an engineer for Southern Towing Co.

Lewis is survived by his children, William and Amanda Lewis of Paducah; a sister, Mildred Lewis of Salem; a brother, Ronald Lewis of Salem; two grandchildren, Serenity and Elijah Rodrigez; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a child; several brothers and sisters; and his parents, Andrew Jackson and Rosie Pearl Miller Lewis.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. Harold Rittenberry officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Newman

April Dawn Travis Newman, 37, of Marion died Nov. 15, 2014, in Marion.

She was a member of Life in Christ Church in Marion.

Newman is survived by her husband, Jamey Newman of Marion; two daughters, Dallas Haire of Sebree and Ally Carol Newman of Marion; a son, Mason Haire of Marion; two brothers, Jamie Travis of Marion and Cody Travis of Marion; her parents, Mark and Jennetta Travis of Marion; and her grandparents, Carolyn and Charlie Hinchee of Marion.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Life in Christ Church.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Obituary policy

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Kirk sworn as jailer

Robbie Kirk (right) was sworn in as interim jailer Friday inside the courthouse by Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. Kirk will serve in the interim role until officially taking over his four-year term in January as elected jailer. In Kirk's first report to Crittenden Fiscal Court on Tuesday, he said all 133-beds of the jail were filled, with 26 in-county inmates and the balance housed as federal, state or other county inmates for which the jail gets reimbursed. Two prisoners were from Caldwell County, four were federal inmates and 107 were state prisoners. Kirk will soon be meeting with federal marshals in the hope of gaining more federal prisoners, which pay the most to the county lock-up.



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Teen victim remains hospitalized from last Wednesday's crash

STAFF REPORT

Thirteen-year-old Kaden Elder remains hospitalized in Evansville following a two-vehicle wreck last Wednesday on U.S. 60 West of Marion.

The Livingston Middle School eighth-grader; his mother, KaTrina Lynch, 37, of Salem; and stepsister Makenzie Lynch, 11, were all injured when their 2008 Chevrolet Impala crashed into another car driven by Livingston County Sheriff Bobby Davidson just after dark.

Accident reports say Lynch was westbound when she swerved to miss a deer in the highway. She then reportedly lost control of the vehicle and veered into the path of an eastbound 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Davidson, 46, of Salem. Davidson was off duty and in his private vehicle.

Elder was in the front, passenger seat of his mother's car and that is where the impact of the other vehicle was centered. Crittenden County Rescue Squad helped remove Elder from the vehicle, and he was flown to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind., by air ambulance.

The teen is the great-grandson of Peachy Long, a former correspondent for The Crittenden Press who for many years wrote Emmaus News.

Relatives say he remains in critical condition and has been mostly unresponsive since the crash. Friends have started an online contribution effort to help the family at GoFundMe.com. A link can be found on Lynch's Facebook page.

Lynch was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville but released a couple of days later, and has been at her son's bedside ever since. The girl suffered minor injuries.

Davidson and a passenger in his vehicle, Jackie Teems, 30, of Ledbetter were also seriously injured and taken to area hospitals. Both of them

have now been released and are at home recuperating.

Davidson remains off work. It may be a while before he can return. The sheriff suffered a cracked sternum among other injuries.

The highway was closed for about two hours after the crash.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department investigated the accident.

Livingston County Sheriff's Department, Kentucky State Police, Crittenden County constables, Crittenden County EMS, Livingston County EMS, Lyon County EMS, Caldwell County EMS, Air Evac Lifeteam, PHI Air Medical, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Salem Fire Department and several first responders also assisted on scene.

NEWS BRIEFS

Luallen sworn in as lieutenant governor

Lt. Gov. Crit Luallen has taken the oath of office for a second time, during a public ceremony in Frankfort.

Luallen, who was appointed to succeed Jerry Abramson, was sworn in during a private ceremony last Thursday at the home of retired Kentucky Chief Justice John Palmore. Abramson resigned to accept a job as deputy assistant to President Barack Obama.

On Friday, Franklin County Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd administered the oath to Luallen in the Capitol Rotunda.

Luallen is a former state auditor and has worked for six governors with positions including budget director and secretary of the finance and tourism cabinets.

Luallen, the former state auditor of public accounts, says she doesn't expect to run for office later.

— The Associated Press

Coal production on rise in western Ky.

Statewide, coal production rose for the third quarter in a row because of growth in western Kentucky, according to a report released Friday by the state Energy and Environment Cabinet.

Eastern Kentucky had been the state's biggest producer of coal every year since 1911, but companies pulled more coal from the thicker seams in western Kentucky in 2013, according to the Cabinet's annual energy profile.

Through the end of the year, production in western Kentucky had gone up 90 percent since 2003 as eastern Kentucky dropped, the report said.

Western Kentucky coal was once at a disadvantage because it contains more sulfur, but utilities have installed scrubbers to deal with that pollutant, helping push up production in Union and nearby counties.

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Marion a growing, prosperous town in 1894

Although Marion was only 54 years old in 1894, it was a growing and prosperous town. The people were very proud of their town and the way it had grown and developed in such a short period of time.

In August of that year, The Crittenden Press put out a special edition of the paper and called it the Illustrated Edition. In it was a wonderful history of the town and its people.

Here are a few of the items in that edition about the town, its churches and civil societies.

Aug. 16, 1894
It has often been remarked, and truthfully, too, that the people of Marion are a church-going people.

The substantial character of their church buildings, as indicated by our illustrations, is evidence that the people are interested in Christianity of the active kind.

The Methodist church was organized in the 70s and has had a steady growth ever since. A large brick structure was built soon after the organization, but owing to defects in the architecture, it had to be torn down. But soon, the handsome building shown in the illustration appeared.

Many big revivals have been held in this church, and it has been a great power for good in the community. A Sunday school numbering nearly 200 officers and pupils has been occurring for years. Rev. R.V. Guthrie is the present pastor.

The Presbyterians have a handsome structure and a growing congregation, a fine Sunday school, an attractive choir, and above all, a devout membership. Rev. W.H. Miley is pastor of the church.

In 1890, he was called to pastorate of the Marion Presbyterian Church. He is one of the most popular preachers we have; his popularity is not based on an ephemeral foundation. His ministry has none of the sensational features, but as an earnest preacher of the truth, an attractive speaker and a close reasoner, he is highly appreciated by his prosperous and growing congregation.

His congregation is one of the largest and wealthiest in the county, and the organization of the church antedates all other institutions of Marion.

The church was organized in 1804 and a building was erected on the site of what is now known as Crooked Creek. The church was then called Bethany, and Rev. Mr. Dickey was the pastor. Later, the property at that location was sold to the Baptists and a brick building erected where Marion now stands. (That was on the location of the old Marion Cemetery). Here the congregation wor-



shipped for years and grew in strength under the pastorate of such men as Hawthorne, Rankin, Perkins, Allen, Matthews and others.

