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Dumping no cost
Friday, Saturday

Crittenden County will offer free dumping to its residents this weekend at the convenience center off U.S. 60 East. The center will be open 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. As usual, most large items, including furniture and appliances, will be accepted, but disposal of household garbage requires a fee. No dumping of tires or chemicals will be allowed.

Outdoor movie
playing at park

There will be a free outdoor movie Saturday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. "Hocus Pocus" will be shown after dark, at around 7 p.m., and concessions will be made available by Project Graduation. Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and Auto Art are sponsoring this event.

Corrected county
tax bills mailed

A number of the tax bills that Crittenden County residents received in the mail last week were incorrect. Sheriff Wayne Agent said that a third-party company prepares the tax bills. On many of them, county fire dues were inadvertently left off. The company that mails the bills has corrected the matter and sent new tax bills. Residents should have received them this week. County fire dues are \$30 if paid after Nov. 1. Paying prior to that date will give the taxpayer a 2 percent discount. While county fire dues are not mandatory, taxpayers must opt out of them prior to bills being mailed. Therefore, the fire dues must be paid at this point. If you have already paid your taxes and receive a second bill, you will owe only the fire dues.

Public meetings

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the judge-executive's courthouse office.
- **Marion City Council** will meet at 5 p.m. Monday at Marion City Hall for its monthly meeting. The date was changed due to a scheduling conflict.
- **Crittenden-Livingston Water District** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the district office on East Main Street in Salem.
- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the middle school for its regular monthly meeting.



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Sports

- District championship to be decided at Russellville



Caring community

Sick girl's family hosting pulls to aid children's charities

STAFF REPORT
For Crystal and Dustin Hurst, there are many reasons to avoid looking back.
For starters, it's too scary to think of what could have happened.
It's just easier to count their blessings and face tomorrow with greater hope that their youngest child, soon-to-be-2-year-old Layna, will continue to improve.
Their daughter was born with vein of Galen malformation and was diagnosed within a few days of her arrival. The family spent the next week at Ko-

sair's Children's Hospital in Louisville and so far, young Layna has undergone two surgeries. She will possibly require two more.
During their early struggles - when they were just learning the details of their daughter's disease - Kosairs and the Ronald McDonald House were among their greatest supporters. Now, they want to pay that kindness forward.
On Saturday, Oct. 29, the Hursts are hosting a benefit tractor and truck pull with all the proceeds to benefit the Ronald Mc-

Donald House Charities of Kentuckiana and Kosairs Children's Hospital Charities. With the help of Crittenden County Lions Club, the event will be held at the fairgrounds beginning at 5 p.m.
"This is something that has been put on our hearts to do. God has blessed our family so much that we wanted to be able to pay it forward," said Crystal Hurst, a U.S. Mail carrier on Rural Route 1.
She and her husband both grew up in Critten-
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Layna Hurst, almost 2, has faced a life of medical hurdles, and now her family wants to repay charities that have helped.

Tolu benefit
raises \$15K
for Perryman
baby's family

STAFF REPORT
A benefit for a Crittenden County couple with a newborn facing a rare congenital heart defect raised thousands of dollars Saturday. The money will be used to help pay medical bills and family expenses related to a lengthy stay in Nashville, Tenn., while the baby was hospitalized.
A dinner and auction held at Tolu Community Center raised more than \$15,000 for Travis and Ali Perryman, the parents of 7-week-old Adler. Travis' aunt,
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Paving
on new
641 set
to start

STAFF REPORT
After almost five years since dirt was ceremoniously turned on the project, the first layers of asphalt will start being put down today (Thursday) on a relocated U.S. 641 in Crittenden County.
With completion of base cement stabilization on grade and drain work for the 5.2-mile corridor, a contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet can now begin the next round of work with placement of base material and base layers of asphalt for a two-lane surface. This is aimed at preventing erosion during the winter months. It will also allow paving of the driving surface and construction of
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Christmas comes early

Shoppers from as far away as California got an early jump on holiday gifting Saturday at the 29th annual Christmas in Marion Arts & Craft Show and The Shoppe Next Door. Wearing their Christmas colors, Pat Carter (left) and Effie Campbell of Crittenden County Homemakers oversee a table of delicious baked goods at one of the 70-plus booths at the show. People from eight states outside the Commonwealth, along with residents of numerous Kentucky cities from Paducah to Lexington, flocked to the renowned event. But local shoppers were not to be outdone. According to Nancy Hunt, nearly two-thirds of the 697 people who attended were local.



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Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources biologist Charlie Plush last Thursday points out to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom one of the most spectacular views in Crittenden County from an overlook platform inside Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

WMA dedicates 841 new acres

STAFF REPORT
More than 840 acres added to the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area were dedicated last Thursday to two conservation officers who devoted their lives to protecting Kentucky's natural resources.
The addition of the Jenkins-Rich Tract grew the WMA straddling Crittenden and Union counties to 11.6 square miles. It is named for the late Capt. David "Donan" Jenkins and the late Conservation Officer Ronnie Rich.
Family members, offi-

cials from the two counties and a couple dozen biologists, conservation officers, law enforcement and administrators with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) crowded a small, freshly mowed clearing inside the tract for the dedication ceremony last week.
"There are more stories about these guys than you can imagine," said Wildlife Division Director Steve Beam during the brief ceremony. Before you leave, "take time to look around, but reflect on

these men."
Jenkins earned Officer of the Year accolades in 1964 and 1965. Altogether, he served with the department for 39 years before retiring as a law enforcement captain in 1997.
While Jenkins gained a reputation for his toughness - he won novice boxing championships while serving in the U.S. Army - he had a soft spot for kids. He and his wife, Georgia "Jo" Jenkins, developed a technique for
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The Heritage
Golf Course
at Marion Country Club



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Who now owns our FBI, Justice Department?

The United States' FBI, directed by a Republican considered above reproach, James Comey, and the director of the United States Justice Department, an African American female Democrat appointed by President Obama, Loretta E. Lynch, who marches to the president's commands, both agreed to destroy all the computers with Hillary Clinton's classified emails on them. She lied about all of this, but was given immunity. Hillary is as guilty as sin, but free as a bird. What hope do any of us Americans have for honest help, justice and protection against tyranny by a bought and sold



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK
Guest columnist
Religious & Political Views

government?
The definition of national tyranny is a government in which all power belongs to one person or party. The director of the FBI is responsible to the Attorney General for its operations. President Obama appointed the good Republican to direct the FBI, knowing the Republicans would trust him, but also knew he was under the heels of the Attorney General. The last Attorney General, Eric Holder, and Lynch both have been dishonest in all their decisions. Everyone reading this, who has followed any of their decisions knows they have always judged against

everything the majority of Americans need and want, being they Democrat or Republican.
Our whole government is being run by a secret cartel of One Worlders, like George Soros, a communist-atheist and hater of America, and groups like Black Lives Matter, which includes some destructive members. We should be frightened of the tragic danger our nation is facing. Regardless of race, color, party, sex, religion or creed, when justice is not for all, then all are in danger. What kind of treatment would millions of Americans, who support Trump, get from a Hillary Presidency? She has called them a basket of deplorables and irredeemable?
She already is setting herself up over God, as He came to redeem everyone, even

her, as no one is irredeemable.
God knows me and so do many of you. I hate sin in every form, but I'm giving my life trying to spread the Word of God so lost people will be saved before they die. What Trump has said shows to me that he is a lost man, not a Christian. I'm praying for his redemption. What President Obama supports is the killing of the unborn and same-sex marriages. That proves he is a lost man, too, not a Christian. I'm still praying for his redemption. Hillary supports the same evils as our president, proving she also is lost and needs redemption. I'm praying for her.
What I'm facing is who to vote for. Will it be for a man who showed his lostness by the words he spoke 11 years ago, and now admits it was

wrong and that he is sorry? Or is it for a woman who is lying over and over, wants America to be only one in a global world, run by a one-world power, and especially for religion, and wants to open our borders?
Hillary is also adamant in her plans to take away guns from the populace, continuing President Obama's efforts. That 2nd Amendment was put in the Constitution to protect the populace from the very kind of government we now have. Who wants no walls on our borders? I will tell you – those who want more voters for their party? Who wants another million Muslim emigrants from Syria to get more voters for her party, not caring about the future of her country? Hillary. They think because they

have power now, they will have it when the outside enemies take over America. God directs poetic justice. In every nation yet, those who betrayed their own, were the first slaughtered by the invaders, as they knew if they would betray their own they would end up betraying them. Read about the Bolshevik Atheistic Jews who betrayed Russia and put Lenin in power in 1917, and exterminated millions of Russians. Years later, they were eliminated for fear of their power to unseat Stalin, and many of them met their own form of execution. (Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

LETTERS

CCHS '51 grads give to museum

To the editor
Crittenden County Historical Society would like to thank CCHS Class of 1951, the first class to graduate from the school, for its recent donations to the museum following their reunion in September. After considering several places, they visited the Crittenden County Historical Museum. After touring the displays and the schoolroom, which is dedicated to preserving the history and memories of all our schools, they decided the museum was the place they wanted to hold on to their memories. As this was their last reunion and their class being such a historical group, the members donate a picture of the class on the day they graduated and a beautiful plaque with all the classmates' names engraved on it. They also donated the \$500 left in their account to the museum for the purchase of a new air-conditioning unit for our upstairs rooms, where many school memories are housed. The entire board appreciates their act of kindness and the faith they have in the

county's historical society to care for and preserve these memories for future generations. As an added treasure, Class of 1951 member Jerry Hughes Beavers has donated her Tolu annuals from 1947-50 to the facility for preservation. **Brenda Underdown** President, Crittenden County Historical Society Marion, Ky.