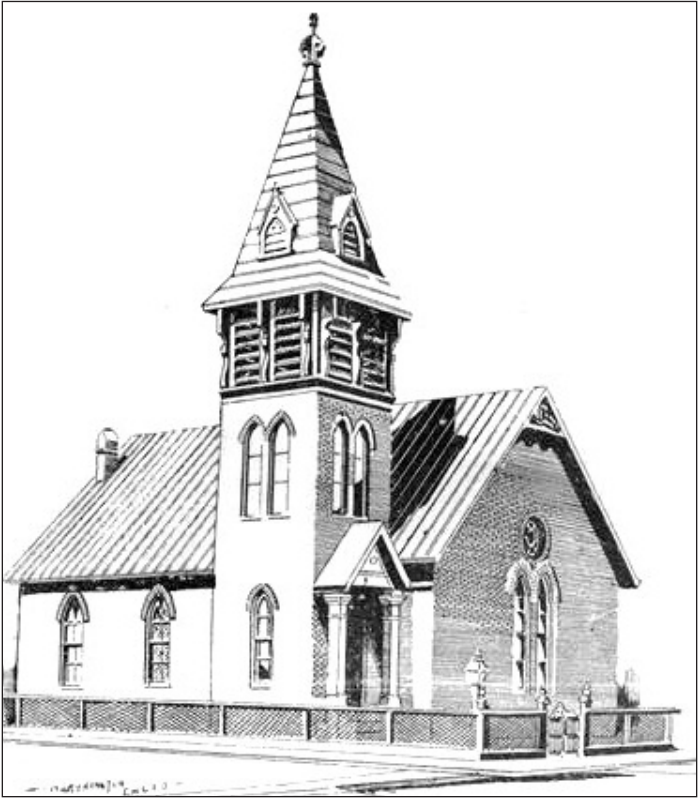
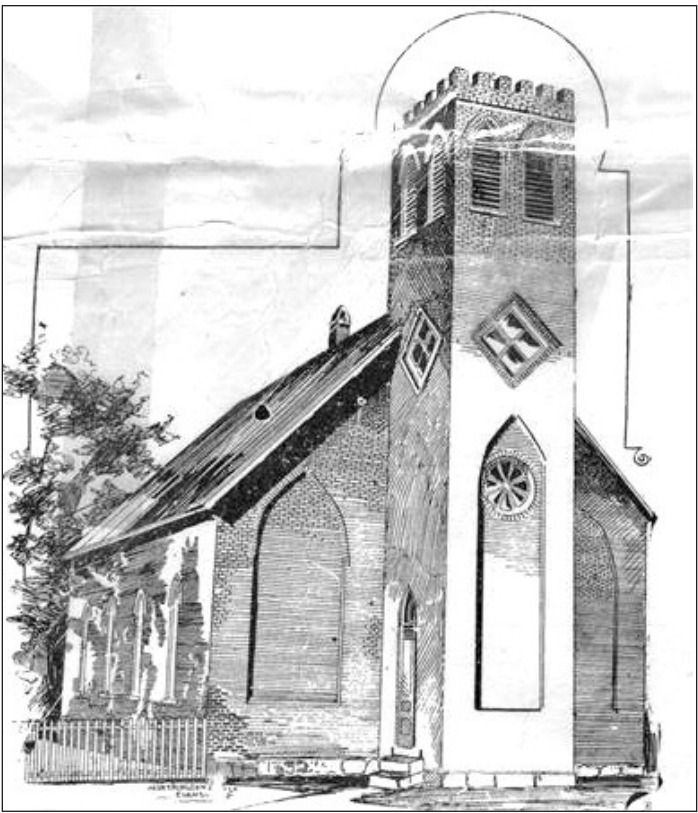
A few years ago, the church divided, with part of the congregation going to Chapel Hill, while most of the members formed a new congregation under the southern branch of the church and built the handsome house of worship that now adds to the substantial appearance of Marion.

Since then, the congregation has grown steadily until it is now almost as strong as it was before the division. This church has done great things in the county. Founded when civilization first set up her standard in this section of the Dark and Bloody Ground, she has administered to the spiritual welfare of the living and buried the dead with the consolations of Christianity. The records of this church have been preserved since 1807, at which time there were 39 members. These records show that the members were subject to discipline in those early days as well as now, and perhaps the lines were drawn a little more taut then than now. One sister was before the session for talking about a neighbor, a brother was disciplined for getting intoxicated and one member was lectured for going off after the disorganizing part of the Cumberland church.

The Baptist congregation is under the pastoral care of Elder T.C. Carter, one of the most earnest and successful ministers of the county. This church has a live membership and, of course, is annually increasing in members. It has a prosperous Sunday school, well attended prayer meeting and is doing good work in the community. The building is a model of neatness and convenience.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church, only a few years organized, has doubled its membership within the past two years.

The pastor is Rev. Price and under his care no church ever grows lukewarm. When the building was put up, the congregation was small. Now the rapid growth, both in numbers and in devotion to the cause, has set the congregation to looking forward to the time in the near future when a more commodious house of worship shall take the place of the present modest, but



cozy house.

With its Sunday school and prayer meetings, their church is doing its part for the spiritual well being of Marion.

Civil Societies
This feature of the town will always be found a safe and reliable standard from which to judge the propensities of the men who constitute the business element of the town and surrounding country.

Banded together by solemn and irrevocable ties, for the purpose of friendship, morality, brotherly love, sympathy, counsel and support, there are four of these societies and each has a strong membership.

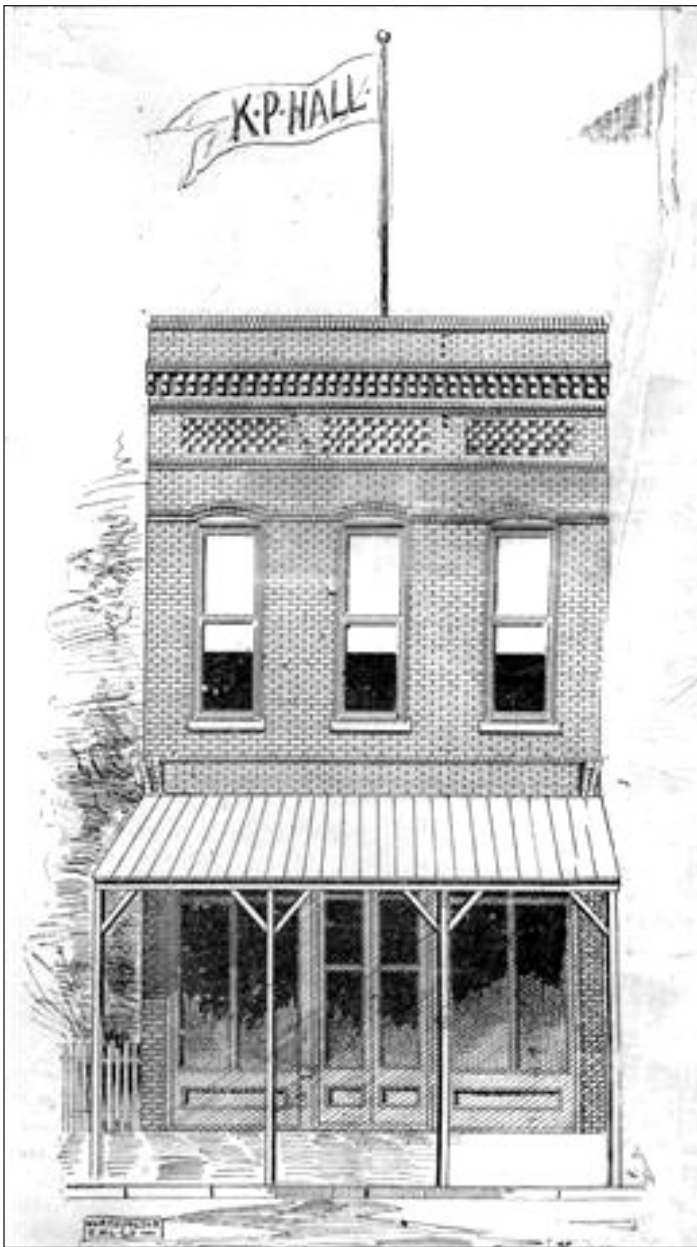
Bigham Lodge FA&AM is the oldest and strongest. It has a membership of 70 and is one of the best working lodges in this section. It owns its hall and the lodge room is well appointed. Within the last two years it has grown rapidly.

Blackwell Lodge Knights

of Pythias was organized seven years ago and has a membership of over 50. It has just completed paying for its hall, a picture of which is in this paper. From the start, this institution grew rapidly, and it now embraces in its membership many of our best men, especially among the young. The lodge room is elegantly furnished and is one of the most attractive in the county. The membership is not confined to Marion, but young men from various parts of the county have united with it, and it is now one of the fixed institutions of the place.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen has a membership of 40 and is growing. Its members take a great interest in lodge meetings and are devoted to the order, which is very popular in the town and country.

The Knights of Honor have had a lodge here since 1870, and its members embrace some of the oldest and most substantial citizens.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
At top left is an artist-drawn picture of the new Methodist church building in 1894. It is now the home of Marion's Christian Church on West Bellville Street. At bottom left is a depiction of the oldest church building in Marion which was built in 1881. It is located at 124 E. Bellville St. and is now the home of Crittenden County Historical Museum. The image above depicts the new Blackwell Lodge Knights of Pythias, which was organized in 1887. This impressive building might be recognized in its later years as Lottie Terry's – and later her son, James Terry's – store on West Bellville Street. It is now a parking lot.

The society at Marion is as good as it is anywhere. The people are unostentatious, friendly and social. We have no aristocracy. For the purpose of hearing the leading men of the country and bringing the best talent to Marion, 40 of the young men of the town have organized a Lecture Club, and through the influence of this club, the people of Marion are enjoying a distinction not often had accorded to a town of this size.

Marion, the beautiful capital of the county, has good schools, churches and prosperous societies.