Kenergy urging people to vote

To the editor
The presidential election is just 19 days away, and Kenergy is listening to what the candidates have to say about issues that impact the communities we serve – but we're doing much more than listening. We've joined hundreds of other electric co-ops across the country in a national program to turn out as many co-op voters as possible on Election Day. That program is called Co-ops Vote, and we're hoping you'll join the thousands of others who have pledged to go to the polls on Nov. 8. Co-ops Vote, a non-partisan initiative of America's electric cooperatives, is a voter mobi-

lization campaign with a very specific purpose: to boost the political clout of rural America. Because in the 2012 elections, turnout among rural voters decreased by 18 percent – twice the decline seen nationally. This means the voice of rural communities isn't resonating with our elected leaders as strongly as it should. As a member-owned business with deep ties in western Kentucky, we want to do our part to turn this around. That's why we're reaching out to the 56,000 members we serve to urge them to vote in this year's elections. In fact, we hope everyone who reads this will exercise their right to vote. More than 560 electric co-ops are participating in Co-ops Vote, and several thousand people have taken the Co-ops Vote pledge to get out and vote in this election. Anyone can take the pledge online by visiting Vote.coop. We hope you'll add your voice to the growing chorus of co-op voters who want to make sure the candidates know we're going to the polls in November. Need to register to vote or check on your registration status? The Co-ops Vote website can show you how. Everyone should have a say in selecting the candidates

Letters to the Editor policy

Letters to the Editor should be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday the week before publication. **The deadline to submit letters of political or candidate support prior to the Nov. 8 general election is this Friday, Oct. 21.** Submissions must include only the author's full name. For verification purposes only, they must also include the writer's home address, e-mail address (if applicable) and telephone numbers. as well as an address, phone number and signature. Phone numbers and addresses are required, but will not be published. Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300 words or be submitted under the same name within 30 days of the last submission.

whom they feel will best serve their communities. Every vote counts, now more than ever. We hope to see you at the polls on Nov. 8. **Jeff Hohn** President and CEO, Kenergy Corp. Henderson, Ky.

(Editor's note: Kenergy is an electric cooperative that serves 52,000 members in rural Crittenden County and 13 other western Kentucky counties.)

Learning comes to life with KET

To the editor
Today, television is so much more than it used to be. From the big screens on our

living rooms to the smartphones in our pockets, so much has changed. And yet, through the information and new media age, KET has remained consistent in its belief that learning begins early and never ends. Embracing changing technologies, KET has expanded its online video and content to better serve the commonwealth, with services from early childhood through adult learning. KET brings our youngest citizens PBS KIDS programming and educational resources that are trusted, safe and age appropriate – on air and online. And, they offer training for early childhood and daycare providers, along with family engagement opportuni-

ties, all aimed at helping our children prepare for kindergarten and beyond. In classrooms across the state, including those here in Crittenden County, you'll find teachers using digital content from KET and PBS Learning-Media that's specifically designed to enhance teaching and learning. High school students can even take dual credit foreign languages and other subjects online from KET's certified teachers. And, for Kentuckians who haven't completed high school, KET's Fast Forward, a high quality adult education learning system, helps adults prepare for the workforce or continue their education. To find out more about these and other programs and services, please visit KET.org/education. Thanks for supporting our commonwealth's great treasure, KET, Where Learning Comes to Life! **Sean Mestan**, president Friends of KET Board Princeton, Ky.

(Editor's note: Mestan represents Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Caldwell counties on the Friends of KET Board of Directors. He is employed at Akridge Farm Supply and Ace Hardware in Fredonia.)

Several guilty pleas entered in circuit court

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden Circuit Judge Rene Williams accepted several guilty pleas and dealt with a number of other pre-trial issues last Thursday during the monthly circuit court session. Among those whose cases were resolved last week were the following:
- The probation of Jennifer Messamore, 36, formerly of Marion, was revoked by Judge Williams. Messamore, who was on probation for a 2013 bigamy conviction, had fled to Indiana in May after confessing to the judge that she began using methamphetamine last April and stopped reporting to her probation officer. She was picked up in Marion, Ind., in July and extradited back to Kentucky where she faced parole violations in Crittenden

CIRCUIT COURT
and Marshall counties. She was ordered to complete a three-year prison sentence for the earlier Crittenden County conviction.
- James Gleaford Duncan, 47, was originally indicted on drug charges, but based on evidence presented last week three of those charges were dropped and he pleaded guilty to the remaining three misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct. Duncan was sentenced to a total of 12 months and that time was probated for two years.
- Marc A. Hocking, 29, of Marion admitted to violating terms of his 2013 pre-trial di-

version and also pleaded guilty to a new set of charges, including reckless driving, improper passing, disregarding a stop sign, speeding, two counts of wanton endangerment and fleeing or evading police. His diversion was set aside and Hocking was ordered to begin serving the balance of his original three-year sentence on a 2013 drug conviction. In all, Hocking was ordered to serve a total of four years, including one year on the new charges. The new allegations stem from a vehicle pursuit just before 7 p.m., on Sept. 15 when Marion patrolman Heath Martin tried to make a traffic stop while following up on a complaint of a reckless driver in Marion. The vehicle sped away and the officer gave chase for a time as speeds

reached nearly 100 mph and the suspect was passing cars on hills and driving recklessly. Out of concern for public safety, the pursuit was terminated and police, who believed they knew who was driving the car, later arrested Hocking.
- Quaid M. McDowell, 26, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony count of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone) and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and operating on a suspended license. He was given pre-trial diversion on a three-year sentence for a period of five years.
- Coy J. McDowell, 19, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony count of theft of property either lost, mislaid or delivered by mistake. According to court records, McDowell obtained \$550 from a Farm-

ers Bank ATM machine in Marion by manipulating the machine into crediting his account with non-existent deposits and then immediately withdrawing the exact amounts. He was given a three-year sentenced diverted for a period of five years.
- William Dobyns, 49, of Benton pleaded guilty to felony flagrant non-support and was put on pre-trial diversion for a period of five years. Among the terms of his diverted prosecution, Dobyns must make prearranged, routine child support payments.
- Brittany D. Hinchee, 22, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (opiates) and misdemeanor charges of third-degree possession of a controlled substance, having a controlled

substance not in its original container and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was given a three-year prison sentenced diverted for five years on the felony count and two terms of 365 days and one term of 90 days on the misdemeanors, all to run concurrent.
- Dalton Pryor, 19, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of theft by unlawful taking (controlled substance) and was given a five-year sentence, which will be diverted for a period of five years as long as he completes a long-term substance abuse program. He was ordered to serve 180 days in the local jail, or until he becomes enrolled in the rehabilitation program. Court records indicate that Pryor took several painkillers from a family member's home.

Grand jury indicts 5 on variety of charges

STAFF REPORT
The Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted five individuals last week during its regular monthly session. An indictment by a grand jury means the case will be prosecuted at the circuit court level. An indictment, also known as a true bill, does not indicate guilt or innocence. A grand jury simply determines whether enough evidence exists to continue a case. Indicted last week were the following:
- Nathan A. Adams, 28, of Rosiclare, Ill., was indicted on a single felon7 count of flagrant non-support for allegedly being in arrears by the amount of \$5,290.43 in child

GRAND JURY
support payments.
- Bridgette R. Asbridge, 30, of Eddyville was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (Oxycodone) and a misdemeanor charge of third-degree possession of a controlled substance (Diazepam). Asbridge was arrested on Aug. 28 at a residence in Crittenden County after Deputy Chuck Hoover found pills inside a vehicle parked at the residence. The vehicle was registered to Asbridge, but she denied that the pills were hers. Hoover was at the residence to serve a civil order.

- Brandon J. Piper, 29, was indicted on a felony charge of third-degree burglary and misdemeanor third-degree criminal mischief. According to court records, Piper is alleged to have on July 30 broken in to Henry and Henry Monument Company from a back door and stealing \$50 from the office.
- Stacy L. York, 47, of Salem was indicted on a charge of felony flagrant non-support for allegedly being in arrears in child support payments in excess of \$1,000.
- Jerry R. Goolsby, 61, of Marion was indicted on three felony charges. The first for enhanced cultivation of marijuana, a Class C felony, and the other two were Class D

felonies for tampering with physical evidence and enhanced possession of drug paraphernalia. Goolsby was also indicted on a misdemeanor charge of enhanced trafficking in marijuana. Court records allege that on Aug. 26 Kentucky State Police flying in a helicopter spotted what they believed was marijuana growing near a residence on Freedom Church Road just north of Marion. They radioed to ground crews who went to the location and found Goolsby to be in possession of what police say were 49 pot plants and about two pounds of partially processed marijuana in bags and other alleged drug paraphernalia.

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CCHS Class of 1966

Crittenden County High School Class of 1966 held its 50-year reunion at the Heritage at Marion Country Club on Sept. 3 with 48 classmates and one class sponsor attending. Class members pictured are (bottom front, from left) Tina (Frazer) Jones, Pam (Gilland) Orr, Bernice (Robertson) Tolbert, Barbara (Stalion) Hunt, Harry Epley, Percy Belt, Mike Crider, Sally (Taylor) Buie, Stanley Bailey, Linda (Travis) Owen, Brenda (Duvall) Hodges, Ernestine (Nelson) Love, (bottom back) Roger Paulson, Gary Hardesty, JoAnn (Hodges) McClure, Donnie Orr, Stephanie (Paris) Hayden, Paula (McLaughlin) Murray, Connie (Hunt) Bostick, David Smith, Ronnie Riley, Jerry Belt, Richard Brantley, Marlin Travis, Donnie Phillips, David LeNeave, Judy (Jones) Woodard, (upper deck) Joe Henderson, Ann (Lynn) Duncan, Ed Peek, Patsy (Hamilton) Peek, Junior Martin, Ron Alvis, Gayle (Dollins) Alvis, Freida (Crider) Alexander, Jo Ann Brantley, Leroy Leet, Glenda Fulks) Leet, Phyllis Kay (Hunt) Hovey, Bill Hillyard, Peggy (Campbell) Ritch, class sponsor Linda Cook, David Martin, Marilyn (Highfil) Appleton, Rebecca Linzy, John W. Hunt, John Walker, Tom Baird and Billy Glenn Orr.

Salem’s oldest bank closing, sending longtime employees into retirement

STAFF REPORT
Gone are the days of house calls by bank tellers and lock boxes fastened with bobby pins.

And it won't be long until Salem's longest serving financial institution is relegated to a paragraph or two in the county history book.

On Oct. 28, Regions Bank will shut its vault and close its doors for the last time. On its final lap, two longtime employees – Pat Hall and Dorothy Fox – were able to spend an afternoon reminiscing with customers, old friends and family. The two are the last in a long line of ladies and gentlemen who served Livingston County as tellers, clerks and loan officers. Hall started at the bank at age 17. She planned on staying only for a summer after graduating high school. "It's bittersweet," she said Friday during a reception for her and Fox.

The branch's only other employee, Steve Watson, is transferring within the company.

Hall has worked at the bank for 51 years. Fox was there over 23 years.

Together, they've seen just about everything. Hall remembers when all loans were due on the first day of the month. The record keeping was done on index cards. Interest was calculated with a pencil.

"People ask me how I can figure interest so quickly," said Hall. "Well, I had to do it on every one of those notes."

Fox remembers bowling in the building where the bank is today. It was a movie theater before that.

"My husband, J.W., remembers being in the theater, but I never went. He told me the first picture he saw here, it was a western, but I can't remember the name."

Salem Bank was founded in 1902 with less cash than it would take to buy a used car today. The original bank was across Main Street in Salem where there's a beauty shop now. Dr. John Valentine was the first president.

"He delivered me," said Jackie Myrick, who's in her 80s and worked at the bank for 35 years until 1997.

Myrick and her sisters, Jane Slayden and Doris Ann Henry, were among more than 50 who stopped by the bank last week for its going away party. They all three worked there at one time or another. And so did others, like Marble Champion, who stopped in, too.

"I do hate to see it close," said Champion. "People don't know yet how much they are going to miss this thing."

The bank evolved and changed names over the years, but many of the faces behind the counters remained the same season after season. They knew how to serve their customers, Hall said. She re-



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

At the end of next week, Regions Bank in Salem will close, sending Dorothy Fox (left) and 51-year employee Pat Hall into retirement. The branch's only other employee, Steve Watson, is transferring within the company. A retirement party was held Friday for Fox and Hall.

calls that H.G. "Homer" Maddux and his son, T.L. "Louis" Maddux Sr., were the backbone of the bank during its formidable years.

"Louis was a gentleman banker. He was a country banker and everyone loved him," said Hall.

"I can still see him holding that cigarette in his hand like this and see all those ashes on his desk," she recalled.

Fox remembered a practical joke she and Hall played on Neal Ramage, who was among the last managers before the independent bank sold out to a larger company.

"He drove a Corvette and left the keys in it. Pat and I decided we were going to play a joke on him so we hid it around the block. He wasn't too happy about that. I was young then and probably wouldn't do something like that now that I am older and wiser," she said.

Times sure have changed

since Hall started at the bank. Back then the phone company kept cashier's checks and took the liberty of signing off for all its customers' bills each month. When the phone company needed more checks, Hall would take them a stack.

"And we had a set of shelves in the back room. People would bring in tackle boxes. That was their lock boxes. But the thing is, most of them weren't locked. One was kept closed with a bobby pin," she said with a laugh.

The tellers helped folks balance and reconcile their checkbooks at the window. One elderly woman who couldn't read or write would bring her mail to the counter so Hall could read to her what was in the mail.

"The lobby would be full of long lines back then, but I'd take the time to read her mail to her," Hall said.

The women remembered

the ice storm of 2009 and how they never missed a beat.

"They were in here without heat working in gloves. They were troopers," said Sherry Miller, the bank's regional manager.

Peoples First National Bank bought out the independent Salem Bank in 1989. In 1998, Union Planters became the owner. Regions bought the bank in 2001, but didn't change the name until 2007.

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connections to the existing roadway to move ahead during the 2017 construction season.

Asphalt for the new road has been a long time coming.

The project was first discussed by local leaders in the 1990s, and a ceremonial ground-breaking with then Gov. Steve Beshear, lawmakers and local officials was held 1,707 days ago on Feb. 17, 2012. The target date for completion of the project is July 1, 2018, according to KYTC spokesman Keith Todd.

Starting today, motorists should also be alert for trucks hauling gravel and asphalt along the existing U.S. 641, warns Todd, as well as along county roads that connect to the relocated U.S. 641 road bed. Initially, much of the truck traffic is expected to access the construction corridor via Crayne Cemetery Road.

Work on diversions for construction of connecting points along existing U.S. 641 just over the county line in Caldwell County and in Crittenden

County near the Coleman Road intersection will start as soon as utilities are moved out of the work zone. Todd said appropriate notice will be provided when that work is ready to move ahead.

While the original design included construction of grade and drain for a four-lane highway running from Marion through southern Crittenden County to near Fredonia in Caldwell County, the new roadway is being completed as a "Super 2" highway as a cost-saving measure, Todd reported. A so-called Super 2 has extra-wide shoulders.

Rogers Group Inc. is the prime contractor on this \$13.8 million project to complete end connections for the relocated U.S. 641 and pave two lanes of the new roadway.

When the new roadway opens and takes the U.S. 641 name, the current U.S. 641 will likely revert to being referred to officially as Ky. 91.

Kentucky now has \$54 million to build the new U.S. 641 from Lyon County to Caldwell County, connecting to the new roadway in Crittenden County. There is no timetable for this phase of the overall project.

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LIHEAP funding slightly altered

STAFF REPORT

Many individuals will struggle this winter to adequately heat their home. To help with heating costs, applications will be taken next month for those who qualify for LIHEAP assistance. LIHEAP, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, helps provide federally funded assistance in managing costs associated with home energy bills, energy crises, weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs.

LIHEAP has two components. The subsidy component provides assistance to eligible households. The crisis component provides assistance to eligible households experiencing a home heating crisis.

LIHEAP applications for the subsidy component of the program will be accepted at the Crittenden County Penryrile Allied Community Services office Tuesday, Nov.

1 through Friday, Dec. 9. Applications are taken alphabetically in order of the last name of the head of the household on pre-determined dates.

As part of the application process, individuals must bring the following information on their designated appointment date to the PACS office:

- Their most recent heating bill or verification from their landlord that the heating expenses are included in their rent.
- Proof of Social Security number for each member of the household.
- Proof of household income (all members) for the preceding month.
- The account number and name on the account for all heating fuel sources and electric.

One change for this year, according to county PACS coordinator Kathy Belt, is that

if a household heats with natural gas, they must also bring in their most recent electric bill.

"It's the only major change I've seen," said Belt, who attended a meeting last week in Hopkinsville on the changes and proposed alterations to the program in the future. "They want to see if the money they're giving is helping the client as far as seeing their bills to go down."

To be eligible for the subsidy program, a one-person household must be at or below a gross annual income of \$15,444. Add \$5,382 for each additional family member. Other eligibility requirements state individuals must be responsible for home heating costs or pay heating costs as an undesignated portion of rent.

LIHEAP will take applications for its crisis component of the program beginning in January and running until

available funds have been expended.

For more information on the subsidy and crisis components of the LIHEAP program, call the PACS office in Marion at (270) 965-4763 or visit the office at 402 N. Walker St.

The application schedule by last name of the head of household is as follows:

- A: Nov. 1.
- B: Nov. 2-3.
- C: Nov. 4, 7.
- D, E: Nov. 9.
- F: Nov. 10.
- G: Nov. 14.
- H: Nov. 15-16.
- I, J: Nov. 17.
- K: Nov. 18.
- L: Nov. 21.
- M: Nov. 22, 28.
- N: Nov. 29.
- O, P: Nov. 30.
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Eclipse planning committee disbands

STAFF REPORT

The sun has set on community-wide planning for a local event celebrating next year's once-in-a-lifetime eclipse event.

For just more than a year, Melissa Agent and Madison Qualls have headed up an effort to coordinate some type of affair or series of events to reap the economic rewards of the tens of thousands of visitors expected to flock to western Kentucky to view the moon blotting out the sun on Aug. 21, 2017. With only three community organizations represented at the latest planning session, the pair decided last Thursday's meeting would be the final one.

Crittenden County is near the center of a 70-mile wide swath of darkness the eclipse will cut across the American population starting at the rocky shores of the Pacific and exiting at the sandy beaches of the Atlantic. From Oregon to South Carolina, communities and tourism groups are preparing for astronomy junkies and curiosity seekers who travel the world over to experience the blackout.

Hopkinsville has been pinpointed by astronomers as the prime viewing spot for the first such eclipse in the United States since 1918. Dubbed the Great American Eclipse, the show there will last two minutes and 40 seconds, longer than any other place. In Crittenden County, totality will last just eight seconds fewer.

As employees of The Peoples Bank, Agent and Qualls



Agent

last summer saw an opportunity for the community to come together, sell itself to the influx of visitors and reap the rewards from a rare event that for millennia has fascinated mankind in every culture. Since the first meeting a year ago, when numerous groups showed an interest, hopes have dimmed. Last Thursday, only the local chamber of commerce, Lions Club and mineral museum were represented.

Through a circuitous route, eclipse planning landed in the lap of The Peoples Bank through astronomy guru Mark S. Williams. He chose Marion through radio connections with local station owners Joe and Barbara Myers. At the first meeting on Sept. 15 of last year, he spoke to a crowded meeting room at the bank, presenting his ideas for how the community could beneficially tie itself to the eclipse event.

Ideas first centered around setting up Marion-Crittenden County Park as a viewing area for possibly hundreds of paying stargazers – as our sun is, technically, a star – inviting vendors of all types. A festival on the weekend prior to the Monday afternoon darkening was considered, as well as community and in-school educational programs conducted by Williams.

Representatives from multiple western Kentucky communities and tourism interests, including Michele Edwards as director of Marion Tourism Commission, were in discussions initially.

Since then, a group from Evansville, Ind., which lies outside the area of totality, backed out of tentative plans to bus in about 500 people.

Meantime, other communities have been making progress toward their own events. Last Wednesday, officials from Hopkinsville involved in that community's preparation for the Great American Eclipse spoke to a group of about 75 at a Princeton-Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce luncheon looking to learn more about how they can prepare for the eclipse. In fact, Hopkinsville has a full-time eclipse coordinator, Brook Jung. According to The Times-Leader newspaper in Princeton, Jung offers a conservative estimate of 25,000 visitors offering a \$10 million economic impact to her community.