The town has a population of 1,500 scattered over a territory less than 1-mile square. It has one bank; four big dry goods stores, carrying stocks varying from \$8,000 to \$15,000 each; three hardware stores, carrying big stocks of hardware and farming implements; two furniture stores; one bookstore; six groceries; one tailor shop; two millinery stores; one bakery; two shoe

shops; two drug stores; two butcher shops; two livery stables; two blacksmith and wagon shops; one fine hotel; five good boarding houses; eight preachers; 13 lawyers; five doctors; two dentists; 12 carpenters; two transfer men; the marble yard; two photographers; one newspaper; two barber shops; one opera house; one planing mill; two saw mills; one wool carding machine; one creamery; two big flouring mills; one brickyard; two jewelers; two saloons; one tobacco stemmery; three insurance agents; four white churches; three colored churches; one graded school; four secret societies; one produce house; one distillery; two saddle and harness makers; one carpenter shop; and one dairyman.

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

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Raking in community service

Sawyer Towerly, 14, (left) and Caleb Combs, 5, help gather leaves Sunday afternoon at the home of Helen Moore on North College Street in Marion for curbside collection by the City of Marion. The two were part of a Marion United Methodist Church youth group which raked leaves for Moore, her next door neighbor Tink Hicklin and Ethel Tucker, all homeowners in their mid-90s. Also participating in the community service were church youth director Samantha Peek, parents Viki Carlson and Becky Combs and youths Paul Combs, Maddox Carlson, Jayden Carlson, Isabella Holloman, Emily Combs and Shelby Brown. The city's remaining leaf collection schedule is below.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Saturday's third annual Civil War Dinner sponsored by the Livingston County Historical and Genealogical Society was a big success, according to Barbra Riley, vice president of the society. The dinner in Smithland provides the opportunity for the historical society to fundraise for other events. Riley said one goal of the historical society is to purchase shelving and display cases for historical items pertaining to Livingston County. Above, Sherman Jones shows off several Civil War artifacts Saturday to Tracy Jordan.

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November 24 Area 7	November 25 Area 8	November 26 Area 1	November 27 Holiday	November 28 Holiday
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December 8 Area 7	December 9 Area 8	December 10 Area 1, 2	December 11 Area 3, 4	December 12 Area 5, 6
December 15 Area 7, 8	December 16 Random Pickup	December 17 Random Pickup		

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Circle Drive, Conway Drive, East Central Avenue, Harmon Drive, Hillcrest Drive, Jackson Street, Meadow Drive, Morningside Drive, Old Fords Ferry Road, North Weldon (Bridwell Loop to North city limit), Pierce Street, Summit Drive, U.S. 60 (Old Fords Ferry Road to Adams Street), West Central Avenue, Whippoorwill Drive	Carr Street, Cherry Street, Church Street, Club Drive, Country Drive, Guess Drive, East Bellville Street (Cherry Street to East city limit), Luck Street, North Clay Street, Old Morganfield Road, Old Shady Grove Road, Rochester Street, Walnut Street	Crittenden Drive, Jarvis Street, Keeling Street, Lewis Street, Nora Street, North Main Street (West Bellville Street to Old Fords Ferry Road), North Maple Street, North Weldon (West Bellville to Bridwell Loop), North Yandell Street, Travis Street, West Mound Park Avenue, West Poplar Street	Brook Street, Drake Street, East Bellville (Main Street to Cherry Street), First Street, East Mound Park Avenue, North College Street, North Walker Street, Second Street, Short Street	Chadd Street, Court Street, Old Salem Road, South Main (Bellville Street to Depot Street), South Weldon (West Bellville Street to West Depot Street), West Carlisle Street, West Bellville Street, West Depot Street, West Elm Street (Old Salem Road to Crittenden County High School), West Gum Street (School Road to West city limit), South Yandell Street (West Bellville Street to West Depot Street)	Briarwood Drive, Tanglewood Drive, Clark Street, East Depot Street, Ky. 506 East, Kevil Street, Maxwell Street, Oak Street, South Clay Street, Terrace Drive, South College Street (East Bellville Street to East Depot Street), East Carlisle, South Walker (E. Bellville to East Depot Streets)	East Elm Street, East Gum Street, North Blackburn Street, Pine Street, South College Street (East Depot Street to East Gum Street), South Main Street (Depot Street to Gum Street), South Moore Street (West Depot to West Gum), South Walker Street (East Depot Street to East Gum Street), South Weldon Street (West Depot Street to West Gum Street), South Yandell Street (West Depot Street to West Gum Street), West Elm Street (South Main Street to Crittenden High School), West Gum Street (South Main Street to School Road)	Arleen Street, Cassidy Drive, Chapel Hill Road, Chipps Drive, Cottage Lane, Country Club Drive, Hart Street, Hickory Hills Drive, Leland Court, Nichols Lane, Leland Avenue, Oak Hills Drive, Old Piney Road, Rudd Street, Shady Lane, South Blackburn Street, South Main (Gum Street to South city limit), South Moore Street (West Gum Street to Chapel Hill Road), Watson Street, Wilson Drive

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Major water leak repaired

A crew with the City of Marion spent a considerable amount of time Friday searching for and repairing a major water leak at the intersection of Old Salem Road and West Bellville Street caused during the replacement of Atmos Energy's old natural gas lines by Envision Contractors of Owensboro. Workers were on the scene for more than eight hours, working until almost midnight to repair the damage. The leak closed Old Salem Road during the work and decreased water pressure across the city.

ROUNDUP

Continued from Page 1A

Jury returned last Thursday sealed indictments against seven of the alleged drug dealers. Those warrants and others were served Friday morning in 10 of the cases.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department and the Marion Police Department were also involved in last week's arrests.

Following is a list of the individuals arrested and lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center after Friday's roundup and efforts in ensuing days. Their charges are also detailed.

- Bruce A. Day, 42, of Marion was indicted on two counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (less than or equal to 20 units of Schedule 3 narcotics). Court records indicate that on Aug. 8 and Aug. 12, Day allegedly sold hydrocodone tablets to a cooperating witness. Charges were brought by PANTF. Both charges are Class D felonies.

- Curtis R. Smith, 28, of Kuttawa on a single count of trafficking in marijuana, second offense, a Class D felony. The charge was brought by PANTF. Task force detectives allege that on Aug. 12, Smith sold less than 8 ounces of marijuana to a cooperating witness.

- Lisa M. Mason, 36, of Marion on first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than 10 doses of a Schedule 3 narcotic). Court records allege that on Oct. 16, the defendant sold 20 hydrocodone tablets to a cooperating wit-

ness working with the PANTF.

- Catina J. Tolley, 37, of Marion on two Class D felony counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 20 units of a Schedule 3 narcotic). Court records indicate that on Sept. 16 and Sept. 17, Tolley is alleged to have sold to a cooperating witness working with the drug task force hydrocodone tablets.

- Charles E. Williams, 50, of Marion on one count of felony trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and theft of services, a misdemeanor. Court records indicate that PANTF alleges that Williams sold three Oxycontin pills to a cooperating witness on Sept. 2 and then Oct. 23 took \$100 from the cooperating witness with the promise of delivering methamphetamine, but failed to do so.

- Wade H. Downs, 28, of Marion on two felony charges of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 20 units) by complicity and first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 10 units) by complicity. The indictment alleges that on Aug. 12, the defendant, in complicity with another, sold hydrocodone tablets to a cooperating witness for the drug task force. On Aug. 15, Downs is alleged to have, in complicity with another person, sold morphine to a cooperating witness.

- Tabitha Sisco, 32, of Marion on two felony charges of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 20 units) by complicity and

first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 10 units) by complicity. The indictment alleges that on Aug. 12, the defendant, in complicity with another, sold hydrocodone tablets to a cooperating witness for the drug task force. On Aug. 15, Sisco is alleged to have, in complicity with another person, sold morphine to a cooperating witness.

- Pauline Wright, 41, of Marion on misdemeanor second-degree criminal simulation and misdemeanor endangering the welfare of a minor. PANTF alleges that on Sept. 1 the suspect agreed to provide 20 Percocets, a controlled substance, to a cooperating witness in return for \$100 cash, but instead provided 20 pills that turned out to be aspirin tablets. A child was present at the time of the transaction.

- April Bivins, 34, of Marion on misdemeanor theft of services. PANTF alleges that on Sept. 2, the defeated agreed to provide 1 gram of methamphetamine to a cooperating witness in return for \$100 cash but never provided the drugs after taking the money.

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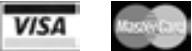
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county's 4-H agent. Since 1984, she has assumed responsibilities as agent for family and consumer sciences.