Williams was at last week's meeting at the bank via video conference, urging that time for planning is quickly slipping away. He estimates as many as 150,000 people will flock to the area for the eclipse – worst-case scenario being 20,000 if the heavens were forecast to be obscured by clouds on Aug. 21, 2017.

"This is not a science project. Not a fantasy," Williams told the small group gathered in the bank's conference room last week, seemingly frustrated by the lack of local interest in eclipse preparation. "This, by God, is going to happen."

Agent said last week that the bank was willing to pay Williams' fee of a few thousand dollars in order to offer the county an economic boost.

"We don't want anything

out of this," Agent said. "All of this is for the community, not us."

Marion Tourism had pledged its support in planning, but not financing a coordinator.

The eclipse, indeed, is for real and is a big deal around the country, especially here in western Kentucky. In Christian County, the epicenter of the eclipse, thousands of camping sites for viewers have been designated and virtually every room in Hopkinsville and nearby Clarksville, Tenn., is already booked for the days just prior to the eclipse.

According to a story in The Courier-Journal last month, the state is working on a major marketing push and recently launched a website – KentuckyTourism.com/ eclipse – devoted to the eclipse.

But due to the apparent lack of interest in a local community-wide event coordinated by the bank group, the quasi-planning committee has disbanded. That does not mean, however, that other groups won't pursue their own events.

In fact, Tina Walker, manager of the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, said at last week's meeting that the museum has two mineral digs scheduled in conjunction with the eclipse. She said the scientific interests of geology and astronomy often cross paths.

And Randa Berry, Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce President, spoke as if her group might still consider some type of festival or event to commemorate the historic day.

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**Crittenden County Schools
Local Planning Committee
Public Forum and Meeting**

Crittenden County Schools' Local Planning Committee (LPC) will conduct a PUBLIC MEETING on November 3, 2016, at the Crittenden County High School Library located at 519 ½ West Elm Street, Marion, KY. This is the fifth in a series of meetings to develop a District Facilities Plan for the Crittenden County Schools. This meeting is the fourth public forum scheduled for November 3, 2016. The forum will start at 5:35 p.m. and is followed immediately by a meeting of the Local Planning Committee. This meeting is an informal gathering to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities.

These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Crittenden County School District.

NEWS BRIEFS

Agent: Scammers busy during holidays

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent says residents should be wary of an increase in scams as we move into the holiday season.

The sheriff has already noticed a huge uptick in the number of complaints he is receiving about citizens getting unsolicited phone calls, mostly on landline phones. Agent said callers are trying to pass themselves off as friends, grandchildren and even professional service providers.

"Never give anyone your personal information over the phone," the sheriff said.

"Some of these callers are very sophisticated. They even have a lot of the personal information on the person they are calling, which can make this seem like a legitimate call," Agent explained.

"One caller told the person that her grandson was in jail and needed money to get out," he added.

If you suspect a fraudulent phone call, let the sheriff know at (270) 965-3500.

Drug Take-Back Day slated for Saturday

To make it easier for citizens of the Commonwealth to dispose of their expired or unwanted medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, prescription drop boxes are available across Kentucky in conjunction with law enforcement agencies and local governments. There are now 194 locations in 116 counties including the following in Crit-

tenden County:

- Marion Police Department, available 24/7.
- Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, available during regular business hours.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday in order to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

In all, Kentucky has collected a total of 59,719 pounds of unused and/or unwanted prescription medications at all Drug Take Back events and locations since October 2011.

KyTC removing all signs in right-of-way

If you come home to your roadside campaign signs missing, the opposition is probably not to blame.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is asking Kentuckians to do their part by keeping the state right-of-way clear of temporary signs and other obstacles that can obstruct the path of mowers and pose a hazard for mowing crews and motorists. In the run up to the election in November, illegally placed political signs create a number of safety issues for highway crews and the public, and KyTC personnel are actively removing all signs illegally placed on state right of way.

Kentucky law prohibits placement of these unauthorized signs on state right-of-way. The prohibition also applies to signs attached to utility poles on the right-of-way and those placed on the road-

way side of right-of-way fencing that may distract motorists.

"As a general rule, in rural areas signs placed at any location where state highway crews or contract crews would normally mow will be removed. This includes lawn areas on state right-of-way. In urban areas signs should be placed behind the sidewalk," said KyTC spokesman Keith Todd.

Campaign signs and other signs illegally placed on state right of way will be removed. Signs will be taken to the state highway garage in the applicable county and kept for 10 working days. If they are not claimed by the owner or a designated representative, the signs will be discarded.

State parks offering veterans discounts

Kentucky State Parks will offer lodging discounts to current and former members of our nation's armed services with the "USA Military Discount" program from Nov. 1 of this year to March 31, 2017.

The program is available to those on active military duty, retired members of the military, veterans, members of the National Guard and reservists.

"The park system is proud to offer this discount to show appreciation to the women and men who serve or who have served in uniform for our country," Parks Commissioner Donnie Holland said.

This offer may not be used in conjunction with other special discounts or packages. The discount is based on availability, for leisure travel only and may exclude special events and holidays. Proof of military serv-

ice is required at check-in.

If you're making your reservation online, use "USA" for the promo code for reservations between Nov. 1 and March 31.

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OCT. 29

CCHS's 1st graduates hold final reunion

The school year 1949-50 would be the end of an era for the county high schools of Tolu, Mattoon, Shady Grove and Frances. Construction of a modern centralized high school was under way for the county; it would be built a short distance from Marion on U.S. 60 West.

The new school would be an efficient unit compared to the four small high schools then operating in the county. Braxton McDonald, superintendent of Crittenden County Schools, put his heart and soul into this project. He believed in the children of the county and thought they deserved the best schools that could be provided for them.

"When the county high school children enter the new building there will be available many more rooms for the ever-expanding enrollment of students. Several specialized courses can be offered in the new high school without the employment of a single extra high school teacher.

"Bus passenger loads will be more nearly equalized since county high school children will be riding the buses on one trip and the grade children on the other.

"This new school will help provide opportunities for the type of training that a young man or woman will need in order to be happy and successful in life," McDonald said in an issue of The Crittenden Press in May 1949.

So begins a new era for the Crittenden County High School students of 1950-51 school year. There may have been apprehension among some of the students as they would be bused several miles from the county schools and the communities that they were accustomed to. Others were excited to be able to meet and make friends with the young people from the other schools. There were also a few from the Marion district that came to Crittenden County High. At the new high school they would all be one large body of students, all working, learning and growing together.

As the new Memorial Gymnasium wasn't yet built, this first graduating class of 1951 was held at the schools that had formed this first class of the new high school. Their Baccalaureate program was held at Shady Grove on Sunday, March 21, 1951. Class night was in the auditorium at Frances, and the Commencement Program was held in the auditorium at Tolu on March 29th, 1951. Their speaker for commencement was the Dean of Students at Murray

State, J. Matt Sparkman. There were 50 graduates. (In 1948, Mattoon and Shady Grove had combined their seniors as one group, due to lack of students in that grade).

On Sept. 17, 2016, the last remaining classmates from this memorable group of graduate students from this first Crittenden County High School had their last reunion.

From the first reunion they had in 1956, a planning committee had been formed. The committee consisted of someone from each of the schools that made up their class, Tolu, Mattoon, Shady Grove and Frances.

Through the years a number of different people had served on the committee, but the last committee consisted of Jerry Hughes Beavers, Clara Nation Brinkley, Doris Owen Brasher, Harold Woodside, Ray Belt and Louise Wilson Howerton. The committee met every year, so they could keep in touch with as many classmates as possible, and to begin the work on plans for their next reunion. A reunion has been held every five years since 1951.

The reunions were always anticipated to with enthusiasm, for the students were a close-knit group, and at the gatherings through the years, old friendships were renewed, and new friendships were formed with former classmates.

The group decided that this year, their 65th reunion would be their last one. I talked with two of the classmates and members of the committee, Jerry Hughes Beavers and Clara Nation Brinkley. They were pretty and lively and full of fun with lots of memories of their first years in the new school.

I asked them how they felt about leaving their community high school and being bused to Marion to a new school with all these different young people from all over the county. Jerry said she looked at it like a new adventure. Both said they were excited to be able to be with new students and make new friends. Clara said that she was excited to ride a bus and be able to eat in the cafeteria. Her home was in Tolu and she walked to school each day and then walked home to have lunch. She had never ridden a school bus and couldn't wait to get to ride it to Marion each day.

I asked how this new group of students, from all over the county, got along those first days, both said everyone got along just fine and it was a good first year.

Betty Linzy Young who attended Frances High



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages



School, shared that her class was a bit appreciative of attending this new school with students from all over the county in one class, and how would they be treated. But she said that everyone blended together, and it was a learning experience for everyone with all the different teachers and classrooms that they went to each day.

When asked about their decision for this to be their last reunion Jerry and Clara both said everyone thought it was time, as so many were in poor health, many not able to travel long distances, and also age was now becoming a factor.

This being their last reunion, and their class being such a historical group, the class wanted to present to an organization a picture of their graduating class on the day they graduated, and a beautiful plaque with all the classmates names engraved on it. The treasurer also had some funds left that they wanted to go to a useful source.

After considering several places for their items, they visited the Crittenden County Historical Museum. After touring the displays, and especially the schoolroom that is dedicated to preserving the history and memories of all our schools, they decided that this was the place they wanted to have their memory picture and plaque. What better place to have their special items, where they would be preserved and more people could see and enjoy their memories.

The day they visited the museum, it was one of our typical hot humid summer days, and the old air-conditioner in the upstairs had about played out, the rooms were uncomfortably hot. Thinking their leftover funds might be put to good use, they donated their \$500 for the purpose of purchasing a new unit for the upstairs rooms.

At their last reunion, there were 16 members of the class that were able to attend, some weren't able to attend and a few they



weren't able to get in contact with. Twenty-two of the classmates are now deceased.

I want to thank Jerry Hughes Beavers and Clara Nation Brinkley for sharing some of their personal memories of those first days and the beginnings of the new Crittenden County High School. As an added treasurer, Beavers has donated her Tolu annuals of 1947-49 and 1950 to the

schoolroom. It was such fun talking with them and hearing their memories.

Crittenden County Historical Society wants to thank that first graduating class of Crittenden County High School in 1951 for their kindness in donating their class picture, memorial plaque and monetary funds to the museum and having faith in the society for caring and preserving these memories for future

At top, Crittenden County High School Class of 1951 was the first to graduate from the new school. However, since the school had no gymnasium at the time, this photo was made at the Tolu gymnasium on commencement night March 29, 1951. Center, the last reunion of the 1951 class included members (front, from left) Hazel Greenlee Guess, Jerry Hughes Beavers, Wanda Easley Ditty, Mildred Underdown Delaplane, Clara Nation Brinkley, Doris Oliver Brasher, Louise Wilson Howerton, Anna Walker Herzer, (back) Betty June Linzey Young, Ray Belt, Paul Davenport, Brooks Travis, Robert Brantley, Harold Woodside, Earl Leet and Clayton Shewcraft. Just above, Jerry Hughes Beavers (left) and Clara Nation Brinkley donate their graduating class picture, memorial plaque and remaining funds to Crittenden County Historical Museum.

generations...and also for wanting to help purchase a new air-conditioner unit.

Thank you so very much for your kindness.

(Editor's note: Brenda Underdown is a Crittenden County historian, genealogist, chair of the Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found on her blog at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com.)



Carrsville Shrimp boil celebrates new museum

Duran McDonald (left), Glenn "Chug" Black (center) and James "Jim" Tolley share a smile for a photo after cleaning up from Saturday's Cajun shrimp boil held to benefit the Carrsville Community Association (CCA). The gathering served about 60 people and was held in association with the opening of the new Roger D. Morris Carrsville Historical Museum in Carrsville. The open house for the new museum drew about 35 visitors and several donations to keep the facility going, according to Judith Walker, a member of the CCA board of directors and its museum committee. "The shrimp boil was superb," Walker said of the affair. The museum celebrating the history of the north Livingston County Ohio River town will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. each Sunday.

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Coal miners keeping faith amid adversity

By Tracy Sue Steward
Marion, Ky.

I imagine that just about any born again Christian will tell you that no matter how strong one's faith in God is, there are those moments of trials in life that have caused us to take our eyes off of Jesus and we find ourselves beginning to sink.

It is in such moments as these that a close church family and fellowshiping with other Christians is more important than ever in maintaining our faith walk. There is little else more precious in our walk in life than a group of strong prayer warriors coming to the rescue in our hour of need.

One of the area's biggest economic industries is coal mining. It is an industry that communities in several states were built upon and subsequent business are dependent upon. While everyone in this country has benefited greatly from the men and women who made the coal industry, few realize what it meant to be a coal miner – what it was like to work miles under the earth, in the dark, inhaling vast amounts of coal dust and unable to stand upright for a full shift year after grueling year. Nor do Americans realize how many men and women died in this country mining coal that made their lives much more comfortable in ways too numerous to mention. How many died in explosions, how many were trapped underground for days and how many suffered long painful deaths from black lung disease (a disease that is very much still alive and well despite the government's denials). Saddest of all is that beyond those who have been directly affected not many care about the cost of coal miners' lives.

You may ask what do these two seemingly different subjects have to do with one another? Those who live here are aware that all except a few of the coal mines have closed, leaving thousands without jobs and no opportunities to replace them. One of the first to shut down was the only union mine in our area, Highland, whose parent company, Patriot Coal, has filed bankruptcy several times. In its infancy the coal companies owned the coal miners lock, stock and barrel. They owned their homes, the stores where they bought provisions, they owned their lives. Years ago when the

Commentary

Coal Miner's Union was fighting for safe working conditions and fair wages, one of the things promised to them by coal companies and by the U.S. Government – compliments of Harry S. Truman in 1946 – was lifetime health insurance for both them and their families. They termed it Cradle to Grave Health Care. Recently, notice was received in the mail by all union coal mine retirees that unless the government stepped in, Dec. 31, 2016 will be the last day they will have health insurance. Not all of these retired miners or their family members are old enough to qualify for Medicare. Even those with Medicare will be impacted greatly. For those of you who say no big deal Obamacare to the rescue, don't kid yourself. For those of us in the real world, Obamacare is a joke. If you can afford to come up with premiums, it is for the most part catastrophic coverage only. I can't help but wonder, is anyone thinking about any of the people getting cancer treatments? Anyone who has heart disease, leukemia, MS, rheumatoid arthritis or any other health condition that requires ongoing, expensive medications? Has anyone given any thought to how heartbreaking the road ahead will be for all these families? Have we become so hardened and calloused to one another that as long as we are sitting pretty, well fed and warm, that we don't care about our neighbor or our brother? Are we that arrogant and haughty that we know this would never happen to us? The answer is yes, we as a nation are that way. But I know Someone who does care. I know someone who is the exact opposite of everything we have become. And I know someone who can change each of us if we will only ask Him into our lives. My Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He is the reason my husband and I are not scared. Oh, I admit, due to some health issues I have taken my eyes off of Jesus for a moment and let fear enter my mind. But we stayed in the Word of God and our church family. Those sweet and mighty prayer warriors, pulled out their Armor of God and started praying and by the next morning we both awoke with a peace in our hearts that surpassed understanding. We knew once again

that all of our lives, every moment, is in God's hands and He will never leave us nor forsake us and He will work out everything.

I appeal to those of you fellow miners or anyone who faces life's challenges alone, put your faith in Jesus Christ for whatever you may be facing. Invite Him into your life and ask Him to be your Lord and Savior. Find a good church with a pastor that preaches the unaltered Word of God, with a Christian family who loves one another at all times, laughs with one another and bears one another's burdens as their own. If you are a Christian, ask God as Peter did, to grant you the boldness to spread the good news of the Gospel. Tell someone who doesn't know Christ about Him and what He has done for you in your life. Give someone a Bible, ask someone if you may pray with them, give a stranger a hug and cry with them. Tell them God loves them and so do you. Will any of this make the government or coal companies keep their word and do the right thing? I doubt it, but only God knows how it will work out. I do know He will work it out. Rather than wallow in fear or walk around in arrogance, I say we take the opportunity to start living like and being a Christian country again – the one founded by and on God and His Word. I invite you to join hands with me and let's start living to glorify God and win souls for His Kingdom.

CHURCH NOTES

- Crooked Creek Baptist Church will host its fourth Sunday singing this week. The event begins with a meal at 5 p.m., Sunday.
- Marion United Methodist Church will host its annual Sunday School Picnic at Marion-Crittenden County Park on Sunday following the morning worship service. There will be fun and games for kids after the meal.
- Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church is hosting a hay ride on Sunday, Oct. 30. The annual fall event begins at 3 p.m., at the church and will be followed by a cookout with hot dogs provided by the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry. Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

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Area Deaths

Rye

George Thomas Rye, 56, of Marion died Oct. 11, 2016 in Marion.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Martin.

Surviving are his sister, Jennifer Adams of Marion and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were Friday, Oct. 14 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Webster County.

Dunkerson

Homer F. Dunkerson, 79, of Burna died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016 at Salem Springlake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He was of the Baptist faith and was an active member of American Legion Post 217 in Burna. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Dunkerson was a 14-year employee of Modine Manufacturing Company before becoming self-employed and starting his own trucking business in 1973. He retired in 2001.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Jean Phelps Dunkerson; mother, Edna Guill Bailey; stepfather, Leon Bailey; and father, Truman Dunkerson.

Surviving are three sisters, Nancy Hanley (Lannie), Debbie Mauck and Diane Leftrick (Donnie), all of Springfield, Tenn.; a brother-in-law, Jerry Phelps (Judy) of Robbs, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were Monday, Oct. 17, 2016 at Hampton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post 217, 1364 US 60 East, Burna, KY 42028.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremations Services was in charge of arrangements.

Donna Lou Fox, 74, of Marion died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016 at Crittenden County Health And Rehabilitation Center.

She was a member of Deer Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Doug Fox of Marion; a daughter, Kanley (Wayne) Hadfield of Marion; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Fox was preceded in death by her parents, James and Isabel Watson; and a son, Troy Fox.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Friends may call from 10 a.m., until service time Thursday. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery.

Fox

David Lee Wall, 63, of Paducah died Monday, Oct. 17, 2016 at Baptist Health in Paducah.

He worked 42 years for UPS making deliveries for much of that time in Marion.

He was a member of Salt & Light Community Church of Paducah.

Surviving are his son, David Lee Wall II and wife Stephanie of Benton; daughter, Aimee (Wall) Woodruff and husband Jarrett of Paducah; brother, Kenneth Wayne Wall and wife Janice (Brown) Wall of West Chester, Penn.; sister, Sandra (Wall) Ragan and husband Keith of Benton; brother in-law, Norris Thompson, Jr. and wife Patty of Paducah; four grandchildren, David "Trey" Wall III, Addi Wall, Hollyn Woodruff, Cole Woodruff; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Susan T. Wall; parents, Harold and Bertha (Dallas) Wall.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 20 at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah. There will be no visitation. Hughes Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions made to Salt & Light Community Church, 155 Pugh Road, Paducah, KY 42003.

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Marion native SSgt Ronald Durfey, who is stationed at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas, was promoted Oct. 1 to sergeant first class. Lt. Col. Hughes is pictured shaking the hand of the newly promoted Durfey, 32, who joined the U.S. Army in 2004. Durfey is the son of Joni (Morris) Durfey of Marion and Ronald J. Durfey of Yuma, Ariz. Durfey is a 2003 graduate of Crittenden County High School. During his military career, Durfey has been stationed throughout the United States and he was deployed to Iraq in 2005-2006.

Five tips for safer teen driving

The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) during National Teen Driver Safety Week Oct.16-22 in promoting the "5 to Drive" campaign to encourage conversations with teen drivers about the top five dangerous driving behaviors: drunken driving, no seat belt, speeding, distractions and multiple passengers.