Hunt received her bachelor's degree in family and consumer science education from Western Kentucky University and went on to receive her master's degree in the same field of study from Murray State University.

"When I came to this county, it was so much more rural than I had ever been exposed to. We had families who did not have telephones here. This was in 1979-84," Hunt said. "We still have people here who haul their water. It's not like it was in the 1980s, but living in a town, I never saw that. It was a real eye-opener for me that any opportunity to learn about new things was only going to help people."

Extension Service activities have always been an important part of Hunt's life. At the age of 9, she became involved in 4-H and looked forward to competitions each year. She was similarly influenced by her older sister, who also became an Extension agent.

"I grew up showing dairy cattle. You'd be amazed about how much you can learn doing something like that and taking care of an animal," she said, emphasizing the value gained from 4-H competitions, which teach youth about responsibility, such as how to care for and properly show livestock.

The transition to family and consumer sciences meant taking on a role that was more subject-based, such as educating individuals and families about skills in the home as well as community and economic development. Still, Hunt said each program area of the Extension Service focuses on leadership development.

As an advisor for the Extension Homemakers Association, Hunt said it is gratifying to see adults develop leadership skills by joining clubs, sitting on committees and becoming officers. She feels confident about the future of the Extension Homemakers Association and credits the leadership of members Sarah Ford, Jerrell James and Darl Henley.

Among the many achievements during her career, Hunt noted the significance of the Extension Service being able to purchase and have its own building in 2010.

"This has made a world of difference being out here," Hunt said



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Nancy Hunt has dedicated her life to outreach and education in Crittenden County. However, Hunt, who's celebrating 35 years with the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service, has announced she will retire as family and consumer sciences agent on Feb. 5.

about the accessibility of the office's current location.

When she first joined the staff, Extension Service offices were located in the basement of the courthouse. It later moved to a small building at the corner of West Carlisle and Court streets across from the Crittenden County Public Library. In 2011, the Extension Service was able to officially move into its current location at 1534 U.S. 60 East in Marion.

Although their offices were centrally located on the court square, Hunt said parking proved to be difficult for individuals wishing to visit the Extension Service, especially when court was in session.

"We keep totals on all phone calls and all visitors each month and have that information for each program area," Hunt said. "The most people who came to our office were when we were on Carlisle Street for a period of time. It was the third year here before we were able to have that many again."

Hunt said Cooperative Extension Services have evolved in terms of their audience and now look to include people from all walks of life. It isn't limited to individuals only in agriculture.

It was the signing of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 which officially created the Cooperative Extension System. This year's centennial celebration of the Extension Service has highlighted its various programs

and outreaches in communities across the nation. Hunt said that while clubs now focus on subject areas such as science and engineering, she recalls a time when the office first began incorporating and using the latest in available technology.

"We got our first computer in the office in 1984. We had one. It was in its own little room and we would go in and take turns using it. Everybody said it was going to save us time," Hunt said, adding that, ironically, individuals now spend more hours in front of computer screens to complete tasks for projects.

With an abundance of Internet-capable tablets and computers available to consumers, the Extension Service, like many other agencies, has had to compete with the Internet. Hunt underscored the office's commitment to research-based information and cautioned that just because subject matter is published on the Web doesn't mean it is accurate information.

"Anybody could put something on the Web, but that doesn't make it true, especially when you're dealing with food safety, you need to make sure you have reputable resources, otherwise it just might not work out the way you intended," she said.

Hunt's retirement from the Extension Service doesn't mean she won't continue to play an active role in the community. She currently serves as the General Federation of

Women's Club Kentucky First District Governor. She's also involved with Woman's Club of Marion and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

She has served as president of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce from 2001 to 2002 and was a chamber board member for six years.

Currently, she is president of the Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council and is a member of the Community Christmas planning committee.

She's also a firm believer in preparing the next generation to be good leaders and role models.

"I grew up in a home where community service was always emphasized, and I did that with my children," Hunt said. "I've been very pleased that my daughter and my son both have been very active here in the community. As long as other young people continue to do that, I think we'll be OK."

In regard to preparing youth for leadership roles, Hunt said she's most proud of introducing local students to the American Private Enterprise System, a youth program that provides students in high school the basics of how America does business. The program is conducted in cooperation with the high school by the Extension Service and the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce.

Hunt and her husband Charlie, who co-owns the Marion Feed Mill, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary earlier this year with an Alaskan cruise. She said retirement will allow more free time for activities such as traveling.

The past 35 years have been filled with good memories of working with her Cooperative Extension colleagues.

"When I started to work, Curt Judy was the agriculture agent. He is still working today as the Todd County ag agent. We get to talk when we have staff meetings and enjoy sharing stories of when we worked together along with the late Edwina O'Hara," Hun said.

"Edwina took us under her wing and told us what we should and what we shouldn't be doing. We were like a family, and I have always thought of Extension that way."

"I know all about the family and consumer sciences Extension agents in our nine-county area. Several have already retired, but we raised our families together, and we truly care about each other."

Hunr also spoke on the close working relationship she has with her current Extension co-workers.

"I think our current office staff has gotten along great. Sue Parrent and I have worked together for about 12 years and have shared many programs together. Becky (Zahrte) and I have been through a lot with the building and the financial side of Extension. Meredith (Hall) has always volunteered to help all of us. We have been a team which has made it a great place to come to work," she said.

Hunt said she won't miss the long hours the job sometimes demands.

"There have been many night meetings, weekends and overnight trips, but I have enjoyed it all. When Extension started emphasizing to employees 'families come first and job second,' it made it easier to be off to attend those special events in my family's life. They told us if we didn't take care of our own families, they might not be there for us to come home to. I wish everyone could enjoy that in their job," she said.

In recognition of her impending retirement, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom praised Hunt's dedication and years of service to Crittenden County.

"It's quite an accomplishment to spend 35 years in any position," Newcom said. "Nancy has been an invaluable asset to the community on multiple fronts, not just as a representative for the Extension office. She's been involved with so many projects and community organizations. I certainly hope she wants to continue some of that work."

Parrent, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program assistant for Crittenden County, praised Hunt's skills in keeping Extension Service program areas running smoothly, such as 4-H and agriculture, when vacancies occurred at those positions.

"She is going to be missed," Parrent said. "I admire her very much, and I think Extension is losing a very valuable agent. Her experience is tremendous."

When asked to describe what Marion and Crittenden County mean to her, Hunt simply – but poignantly – expressed two words.

"It's home," she said. "To me there are more pluses to living in Crittenden County than there are negatives. When you're young, you do not see that. But whenever you see individuals who have lived elsewhere and they are returning with their family, that explains to me that they realize this is a good community, with a good school system and a great place to grow up."

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I am so grateful to those citizens of Webster, Union and Crittenden Counties who took the time and made the effort to vote, whether their votes were for me or not.

Our country is great because most of us understand what a privilege it is to vote and what a blessing it is to live in a place where our dreams and ambitions are limited only by our own fears, where our talents can be used and appreciated no matter where we came from.

Although a recount of the votes has been requested, I remain confident in the system and the clerks and other election officials. And I am convinced the outcome will be the same.

Thank you, Crittenden County.
Thank you, Union County.
Thank you, Webster County.

I pledge to conduct an accessible, accountable, collaborative court that will protect children, promote healthy families and be a source of pride for you.



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This bobcat was photographed by a deer hunter near Frances on the opening weekend of the rifle deer season.

OUTDOORS

Bobcat season opens

Deer hunters who spot a bobcat this weekend will be able to legally harvest the animal. Kentucky's bobcat season opens Saturday and runs through Feb. 28. Bobcats are a protected species and a small-game license is required to harvest one. Coyotes are not protected, and may be harvested year round. Deer hunters often have opportunities to take coyotes from their stands, but it is quite rare to see a bobcat although they are becoming more common in this area.