Listed below are the 5 to Drive behaviors with the corresponding Kentucky law:

1. No drinking and driving – All teens are too young to legally buy or possess alcohol, but they are still at risk. Nationally in 2014, one out of five teen drivers (15 to 19 years old) involved in fatal crashes had been drinking. Remind your teen that driving under the influence of any impairing substance, including illicit or prescription drugs, could have deadly consequences. All states have a zero tolerance law, meaning it is illegal for people under the age of 21 to drive after drinking any amount of alcohol.

2. Always buckle up – Wearing a seat belt is one of the simplest ways to stay safe in a vehicle; however, too many teens are not buckling up and neither are their passengers. In 2014, there were 763 passengers killed in vehicles driven by teen drivers (15-19 years old), and 59 percent of those passengers who died were not buckled up at the time of the fatal crash. When the teen driver was unrestrained, the percentage of those passengers who were also not restrained jumped to almost 86 percent. Kentucky has a primary seat belt law, meaning drivers can be stopped and cited if anyone in the vehicle is not wearing a seat belt.

3. Eyes on the road and hands on the wheel – Distractions while driving are more than just risky, they can be deadly. In 2014, among teen drivers (15-19 years old) involved in fatal crashes, 10 percent were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. Remind your teen about the dangers of texting, dialing or using mobile apps while driving. Distracted driving isn't limited to cell phone use. Transporting passengers, adjusting audio and climate controls in the vehicle, and eating or drinking while driving are all examples.

Texting while driving is banned for all drivers while the vehicle is in motion.

4. No speeding – Speeding is a critical issue for all drivers, especially teens. In 2014, 30 percent of teen drivers involved in a fatal crash were speeding at the

time of the crash. Remind your teen to drive within the speed limit.

5. No more than one passenger at a time – Extra passengers in a teen's car can lead to disastrous results. According to NHTSA, when driving with one teenage peer compared to when driving alone, teen drivers were two-and-a-half times more likely to engage in one or more potentially risky behaviors.

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5th graders tour Marion for civics, history lesson that ends at Fohs Hall

From the home of a U.S. senator to an early community hospital and old schoolhouses, fifth graders at Crittenden County Elementary School will be treated to the grand tour of downtown Marion Thursday.

The trip down memory lane has been enlightening middle schoolers since 2009 when it was first conceived by local historian Brenda Underdown and Holly White, the community educator for the school district. The annual tour is bulging at the seams this time as the largest class of fifth graders in many years will converge on downtown streets.

"We have 135 students scheduled to attend and they will be broken into four groups," said Susan Alexander, director of Main Street Inc., which helps sponsor the event.

All of the students who participate will receive a collectible coloring book that was designed and illustrated by local artist Kathleen Guess with text written by Underdown, who is also a history columnist for The Crittenden Press.

Tour guides will include Frank Pierce, Sarah Ford, Rita Travis and Underdown. It will take about two hours and will end at historic Fohs

Hall where Ethel Tucker will make a presentation.

Tucker, who turns 99 next month, is an author of books that include a great deal of local history and she is largely known as the matriarch of Marion.

"It's a special treat to have her talk to the students at the end," Alexander said.

The tour is always taken by fifth graders and much of what they learn is incorporated into classroom studies.

"We started this to bring civic awareness to students and to help them learn the history of Marion," White said. "I'm not originally from here so I always learn something new from the tour and I think the kids really like it."

Students will be bused downtown, arriving at approximately 8:15 a.m. They will break into small groups and follow their tour guide through town, stopping at numerous buildings to learn a little about their history. One of the most popular places is the Robert Jenkins Home on Depot Street where U.S. Sen. Ollie James once lived. Most of the buildings that are on the tour were built in the late 1800s or early 1900s.



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Birth

Paris

Justin and Jessica Paris of Marion announce the birth of a daughter, Maci Reid Paris, Aug. 29, 2016, at Baptist Health Paducah. She weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was 20 inches long. She has a sister, Madalyn Grace.

Maternal grandparents are Timothy and Rita Binkley of Marion. Maternal great-grandparents are Donald and Carlene Binkley of Marion and Gene and Anna Stone of Calvert City.

Paternal grandparents are Mike and Nancy Paris of Marion. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Jaime and Dorothy Paris of Marion and the late George and Lucy Rowland of Marion.

Roberts earns master's degree

Tiffany Hearell Roberts of Marion earned her Master's of Science in Occupational Therapy from Belmont University in Nashville.

Roberts was a member of the August 2016 graduating class. She earned her associate's degree from Madisonville Community College.



Roberts

Community Calendar

— The second and final **Community Christmas sign-up** will be held 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday (today) at the Crittenden County Extension Office Annex located at 1588 U.S. 60 East in Marion.

— American Cancer Society's annual **Grocers Against Cancer** Day will be held from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday at Conrad's Harvest Foods. Elected officials, business people and political candidates are bagging and carrying out groceries for tips for the American Cancer Society.

— The first **motorcycle Bug Run** to benefit the Crittenden County Drug-Free Coalition will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Crittenden County Courthouse. The cost is \$20. Participants receive a target to put on their bike. Bike with a bug closest to the bulls eye wins.

— Crooked Creek Baptist Church will host **DivorceCare** information and registration event at 6 p.m. Monday at the church on Crooked Creek Church Road. DivorceCare is open to anyone who is divorced in the process of a divorce or a separation.

Extension events

— **4-H Cloverbuds** will meet afterschool Thursday at Crittenden County Elementary School. Call the Extension Office for more information about this club open to children ages 5-8.

— **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m., Friday at the Crittenden County Extension Office. Robin Curnel will be discussing physical symptoms of Diabetes.

— **4-H Banquet** will be at 1:30 p.m., Sunday at First Cumberland Presbyterian Fellowship Hall.

— Basic **Car Care Class** will be held at the County Garage (1901 US Hwy 60 E) at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, teaching basic car care skills. Register for this class by calling (270) 965-5236.

Trick-or-Treat Oct. 31

The annual Trick-or-Treat on Main, sponsored by Marion Main Street, will be held on Monday, Oct. 31. Following tradition, The Crittenden Press will take pictures of kids in their Halloween costumes between 2-5 p.m., and publish them in The Crittenden Press. Cost for photos is \$10.



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Fitness Boot Camp teaches importance of active lifestyle

Health and Wellness Week was held recently at Crittenden County Elementary School and local fitness instructor Serena Dickerson and school therapist Ashley Turley conducted a Fitness Boot Camp with kindergarten through fourth-graders. They helped to show them that fitness can be fun and explained how important it is that we incorporate fitness into our daily lives.



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Rev. Dennis Weaver, Becky Zharte and Sarah Ford staff a collection booth Oct. 8 to benefit the Backpack Program in the Crittenden County Schools. Not pictured is volunteer Kathy Bechler.

Backpack benefit big success

Volunteers from the local Cumberland Presbyterian churches and the Woman's Club of Marion worked together for the second year in a row to promote the local Backpack Program and make the community aware of this need.

Thanks to donations from shoppers at Conrad's Harvest Foods and Food Giant, volunteers delivered four shopping carts full of food and over \$500 to the local program.

"October is World Food Day, so it is a great day to

recognize the hunger still present in the world, and to realize that you can make a difference," said volunteer Becky Zharte.

There are several ways that you can make a change locally, Zharte said, citing the Crittenden County Food Bank, food banks at the local churches and the Backpack Program.

Holly White, coordinator for the Backpack Program, is working with 38 families ranging from one child to 11 children in the home. The backpacks are given to the

children Friday when they go home for the weekend and contain enough items to help them through the weekend. On Monday the children return the backpacks to be filled up again for the next weekend. In many cases this may be the only food source for those children when not in school, organizers say.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Backpack Program should call Holly White at (270) 965-3525.

HURST

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den County and they have a huge support network here with lots of friends being pulling enthusiasts.

"It's literally a seed that has been planted by God for us to be doing this and when you have God leading the way, nothing is impossible," said Dustin Hurst, a heavy equipment mechanic and owner of Hurst Diesel.

"We really wanted to be able to do this so maybe it will help another family like it did us. When you are faced with a situation like we were, Ronald McDonald House is such blessing. It's like home. And the people at Kosairs were wonderful," Crystal said.

The disease that has made Layna's life a bit complicated so far is very rare. Outside of a handful specialists, few doctors or nurses understand it or know what it is, said Crystal. Layna sees Dr. Shervin Dashti a neurosurgeon at Norton Healthcare along with cardiologist Dr. Brian Holland of the University of Louisville Pediatric Cardiology and Dr. William Bruce, her pediatrician.

To simplify her daughter's condition, Crystal says Layna was born with hundreds of extra blood vessels. The veins and arteries are pushing too much blood through the girl's heart, creating congestive heart failure issues.

"Only one in three million children are born with this," her mom said.



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Crystal and Dustin Hurst are hosting a benefit truck and tractor pull Oct. 29 to raise money for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana and Kosairs Children's Hospital Charities. Pictured with them are children Layna and Luke.

Surgery is required to close off the extra vessels.

"The procedure they do is to take a catheter and go into the main artery in her leg then snake the catheter up through her heart and on into the center of her brain. Then they glue off unneeded veins and arteries," Crystal explained.

The risks are high for stroke and other complications. Layna had her first procedure at 15 months then another not long ago.

"Layna will probably have to have two more operations," her mom continued. "But some children end up having 10 or more."

Layna is a bit small for her age at 20 pounds. Otherwise, she's as normal as

anyone else and you wouldn't even recognize her situation by looking at her. Her heart works so hard that she can't eat enough calories to keep up.

"We're trying to fatten her up a little," Crystal said with a chuckle.

The bigger her daughter gets, the easier surgery is on her body. With the support of her older brother, three-year-old Luke, Layna has learned to be strong, independent and ready to tackle anything thrown her way.

For now, looking back at how far they've come, the family is ready to pay forward whatever it takes to help make similar journeys for others a wee bit more comfortable.

Mestan elected president of Friends of KET board

Sean Mestan of Princeton was recently elected as president of the Friends of KET board.

The Friends of KET, now in its 45th year, is a statewide group of volunteers who help promote KET's programs and services in communities across the state. The board includes representatives from 35 districts that encompass all 120 Kentucky counties.

Mestan will serve as the Friends of KET board president for 2016-2017.