Hunting seasons

Deer Archery	Sept. 6 - Jan. 19
Turkey Archery	Sept. 6 - Jan. 19
Raccoon, Opossum	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Deer Rifle	Nov. 8-23
Deer Crossbow	Nov. 8 - Dec. 31
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 8 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 10 - Feb. 28
Rabbit	Nov. 10 - Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 10 - Feb. 10
Bobcat	Nov. 22 - Feb. 28
Dove	Nov. 27 - Dec. 7
Duck	Nov. 27 - Jan. 25
West Goose Zone	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Pennyrile Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
White-Front Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Snow Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Turkey Shotgun	Dec. 6-12
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 13-21
Dove	Dec. 20 - Jan. 11
Deer Free Youth	Dec. 27-28
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 1-6
West Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 7-8
Snow Goose	Feb. 9 - March 31
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

Hunters bag almost 2K

Rifle-carrying deer hunters had bagged almost 2,000 deer in Crittenden County as of late Monday. Hunters have the rest of this week and the weekend to harvest white-tail deer with a modern firearm. Afterwards, there are few opportunities to bag a deer in Kentucky with a gun. There is a muzzleloader season coming up in early December, however. Archers can hunt well into January. So far this season, hunters in Crittenden County have taken 2,413 deer with all weapon types. That ranks Crittenden at No. 3 in the state for total harvest right behind Owen and Pendleton counties. Livingston County hunters have bagged 1,327 deer.

FOOTBALL

Three help win title

Three local youth football players were part of an all-star team from Caldwell County that won the championship of a 9-under tournament last weekend at Greenville, Ky. Zach Counts, Jack Reddick and Case Gobin helped capture the The Battle of the Berg title, as their Tiger team won all three of its games on Muhlenberg County's turf field with snow and sleet falling. Their combined scores were 100-0 in the tournament. The boys will play in the Kentucky Cup this weekend in Owensboro.

BASKETBALL

Rocket scrimmages

Crittenden County's varsity basketball teams will be warming up for the 2014-15 season with some upcoming scrimmage games. The Rockets will play Thursday (tonight) at Hickman County and Tuesday night at Rocket Arena against Carlisle County. The Lady Rockets will play at 2 p.m., Saturday at McLean County. Their scrimmage scheduled for earlier this week was cancelled due to weather, but coach Shannon Hodge say it will be rescheduled in the coming days.



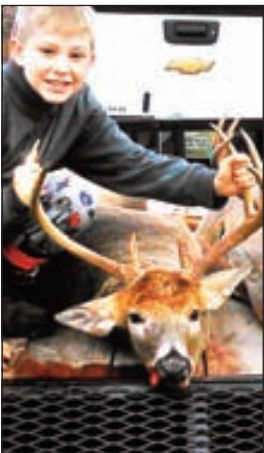
Douglas Ford, 12, bagged this 8-pointer while hunting with his uncle, Denny Drury.



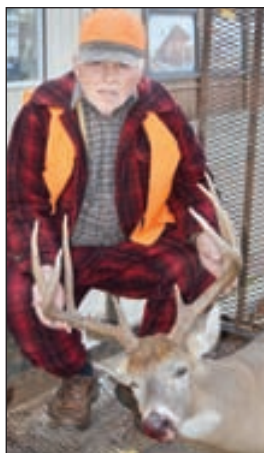
Jack Reddick, 9, bagged this 9-point buck last weekend.



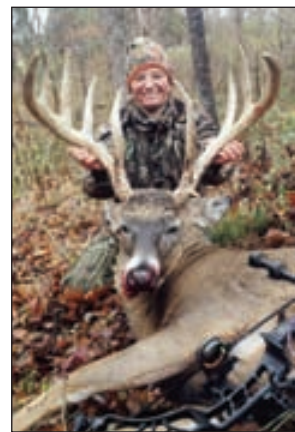
Jett Reddick, 5, harvested this nice 12-point buck during the rifle deer season.



Trace Derrington bagged this 7-pointer opening morning while hunting with his stepfather Billy Winstead.



Mark Smith bagged this 8-pointer on the first Thursday of the rifle season.



Katie Davies of Marion bagged this huge 10-pointer while bowhunting last week in Ohio County. The buck scored in the high 170s.

Crittenden County's volleyball team recently held its annual post-season awards banquet. Among those honored during the event were (front form left) Taylor Belt, Rocket Peer Award; Emily Roman, Best Offensive Player; Paige Winternheimer, 110 Percent Award; Chloe McKinzie, Leadership Award; Sage Winternheimer, Most Improved; Alyssa West, JV Most Improved; (back) Megan Sherrell, JV Leadership Award; Arry Schofield, Sportsmanship Award; Ellie McGowan, Freshman Leadership Award and Freshman 110 Percent Award; Kenlee Perryman, JV 110 Percent Award and Freshman Best Defensive Player; Kyron Hicks, Volleyball Rookie Award; Brandy Book, Freshman Best Offensive Player; Emily Hall, JV Best Defensive Player; Paige Gilbert, Scrappy Award and JV Best Offensive Player Award; and Kaitlyn Hicks, Freshman Most Improved. Not pictured was Diana Bradford, Best Defensive Player Award.



CCMS BASKETBALL RESULTS

Here are results from games over the past week involving Crittenden County Middle School teams:

CCMS GIRLS

8th - Caldwell 53, Crittenden 13
Scoring: Perryman 7, Summers 2, Book 2, Em.Smith 2.
7th - Caldwell 34, Crittenden 13
Scoring: El.Smith 2, Em.Smith 1, Callaway 10.

8th - Union 41, Crittenden 27
Perryman 10, El.Smith 5, Summers 6, Easley 2, Book 1, Em.Smith 3.
7th - Union 22, Crittenden 16
El.Smith 13, Callaway 2, Gilchrist 1.

Remaining Games

Nov. 20 Dawson Springs
Nov. 21 St. Ann
Nov. 25 at Lyon
Dec. 2 Caldwell County
Dec. 4 St. Ann
Dec. 9 Union County

CCMS BOYS

7th - Lyon 31, Crittenden 11
Scoring: O'Leary 1, Carlson 10.
8th - Crittenden 38, Lyon 36
Scoring: Boone 15, Towery 5, Gipson 8, Dickerson 6, Nesbitt 3, Riley 1.

7th - Dawson 38, Crittenden 14
O'Leary 2, Carlson 5, Parish 5, Crider 2.
8th - Crittenden 53, Dawson 40
Boone 5, Towery 12, Gipson 15, Dickerson 13, Dossett 6, Crider 2.

7th - Webster 37, Crittenden 17
O'Leary 6, Carlson 5, Parish 2, Davidson 4.
8th - Crittenden 34, Webster 30
Boone 6, Towery 4, Gipson 5, Dickerson 12, Riley 4, O'Leary 1, Dossett 2.

Remaining Games

Nov. 21 St. Ann
Nov. 24 Caldwell County
Nov. 25 at Webster Co.
Dec. 1 Lyon County



The Eclipse fast-pitch softball team was runnerup in the season-ending USFA tournament two weeks ends ago at Clarksville. The girls, which include players from Crittenden County, were 6-1 in the event. The team includes (front from left) Riley Hancock, Jada Hayes, Kalli Champion, Macey Poe, Ashlyn Hicks, Matthia Long, Chandler Moss, Hadlie Butler, Sydney Melton, Cali Collins, Allye Culp, (back) coaches Jason Collins, Chris Hicks and Randy Hayes.

Countdown!



Crittenden County's basketball teams held their annual Meet the Rockets Night Saturday to officially kick off the basketball season with some intra-squad scrimmages. At far left, Bobby Glen Stephens tries to dribble past defender Dylan Hicks. At left, Lady Rocket Amanda Lynch guards Mallory McDowell. The boys and girls have scrimmage games this week and open the regular season the following week with the boys playing Dec. 5 at Trigg County in a district game. The girls open at St. Mary on Dec. 1. Below are middle school Rockets Sean O'Leary, Gavin Dickerson, Devon Nesbitt and Wyatt Gipson fighting for a rebound against Webster County last week.



Adding apples to various meals has healthy benefits

Fall is known for its abundance of great, fresh foods, and apples are among the most popular. You can prepare apples in many different ways and include them as ingredients in main courses, side dishes and desserts.

Not only are apples great additions to any meal, but they are also packed full of nutrients. They are low in calories, fat and sodium, cholesterol free and a great source of fiber. Apples also contain phytochemicals that may help prevent many chronic diseases including cancer, heart disease, asthma and diabetes.



The United States is home to more than 2,500 varieties of apples. Several of those are grown in Kentucky, including Red Delicious, Rome, Winesap, Gala, Jonathan, Cortland and Golden Delicious. You can get Kentucky-grown apples at orchards, farmers markets and some grocery

stores across the state. Look for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Kentucky Proud label when shopping.

When selecting apples, look for firm, crisp and colorful fruit. Avoid apples with shriveled skins, bruises, worm holes or decayed spots. Apples last longer in your refrigerator, either in the crisper drawer or in an unsealed plastic bag. You can leave apples out on the counter for a few days, but an extensive period of time at room temperature will cause apples to shrivel and lose flavor and crispness. Store apples separately from vegetables,

because apples naturally release small amounts of ethylene gas that can damage lettuce and other produce.