Currently an employee at Akridge Farm Supply and

Ace Hardware in Fredonia, Mestan previously served as a corrections education specialist for the Kentucky Department of Corrections and has experience as a Spanish teacher for the Caldwell County Board of Education.

He is a graduate of Murray State University.



Mestan

Senior Menu

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

— Today: Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli salad, whole wheat breadstick, apple crisp. Trip to the Amish community is planned for. A blood pressure clinic will also be held at 10:30 a.m.

— Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is hashbrown and ham casserole, lima beans, whole wheat roll and ambrosia.

— Monday: Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is Chili dog with onions on whole wheat bun, mac and cheese, apple-

sauce and ambrosia.

— Tuesday: Menu is chicken and dumplings, buttered broccoli, buttered carrots, baked apples/raisins and cornbread.

— Wednesday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is Southwest pork roast, baked sweet potato, peas and pearl onions, cornbread and apple crisp.

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

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CCHS's 1st graduates hold final reunion

The school year 1949-50 would be the end of an era for the county high schools of Tolu, Mattoon, Shady Grove and Frances. Construction of a modern centralized high school was under way for the county; it would be built a short distance from Marion on U.S. 60 West.

The new school would be an efficient unit compared to the four small high schools then operating in the county. Braxton McDonald, superintendent of Crittenden County Schools, put his heart and soul into this project. He believed in the children of the county and thought they deserved the best schools that could be provided for them.

"When the county high school children enter the new building there will be available many more rooms for the ever-expanding enrollment of students. Several specialized courses can be offered in the new high school without the employment of a single extra high school teacher.

"Bus passenger loads will be more nearly equalized since county high school children will be riding the buses on one trip and the grade children on the other.

"This new school will help provide opportunities for the type of training that a young man or woman will need in order to be happy and successful in life," McDonald said in an issue of The Crittenden Press in May 1949.

So begins a new era for the Crittenden County High School students of 1950-51 school year. There may have been apprehension among some of the students as they would be bused several miles from the county schools and the communities that they were accustomed to. Others were excited to be able to meet and make friends with the young people from the other schools. There were also a few from the Marion district that came to Crittenden County High. At the new high school they would all be one large body of students, all working, learning and growing together.

As the new Memorial Gymnasium wasn't yet built, this first graduating class of 1951 was held at the schools that had formed this first class of the new high school. Their Baccalaureate program was held at Shady Grove on Sunday, March 21, 1951. Class night was in the auditorium at Frances, and the Commencement Program was held in the auditorium at Tolu on March 29th, 1951. Their speaker for commencement was the Dean of Students at Murray

State, J. Matt Sparkman. There were 50 graduates. (In 1948, Mattoon and Shady Grove had combined their seniors as one group, due to lack of students in that grade).

On Sept. 17, 2016, the last remaining classmates from this memorable group of graduate students from this first Crittenden County High School had their last reunion.

From the first reunion they had in 1956, a planning committee had been formed. The committee consisted of someone from each of the schools that made up their class, Tolu, Mattoon, Shady Grove and Frances.

Through the years a number of different people had served on the committee, but the last committee consisted of Jerry Hughes Beavers, Clara Nation Brinkley, Doris Owen Brasher, Harold Woodside, Ray Belt and Louise Wilson Howerton. The committee met every year, so they could keep in touch with as many classmates as possible, and to begin the work on plans for their next reunion. A reunion has been held every five years since 1951.

The reunions were always anticipated to with enthusiasm, for the students were a close-knit group, and at the gatherings through the years, old friendships were renewed, and new friendships were formed with former classmates.

The group decided that this year, their 65th reunion would be their last one. I talked with two of the classmates and members of the committee, Jerry Hughes Beavers and Clara Nation Brinkley. They were pretty and lively and full of fun with lots of memories of their first years in the new school.

I asked them how they felt about leaving their community high school and being bused to Marion to a new school with all these different young people from all over the county. Jerry said she looked at it like a new adventure. Both said they were excited to be able to be with new students and make new friends. Clara said that she was excited to ride a bus and be able to eat in the cafeteria. Her home was in Tolu and she walked to school each day and then walked home to have lunch. She had never ridden a school bus and couldn't wait to get to ride it to Marion each day.

I asked how this new group of students, from all over the county, got along those first days, both said everyone got along just fine and it was a good first year.

Betty Linzy Young who attended Frances High



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages



School, shared that her class was a bit appreciative of attending this new school with students from all over the county in one class, and how would they be treated. But she said that everyone blended together, and it was a learning experience for everyone with all the different teachers and classrooms that they went to each day.

When asked about their decision for this to be their last reunion Jerry and Clara both said everyone thought it was time, as so many were in poor health, many not able to travel long distances, and also age was now becoming a factor.

This being their last reunion, and their class being such a historical group, the class wanted to present to an organization a picture of their graduating class on the day they graduated, and a beautiful plaque with all the classmates names engraved on it. The treasurer also had some funds left that they wanted to go to a useful source.

After considering several places for their items, they visited the Crittenden County Historical Museum. After touring the displays, and especially the schoolroom that is dedicated to preserving the history and memories of all our schools, they decided that this was the place they wanted to have their memory picture and plaque. What better place to have their special items, where they would be preserved and more people could see and enjoy their memories.

The day they visited the museum, it was one of our typical hot humid summer days, and the old air-conditioner in the upstairs had about played out, the rooms were uncomfortably hot. Thinking their leftover funds might be put to good use, they donated their \$500 for the purpose of purchasing a new unit for the upstairs rooms.

At their last reunion, there were 16 members of the class that were able to attend, some weren't able to attend and a few they



weren't able to get in contact with. Twenty-two of the classmates are now deceased.

I want to thank Jerry Hughes Beavers and Clara Nation Brinkley for sharing some of their personal memories of those first days and the beginnings of the new Crittenden County High School. As an added treasurer, Beavers has donated her Tolu annuals of 1947-49 and 1950 to the

schoolroom. It was such fun talking with them and hearing their memories.

Crittenden County Historical Society wants to thank that first graduating class of Crittenden County High School in 1951 for their kindness in donating their class picture, memorial plaque and monetary funds to the museum and having faith in the society for caring and preserving these memories for future

At top, Crittenden County High School Class of 1951 was the first to graduate from the new school. However, since the school had no gymnasium at the time, this photo was made at the Tolu gymnasium on commencement night March 29, 1951. Center, the last reunion of the 1951 class included members (front, from left) Hazel Greenlee Guess, Jerry Hughes Beavers, Wanda Easley Ditty, Mildred Underdown Delaplane, Clara Nation Brinkley, Doris Oliver Brasher, Louise Wilson Howerton, Anna Walker Herzer, (back) Betty June Linzey Young, Ray Belt, Paul Davenport, Brooks Travis, Robert Brantley, Harold Woodside, Earl Leet and Clayton Shewcraft. Just above, Jerry Hughes Beavers (left) and Clara Nation Brinkley donate their graduating class picture, memorial plaque and remaining funds to Crittenden County Historical Museum.

generations...and also for wanting to help purchase a new air-conditioner unit.

Thank you so very much for your kindness.

(Editor's note: Brenda Underdown is a Crittenden County historian, genealogist, chair of the Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found on her blog at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com.)



Carrsville Shrimp boil celebrates new museum

Duran McDonald (left), Glenn "Chug" Black (center) and James "Jim" Tolley share a smile for a photo after cleaning up from Saturday's Cajun shrimp boil held to benefit the Carrsville Community Association (CCA). The gathering served about 60 people and was held in association with the opening of the new Roger D. Morris Carrsville Historical Museum in Carrsville. The open house for the new museum drew about 35 visitors and several donations to keep the facility going, according to Judith Walker, a member of the CCA board of directors and its museum committee. "The shrimp boil was superb," Walker said of the affair. The museum celebrating the history of the north Livingston County Ohio River town will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. each Sunday.

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Turkey Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Wood Duck	Sept. 17-21
Teal	Sept. 17-25
Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Turkey gun	Oct. 22-28
Woodcock	Oct. 22 - Nov. 11
Crossbow Turkey	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Crossbow Deer	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunt/Trap	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Rifle Deer	Nov. 12 - Nov. 27
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 14 - Feb. 10
Woodcock	Nov. 14 - Dec. 7
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 26 - Feb. 28
Dove	Nov. 24 - Dec. 4
Duck	Nov. 24-27
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Snow Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Turkey gun	Dec. 3-9
Dove	Dec. 17 - Jan. 8
Duck	Dec. 5 - Jan. 29
Muzzleloader	Dec. 10 - Dec. 18
Deer Late Youth	Dec. 31 - Jan. 1
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 4-5
Goose Conservation	Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

Gunners seek turkeys

This weekend is the two-day shotgun hunt for turkeys. The limit is two with a shotgun. There is another firearms season for turkeys in early December.

BASEBALL

HS umpires sought

The Second Region Pennyrile Umpires Association is looking for umpires for the 2017 baseball season. The Second Region is made up of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th districts that range from Henderson to Fort Campbell and Livingston to Madisonville. Any interested persons should contact regional assigning secretary Matt Bell at matt.bell@webster.kyschools.us or by phone at (270) 871-6956 for more information. Association meetings will begin in January. Umpire training is available and all umpires must be certified by KHSAA.

BASKETBALL

Alumni game tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the second-annual Crittenden vs. Livingston Alumni Basketball Series. The event will include men's and women's competition in multiple age divisions and cheerleading opportunities. It will be at Rocket Arena on Saturday, Nov. 26. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at The Crittenden Press until the day of the event. Cost to participate in the action is \$20. Register with Denis or Shannon Hodge to play. Players must have graduated from CCHS before 2011.

New Livingston coach

Jim Parks will be the Livingston Central High School girls' basketball coach this season. Parks has long been associated with Livingston basketball as a youth coach and scorekeeper for varsity teams. He has served as an assistant high school coach at Trigg and Lyon counties and was the Livingston Middle School coach at one time.