Here's a recipe from the Kentucky Proud program that incorporates apples:

Bone-in Pork Chops with Apples and Onions

Ingredients:

- 2 Kentucky Proud pork chops, bone-in
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 Kentucky Proud apple, sliced
- 1 Kentucky Proud onion, sliced
- 1 cup chicken stock or apple cider, to deglaze
- 1 tablespoon butter, optional

Directions:

1. Pat the pork chops dry with paper towels, and season well with salt and pepper.
2. In a large skillet on high heat, heat olive oil and brown the pork chops well, about 3 to 4 minutes per side. At this point, the pork chops will be well browned, but not cooked all the way through.
3. Transfer chops to a separate platter.
4. Add the apple and onion to the pan, and cook until softened and nicely caramelized.
5. Add chicken stock or apple cider, and scrape

food morsels from the surface of the pan.

6. Nestle the pork chops back into the pan, and bring the mixture to a simmer. Simmer until pork chops are cooked through and season with salt and pepper.
7. Add butter to the sauce at the last minute for extra richness, if desired.

(Nancy Hunt is the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent at the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service for Crittenden County. For more information on programming, contact the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.)

Registered organ donors reach over 3,100

NEWS RELEASE

Margaret Mead famously said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

The Circuit Court Clerks of Kentucky are a committed group of public servants who have a profound impact on the lives of those who need an organ transplant – patients like Kortney Wanner.

"I'm here in the hospital and listed status 1A. It's hard for me to read or really even think. "I am having trouble breathing and my kidneys are losing function," explains 30 year old Wanner.

She has been waiting on her heart transplant for

years and is getting to a point where the wait must end.

"I know I'll get my transplant. I am staying hopeful and trying to enjoy the little things with my husband and family," said Wanner.

"Today more than 1,000 Kentuckians are waiting for their life-saving transplant. Their families wait too. Their parents, siblings, cousins and friends are all waiting. Now, these families know that 1.5 million Kentuckians stand behind them and are willing to save their life," explains Crittenden County Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill.

The circuit clerks and their driver's license staff make a significant impact by asking two important questions while residents obtain a license or ID. Today, 3,141

Crittenden County residents are registered donors.

"We ask everyone if they would like to donate \$1 for public education about the mission of donation, and if they wish to be a registered organ donor," explains Guill.

"Joining the Registry is very important. 1.5 million Kentuckians have now said, 'If I can save a life, after I'm gone, I'm willing to do it.' What a legacy. To save someone like Kortney, to save a family from loss, it means everything," explains Shelley Snyder, Executive Director of the Circuit Clerks' Trust for Life program. "This milestone is possible, in large part, thanks to the circuit clerks and their staff. Without their two questions, we may not have 50,000 names on the

Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. Because of their efforts, over 1.5 million Kentuckians have registered. The impact of the circuit clerks is remarkable."

Over 123,000 patients are currently waiting for their organ transplant nationwide. Tragically each day, 18 people die waiting. Every registered organ donor is a symbol of hope for patients in need.

All Kentucky residents are eligible to join the Registry at their circuit clerk's office or online at donatelifeky.org. Regardless of age or medical history, everyone can join the Registry. If you have questions about donation, contact the Trust at (866) 945-5433 or ssnyder@trustforlife.org.

Local club invites public to program on quilting

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Extension Homemaker Quilt Club invites the public to its Monday meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the county Extension office.

McLean County's Margaret Scott, who has made and taught numerous quilt classes, will present a program on quilt bindings. Information presented will apply to all sizes of quilts or other projects requiring a binding.

Scott, a retired county Extension agent for family and consumer sciences, is a member of the Owensboro Area

Quilters Guild. She teaches annually at the Runaway Quilters Retreat in Daviess County and the Jabez Quilt Seminar at the Kentucky Leadership Center in Jabez, Ky.

A quilter for more than 40 years, she has served as a judge for numerous quilt contests and travels annually to the major quilt shows in Paducah and Houston.

Individuals experienced in quilting and those who would like to learn to quilt can attend by pre-registering with the Extension office by calling (270) 965-5236.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Press visits Mo., La.

Vivian Workman and Ava Lois Belt (top photo) visited Branson, Mo. in September with Barry and Donna Workman. They also took along a copy of The Crittenden Press. While there they rode on Branson's scenic railway and attended a couple of Branson's shows. Meanwhile Devin Porter, Devon Nesbitt and Payton Riley (above) visited West Monroe, La. and also took along a copy of The Crittenden Press.

Kenergy seeks applicants for trip to nation's capital

STAFF REPORT

Each year, Kenergy Corp. selects six high school juniors to serve as Washington Youth Tour delegates, who go to Washington, D.C. on a free seven-day trip in June.

Only students who currently are juniors and who live in a house powered by Kenergy are eligible to apply.

Also, students must maintain at least a 3.0 overall grade-point average.

As part of the application process, students must write a 1,000-word essay on any subject about which they are passionate.

Applications and supporting materials are due by Dec. 31. Essays are due by Jan. 15.

Students can find Washington Youth Tour applications at Kenergy offices, with high school counselors and online at kenergy-corp.com. The co-op website has additional information about the program.

Washington Youth Tour winners will be announced in March.

For more information, call Renee Beasley Jones at (270) 689-6103 or email rjones@kenergycorp.com.

Keep updated on latest in school cancellations

STAFF REPORT

As witnessed at the beginning of the week, cold weather can mean snow, leading to school dismissals or cancellations.

According to Crittenden County School officials, if a decision is made to dismiss school because of inclement weather, school officials will issue a "One-Call" to parents followed by information to local media, such as The Crittenden Press.

School officials encourage parents to make sure their correct phone numbers are entered in the school's system. To update a phone number, parents can contact their child's school.

Finding out about school dismissals or cancellations is easy. Visit The Crittenden Press online at www.the-press.com.

During the previous school year, the district cancelled school 17 days due to winter weather.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

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

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

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Bible study begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is hamburger on wheat bun, baked potato, baked pork and beans and an oatmeal cookie.
- Friday: Bingo will begin at

- 10:30 a.m. Menu is oven-fried chicken, baked sweet potato, black-eyed peas, wheat bread slice and fruit cobbler.
- Monday: Ladies' exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio will begin at 9:45 a.m. Menu is spaghetti and meat sauce, California blend, wheat garlic bread and peach crisp.
- Tuesday: Thanksgiving lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. Menu is roast turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes and cranberry salad.
- Wednesday: Game Day with Barb begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is sweet and sour chicken on rice, spring roll, Oriental green beans, apple crisp and fortune cookie.
- Next Thursday: The center will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.



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Saving money

Third grader Allie Brantley was named the winner of the 2015 Piggy Bank Design Contest. Brantley's piggy bank, baby Olaf, was based on the movie Frozen. To enter, students had to create their own original design of a piggy bank. Banks had to actually hold coins and could not exceed 12 inches by 12 inches by 12 inches. The bank had to be decorated by the student. Her entry will now compete in district judging in December. The top two in the district will then compete in the state contest where winners will be displayed in Frankfort during Kentucky Saves Week Feb. 23-28. Brantley is the daughter of Schuyler and Cathy Brantley of Marion.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 20

- Crittenden Health Systems Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m., in the educational building on the hospital's campus.

Monday, Nov. 24

- The Crittenden County Extension Homemaker Quilt Club will host its next meeting at 9:30 a.m., at the Extension Service.
- Livingston County Middle School's Efficiency Committee will meet at 3:15 p.m., in the Cardinal Room. All parents, students, interested community members and staff are invited to attend.

Saturday, Dec. 6

- Marion National Guard Reunion will be held at the Lions Club building. For more information contact Brent Nelson at (270) 704-1392 or Roger Lubben at (270) 625-0971.

Monday, Dec. 8

- Crittenden County Elementary School's SBDM Council will meet at 4 p.m. at the school.

Saturday, Jan. 3

- EMT classes will begin at 6 p.m., at the Caldwell County Vocational School. The classes will be held from 6

p.m. to 9 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday, January through June. Those interested must register by Dec. 10. Cost of the class will be due at that time. Individuals need to bring a copy of their driver's license and Social Security card.

On-going events

- Crittenden County Middle and High School Band will be having its Annual Fruit sale through Nov. 28. All orders and money will be due Nov. 28. Delivery will be the week of Dec. 15. The band is taking orders for navel oranges, red grapefruits, Citrus Samplers, gift boxes, Fresh Trios, tangerines, juice oranges, red navels, apples and other varieties. All orders must be prepaid. If you would like to place an order, see any band member or parent or contact Carol Hodge at (270) 704-9052 or Stephanie Goin at (270) 704-1640.
- "Sew Much Fun" 4-H sewing club meetings will meet from 3:15 to 5 p.m., the second and fourth Mondays at the Crittenden County Extension Service.

Religious affiliations give to Bright Life Farms

STAFF REPORT

Bright Life Farms, a group home for special needs adults located 13 miles from Princeton on Ky. 139, was recently awarded by the Lutheran Thrivent Financial with a matching grant.

The organization worked with the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church (WELCA) at St. Matthew by the Lake Lutheran Church near Draffenville for the donation, which came from their fall craft sale/bazaar proceeds.

Representing WELCA, Dr. Lucy Young presented a check for \$750 and Greta Henry, representing the Lutheran Thrivent, pre-

sented a check for \$300 at the farm Nov. 5.

"The Lutheran Thrivent and St. Matthews have been such a blessing to Bright Life for many years," said Roberta Robertson, president and administrator of Bright Life Farms, in an e-mail. "In addition to financial support, on one occasion they delivered a

truckload of supplies in the pouring rain when the Leroy Oliver House on the Farm opened in 2009."

Both organizations have come faithfully for work days in the late summer throughout the years, last year peeling, cutting and packaging many crates of apples for Bright Life Farm's freezers.

In September, 12 members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Murray and St. Matthews delivered a large amount of supplies and lunch to Bright Life Farms. The visitors also spent the day with residents and staff, touring each home and each resident's room and hearing the Bright Life Family Choir sing.

"We look forward to the end of each summer because we know our Thrivent friends are coming," Robertson said. "We can feel their genuine love for us and that is the best kind of support and encouragement."

Bright Life Farms is taking applications for residency. For information call Robertson (270) 388-6101.

CCES FIRST NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

Crittenden County Elementary School honor roll supplied to The Crittenden Press by the school

3rd Grade
Jennifer Bell
All-A Honor Roll: Jeremiah Foster, Ava Henry and Aria Kirk.

A-and-B Honor Roll: Jaycie Champion, Keira Chaney, Jayden Conner, Mia Hackney, Tristan Long, Emily Mattingly, Hurst Miniard, Kaymon Young, Kaylee Hewitt, Jessenia Mandujano and Quaid Cook-Brown.

Heather Bloodworth
All-A Honor Roll: Micah Newcom, Karsyn Potter and Robert Jackson.

A-and-B Honor Roll: Jaylee Champion, Travis Champion, Jaxon Hatfield, Shayla Jones, Ashayla McDowell, Hunter Miles, Gattin Travis and Lane West.

Mandy Perez
All-A Honor Roll: Noah Atchison, Kiley Croft, Luke Drawdy, Sophia Madden and Haylee Perrin.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Aubre Conyer, Angelia Dennis, David Fritts, Chloe Jackson, Avery Johnson, Laycee Lynn and Keifer Watson.

Kinsee Potts
All-A Honor Roll: Riley Curnel and Maddie Travis.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Emily Adams, Alex Conner, Tanner Crawford, Lucy Haire, Hannah Long, Addie Mundy, Tucker Riley, Donald Samuels, Wyatt Shewmaker, Mackenzie Stiles, Skyler Sullivan, and Sofie Watson.

Sarah Riley
All-A Honor Roll: Tyler Belt, Casey Cates, Caden DeBoe, Bennett McDaniel, Cutter Singleton, Kailyn Stokes and Jasmine Wooley.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Lizzie Campbell, Olivia Green, Gabe Keller, Payton Maness, Triston

Martin, Emily Moreland, Levi Piper, Elijah Shewcraft, Carly Travis and Isabella Wilson.

Ashley Roberts
All-A Honor Roll: Ckyl Corriveau, Katie Perryman, Marley Phelps and Ethan Torres.

A-and-B Honor Roll: Jacob Mahns, Joey Myers, Dreama Noffsinger, Brynn Porter, Gabe Rushing, Conner Simpkins, Riley Smith and Tyler Smith.

4th Grade
Rita Binkley
A-and-B Honor Roll: Briley Berry, Nathan Bozeman, Zach Counts, Anthony Federico, Lanie Greenwell, Taylor Guess, Sydney Harkins, Raven Hayes, Caden Riley and Emilee Russelburg.

Becky Bryant
All-A Honor Roll: Evan Belt, Seth Blackburn and Callie Dempsey.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Issac Carter, Brylee Conyer, Hannah Fisher, Colton Gilland, Deacon Holloman, Parker Kayse, Mya Moore, Kaleb Nesbitt, Lexi Wesmolan and Alyssa Yates.

Johnna Fitch
All-A Honor Roll: Jordan Hardesty, Macie Hunt, Karsen Shouse and Zackrey Stiles.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Paris Anderson, Natalee Buchanan, Genesis Calderon, Tanner Campbell, Brilee Crittendon, Collin Epley, Wesley Fritts, Sam Impastato, Hailey McCann, Gavin Peek, Nick Pendley, Carly Towery, Braydon Williamson and Alyssa Woodall.

Mandy Winders
All-A Honor Roll: Natalie Boone, Jacob Hoover, Evan McDowell, Kady Parrish and Jack Reddick.

5th Grade
Tammy Brantley
All-A Honor Roll: Tanner Beverly, Maggie Blazina, Alyssa Bozeman, Holden Cooksey, Courtney Fulkerson, Jordan Hutchison, Ryleigh Tabor, Emma Waters and Coby West.

A-and-B Honor Roll: Maddox Carlson, Kaitlyn Guess, Chloe James, Jaden Long, Hadlee Rich, Tucker Sharp, Coleman Stone and Samantha Tinsley.

Cindy Crabtree
All-A Honor Roll: Kaylee Conger, Bryan Littlepage, McKenzie Quertermous, Ethan Wallace, Raina West, Emma Williams and Dylan Yates.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Raylee Belt, Callie Brown, Erica Darnell, Trace Derrington, Jake Drawdy, Jalynn Hackney, Hannah Herrington, Braydon Hill, Ethen Hunt, Emma Sosh, Jordan Watts, Chloe Weathers and Faith White.

Ashley Frederick
All-A Honor Roll: Addyson Faughn, Grace Roberts and Gage Russell.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Keilee Baker, Colyn Caraway, Ben Evans, Aliyah Frutiger, Jordan Jones, Addy Kirby, Malory Lynn, Harli Morris, Kendall Parrish, Ethen Shewmaker, Emilee Whited, Katie Willan and Dennon Wilson.

Sara Omer
All-A Honor Roll: Luke Crider, Grace Driskill, Leah Long, Blake Martin, Cole McKinney, Dane West and Jacob Dalton Wood.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Kyler Alsobrook, Laurel Brown, Faith Conner, Daley DeBoe, Jacey Frederick, Keifer Marshall, Cale Minton, Luke Mundy and Hannah Myers.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

STLP students heading to state

Crittenden County Elementary School students (from left) Karsen Shouse, Grace Driskill, Natalie Boone and Ryleigh Tabor represented their school at Murray State University for the annual Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) Fall Showcase competition on Nov. 7. The students' showcase project featured the use of QR codes to help new students and their families become familiar with their new school and town. These students scored high enough to be invited to showcase again at Rupp Arena in Lexington on March 26 of next year. They will join middle and high school STLP students who also were invited to Lexington. Middle school students presented a hologram project. High school students presented a website project.

Prescription drug abuse prevention PSA student contest now underway

Students to compete for iPads, various other prizes

STAFF REPORT

Attorney General Jack Conway and his Keep Kentucky Kids Safe partners have begun their annual prescription drug abuse prevention public service announcement (PSA) contest for Kentucky middle and high school students. The competition is part of Attorney General Conway's statewide public awareness initiative to warn Kentucky kids about the dangers of misusing prescription drugs.

"Education is an integral part of our strategy to combat prescription drug abuse in Kentucky," Attorney General Conway said. "Our annual PSA competition provides students the opportunity to produce creative and informative public awareness videos that are used to alert all Kentuckians to the heavy toll that prescription drug abuse is taking on families

across the Commonwealth. My hope is that through our Keep Kentucky Kids Safe initiative, we can save future generations from the deadly consequences of prescription pill abuse."

Attorney General Conway's video PSA competition is held in partnership with the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy, the Kentucky Pharmacists Association (KPhA), the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI), Operation UNITE, and concerned parents Dr. Karen Shay and Mike Donta, who have both lost children to prescription drug abuse.

As part of the competition, Kentucky middle and high school students produce a 30-second video that shows the risks of prescription drug abuse. The first-place winner will receive an Apple iPad generously donated by NADDI. The runner-up will receive a \$100 Amazon.com gift card donated by the Kentucky Pharmacists Association.

"This contest is a great way to teach the next generation to think about ways to curb this epidemic," said

Robert McFalls, KPhA Executive Director/CEO. "Many of our members volunteer to educate the public about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and counsel patients on correct usage of the medications. This contest allows KPhA an additional avenue to promote safe prescription drug use."

The deadline for submitting a video is Dec. 8, 2014. Winners will be announced on Dec. 15.

Students may find out how to submit a video by visiting Attorney General Conway's prescription drug abuse prevention page at <http://ag.ky.gov/rxabuse>. Last year's winning video was produced by a group of students from Calloway County High School. The video is available for viewing on the Office of the Attorney General's YouTube page at <https://youtu.be/5DrcDsZOFkg>.

Winning videos are posted on the Attorney General's website and distributed to television stations across the Commonwealth by the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy.

Local blood drive set for Thursday

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) will be sponsoring a school/community blood drive from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at Rocket Arena.

As a fundraiser, FCA will receive \$5 for every pint collected. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the FCA Relay for Life Team fund.

"Our goal is to reach 100 units," said Carol West, CCHS teacher and FCA sponsor.

Anyone wishing to donate can contact West at carol.west@crittenden.kyschools.us or call the high school at (270) 965-2248 from 9 to 10 a.m. each day or after school.

Thanksgiving buffet at Kentucky State Parks to serve thousands

STAFF REPORT

What has 2,000 pounds of turkey, 1,500 pounds of sweet potatoes and 750 pounds of country ham, and not to mention the 4,300 pieces of fried chicken, the 1,300 pounds of roast beef, 12,000 rolls and 340 pies?

The Kentucky State Parks' Thanksgiving Day buffet at the park system's 17 resort parks across the state, that's what.

The parks have hosted the buffet for more than four decades and usually serve about 10,000 customers on Thanksgiving Day.

The buffet will be served starting at noon on Nov. 27. Nearby parks include:

- Kenlake State Resort Park
- Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
- Lake Barkley State Resort Park
- Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park

The buffet will include soups, cheeses and salads for starters. Entrees include turkey and dressing, baked ham, carved roast beef and fried chicken. Vegetables include old-fashioned candied yams, country-style green beans and mashed potatoes with giblet gravy.

The cost for the buffet will be \$18.49 plus tax (drink included) for adults; \$8.49 for children ages 6-12; and children 5 and under are free.

For more information on the Thanksgiving Day buffet and other state park events, visit www.parks.ky.gov

Happy 97th Birthday

Ethel Tucker

All Friends & Family are invited to a Reception in honor of Ethel Tucker's 97th Birthday on Saturday, November 29th, 2014 at her home at 319 South Main Street from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Hosted by her nephews and families: Bill & Sherry Frazer, Bohn & Linda Frazer, Keith & Julie Stout and Alan & Doris Stout.

Aunt Ethel requests that in lieu of gifts and cards that contributions be made to Community Christmas.

She will have copies of both From "Pilot Knob to Main Street" and "Tea Time of Life" available for purchase and to be signed.

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The Pennyriple Allied Community Service is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director. This position is responsible for the successful management, administration and oversight of a multi-county community action agency.

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Area program helps people stop smoking habit

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Gordon Hazel went from smoking two packs a day to now only smoking one pack a day. He is still committed to kicking the nicotine habit, even though it's going slower than he would like.

It's not easy fighting an opponent you're also addicted to, like nicotine. But the good news is individuals don't have to wage war against smoking by themselves. As America celebrates the Great American Smokeout today (Thursday), many people will have the opportunity to put cigarettes down for the last time. But they don't have to fight the nicotine cravings or withdrawals alone.

Joan Lang, the Pennyrile District Cancer Control Specialist for the Kentucky Cancer Program, encourages smokers to take advantage of a free quit line available at (800) QUIT-NOW or online at www.quitnowkentucky.org. The service offers a personalized quit program and self-help material and offers information about medications that will help individuals kick the nicotine habit as they fight to be tobacco free.

Lang said smokers who use quit lines have about a 50 percent greater success rate than if they try to stop smoking on their own. She said the more resources those trying to quit smoking can use, especially when they are free, is to their advantage.

The quit line serves all Kentuckians 15 years of age or older. Parental consent isn't necessary within those age guidelines. Lang said high school students can take advantage of the quit line.

Lang said research indicates tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of



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Joan Lang (left), Pennyrile District Cancer Control Specialist for the Kentucky Cancer Program, presented a program on how to be tobacco free. Attending the program was Gordon Hazel (right), who has smoked since age 12. Hazel went from smoking two packs a day to now only one pack. He is still committed to kicking the nicotine habit even though it's going slower than he would like.

death in this country. It's also responsible for about 90 percent of all lung cancer cases. She said individuals can save themselves a lot of misery – and expense – if they never start smoking. The next best option is to stop smoking.

“That means to stop smoking at any age. It's never too late. There are health benefits from stopping smoking,” Lang said. “People who stop smoking tell me how much better they feel and how they can walk up stairs without being winded.”

According to information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the health consequences linked to smoking include a number of cancers,

including those of the larynx, esophagus, trachea, bronchus and lungs. Some chronic diseases brought on by smoking include stroke, coronary heart disease, pneumonia, asthma and other respiratory effects and diabetes.

The CDC also lists health consequences commonly linked to exposure of second-hand smoke, which includes in children, middle ear disease, respiratory symptoms and impaired lung function; in adults the CDC lists stroke, nasal irritation, lung cancer, coronary heart disease and reproductive effects in women that include low birth weight.

For a full report on the

surgeon general's findings on the health consequences of smoking, visit www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/sgr/50th-anniversary/index.htm.

Studies indicate it may take seven or eight attempts for an individual to successfully stop smoking. Lang said those who start smoking again after trying to stop shouldn't feel as if they have failed.

“People tend to underestimate how addictive nicotine is,” Lang said. “It's as much as cocaine or heroin.”

She indicated every time a person takes a step toward quitting, even if they relapse, they are still one step closer to the final day when they put cigarettes down for good.

First step in kicking cigarettes is wanting it, says ex-smoker

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

For Crittenden County native Andrea Starrett today (Thursday) will mark two special occasions. In addition to it being her birthday, she will also celebrate the Great American Smokeout.

The latter occasion is especially significant for Starrett, who has been nicotine-free since Feb. 7 of this year. She began smoking at the age of 12 but said she was determined to get rid of a habit she felt was holding her back.

“I just laid them down. It was just cold turkey,” she said. “I did a lot of praying and Bible reading to get me through it.”

After making the decision to go nicotine-free, Starrett began noticing triggers in her life that caused her to want to smoke a cigarette, such as while driving in traffic, talking on the telephone or after a meal. Nine months later, she is still nicotine-free and has remained so without the aid of nicotine lozenges or gums.

But it wasn't easy for her to stop. She calls it a process and admits there is still a battle against the cravings. Days and weeks go by and Starrett said she doesn't even think about cigarettes. When a craving does occur, it happens all of a sudden. She's very determined to stay free from the addiction and said prayer helps get her through the cravings for a cigarette.

“The more I prayed, the less the cravings would come,” she said. “They are really easy to deal with

now.”

In addition to the health benefits, Starrett said she can now take the money she spent on a pack of cigarettes a day and use it to bless others, whether it's a family member or someone in need. She emphasized there are also other rewards to kicking the nicotine habit.

“I feel a lot better. I can breathe better. I can smell things now I used to not be able to smell,” she said, adding she's become very sensitive to the smell of cigarette smoke now.

Starrett said her decision to stop smoking was twofold, for her own health and as a witness for God.

“I told people God can deliver you. God can save you,” she said. “But if God is all-powerful and almighty, then why was I still smoking?”

She stressed her determination and strength to stop smoking came from her relationship with God and prayer and cited two scriptures in the Bible that helped her battle: Mathew 19:26 and Phillipians 4:13.

For those who want to quit, she said the first step is to make up your mind you want to give up cigarettes.

“It's something you've got to want to do. It's not just going to happen,” she said. “Once you've got that determination, it's not impossible.”



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