Parks

FOOTBALL

This week's Top 10

Here are the top 10 teams in Class A according to BluegrassPreps.com and the opponent for each team this week:

- Paintsville at #3 Raceland
- Russellville vs. Crittenden Co.
- Raceland vs. #1 Paintsville
- Beechwood at Dayton
- Pikeville vs. Jenkins
- Hazard -- OPEN
- Nicholas Co. at Bracken Co.
- Ky. Country Day vs. Frankfort
- Lou. Holy Cross at Eminence
- Williamsburg at Lynn Camp

Junior Pro action

Crittenden County's Junior Pro football teams will be back in action this week after a week off for fall break. The action against Caldwell White starts at 2:30 p.m., at Rocket Stadium.

Rockets post record numbers vs. Pilots

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County did a number on the record book Friday and put itself in position to challenge second-ranked Russellville next week for the Class A First District championship.

The Rockets whitewashed Fulton County 70-32 at home on Senior Night, setting numerous records including the most points ever scored by a CCHS football team.

Rocket coach Al Starnes said the mercy-rule running clock should have been enforced in the first half according to rule, but the Fulton coach asked for it not to be imposed so his young team could get more snaps.

"Had the running clock been instituted, our halftime score would have been 42-0 instead of 56," the coach said, wanting everyone to understand that there was never any intention to run up the scored.

Senior Charlie Johnson rushed for three touchdowns and broke 100 yards for the first time in his career while bracemate Devon Nesbitt tacked on a couple of rushing TDs and 104 yards on the ground. Crittenden also had two players score their first varsity touchdowns – Dylan Smith (who is normally a slave to the defense at linebacker) and Ben Brown, who caught a second-quarter pass from QB Hunter Boone.

Boone completed 3-of-6 passes in the game and two of them went for touchdowns. The first was to Ethan Hunt in the opening period



Charlie Johnson looks for run to room for 1 of his 3 touchdowns.

to start the slugfest. Hunt tied a school record, catching a pass for the 22nd straight game.

Kicker Will Perkins got in on the record dance, too. His 10 point-after kicks establishes a new single-game mark and those numbers are good enough to get into the KHSAA record book. The state record is 12.

Crittenden led 56-0 at the half – another school record.

It was an insane four quarters with Fulton posting four touchdowns in the final half against Crittenden's reserves. The Rocket defense was flawless in the first half, allowing just one Fulton first down while holding the winless Pilots to minus-12 yards rushing and

throwing Fulton for a loss on 10 of its 19 running plays. Defensive end Adam Beavers had three sacks and recovered a Fulton fumble in the first half. Gavin Dickerson recovered a Pilot fumble and intercepted a pass and Hunt also had an interception.

The win puts the Rockets (4-5, 2-0) in position to face off with one of the state's top teams this week at Russellville with both teams undefeated in league play.

Meanwhile, Fulton (0-7, 0-2) has lost 25 straight games dating back to the 2014 season.

Elsewhere in the First Region on Friday, Fort Knox beat Caverna and Bethlehem beat Campbellsville in two Second District showdowns. If the Rockets beat Russellville this week they would likely open the playoffs at home against Caverna. A loss at Russellville would likely pit Crittenden against Fort Knox at Rocket Stadium.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Fulton County	0	0	16	16
Crittenden Co.	21	35	7	7

SCORING PLAYS

C-Devon Nesbitt 1 run (Will Perkins kick) 6:02, 1st
C-Ethan Hunt 21 pass from Hunter Boone (Perkins kick) 5:31, 1st
C-Charlie Johnson 32 run (Perkins kick) 3:02, 1st
C-Maeson Myers 5 run ((Perkins kick) 10:31, 2nd
C-Ben Brown 25 pass from Boone (Perkins kick) 10:14, 2nd
C-Dylan Smith 2 run (Perkins kick) 8:33, 2nd
C-Branen Lamey 2 run ((Perkins kick) 4:26, 2nd
C-Johnson 37 run (Perkins kick) 2:14, 2nd
C-Nesbitt 58 run (Perkins kick) 11:06, 3rd
F-Caleb Kimble 10 run (Cameron Matheny pass

from Cameron Smith) 6:48, 3rd
F-Andreous Smith 75 pass from C.Smith (A.Smith pass from C.Smith) 1:08, 4th
F-C.Smith 2 run (Kimble pass from C.Smith) 4:35, 4th

C-Johnson 50 run (Perkins kick) 3:39, 4th
F-C.Smith 28 run (C.Smith run) :22, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Crittenden 7, Fulton 5
Penalties: Crittenden 2-20, Fulton 6-33
Rushing: Crittenden 27-299, Fulton 36-150
Passing: Crittenden 3-7,0, 81 yds., Fulton 2-9-2, 83 yds.

Total Yards: Crittenden 380, Fulton 233
Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 3-2, Fulton 4-2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Crittenden: Nesbitt 5-104, Myers 3-28, Gavin Dickerson 1-15, Johnson 7-153, Smith 2-1, Hunter Jones 3-(-1), Boone 3-(-2), Lamey 2-2, Hunter Holean 1-(-3). Fulton: Kimble 5-77, Ty Warren 3-(-16), Tanner Ford 6-13, Greg Wilson 1-(-3), Chris Smith 10-46, Cameron Smith 11-33.

Passing

Crittenden: Boone 3-6-0, 81 yds., Jones 0-1-0. Fulton: C.Smith 2-7-2-83 yds., Warren 0-1-0.

Receiving

Crittenden: Hunt 1-21, Jared Lundy 1-35, Ben Brown 1-25. Fulton: Matheny 1-8, A.Smith 1-75.

Defense

Beavers 4 solos, 4 assists, fumble recovery, 3 sacks; C.Belt assist; Brown assist; Castiler solo; Dickerson solo, 7 assists, TFL, caused fumble, fumble recovery, interception; Dobyns 3 solos, assist, 2 TFLs, sack; Hayes solo, 2 assists, TFL; Hunt 2 assists, interception; Jackson 2 solos, 2 assists; Johnson 3 solos; Jones 3 solos; Joyce assist; Lamey 6 solos, assist, 2 TFL; Myers 2 solos, assist; Nesbitt solo; O'Leary solo, 2 assists; Perkins solo; Phillips 2 solos; Pey.Riley solo, assist; D.Smith 4 solos, 2 assists, caused fumble; Tucker 2 solos; White solo, assist; Wright solo, 2 assists.

Records: Crittenden 4-5 (2-0), Fulton 0-8 (0-2)

Local club hosts Ryder Cup styled competition

STAFF REPORT

The Ryder Cup – or at least something closely akin to it – is coming this weekend to The Heritage Golf Course at Marion Country Club.

The club's new owner, Eddie King, says he hopes to generate some excitement about golf within the community by hosting the first of what he calls an annual event, The Heritage Cup.

Fashioned after the very popular Ryder Cup that every two years pits the United States against Europe in match play competition, the local event may not garner any television cover-

age, but you can bet there will be some pride on the line as Marion takes on Fredonia/Lyon County.

"Marion will have its hands full," said King, pointing out that Kyle Myers, arguably one of the best Marion golfers, has a commitment to play elsewhere this weekend.

Marion's lineup will be headed by Jeremy Shoulders with Fredonia/Lyon bringing in Roy Rogers and Danny Ray Phelps to lead the squad.

"We would love for people to come out and watch and get involved in this," King said. "The

golfers are really taking it serious."

Alec Pierce will be the Marion team captain and Doug Phelps will captain the Fredonia/Lyon County squad. Each team will consist of a dozen golfers. One of each team will be a woman and their pairing is the only one being made public prior to tee off at 1 p.m., Saturday. Melissa Tabor will take on Faye Phelps in the women's action.

Play will be styled after the Ryder Cup with foursome (alternating shots), fourball and match play plus a 2-Man Scramble which is a non-traditional cup format.



Soccer

Ashley Wheeler was named to the All Second Region Soccer Team this week, but the Lady Rockets didn't last too long in the regional tournament at Henderson.

The top-ranked host Lady Colonels dispatched Crittenden 10-0 by the mercy rule late in the first half Monday night in the first round of region play. Crittenden was upset last week in the district tournament by Lyon County, forcing the Lady Rockets into a difficult first-round draw in the regional tournament.

Crittenden finishes the season with a 5-12-1 record after losing its last seven matches. For Summer Riley, her first season was full of highs and lows.

"We started off really strong then fell off a little at the end and didn't come through with the district win," Riley said.

"However, these girls showed outstanding sportsmanship even though the loss hurt. It is a bittersweet ending to a first season (coaching), because I will miss the eight seniors more than they will ever know," the coach added.



Wheeler
All Region Selec-

CCMS football

Crittenden County Middle School's football team finished the season with a 4-1 recording, winning four of its final five games. The Rockets beat Ballard Memorial 27-8 on the road last Thursday to close out of the campaign.

In that game, Xander Tabor rushed for three touchdowns and Caden McCalister scored one on a 42-yard sprint from sideline to sideline. Ballard scored its only touchdown in the game's final two minutes.

STATISTICS: Rushing: Tabor 16-92, McCalister 6-88, Luke Crider 1-7. Passing: Crider 1-1-0, 2 yds. Receiving: McCalister 1-2. Tackles and assists: Ian Ellington 7 (TFL), Jasper Morrison 7, Tyler Boone 6, T.H. Nolan 6, Preston Turley 6, McCalister 2, Noah Perkins 1, Tabor 1, Chase Stevens 1 (interception), Ben Dobyns 1, Trace Derrington 1.

Volleyball

Livingston Central knocked Crittenden County out of post-season play Monday in a highly contested match 26-24, 25-6, 17-25, 25-19.

Crittenden appeared poised to take the opening set after taking a 24-18 lead, but the Lady Cardinals charged back to score 19 straight points over two sets to command a two-game lead in the early going.

The Lady Rockets got key help at the service line from Paige Gilbert and strong play on the frontline from Kenlee Perryman to take the third set by eight points. Both Gilbert and Perryman were named to the all-tournament team.

Livingston had the Lady Rockets down 19-13 in the final match before Crittenden pulled within



All District Players

Crittenden had two players earn All District Team honors for volleyball. They are both pictured above during Monday's playoff action against Livingston Central. Kenlee Perryman tries to block this shot from Livingston's Tabby Padon while Lady Rocket Paige Gilbert backs up the play.

striking distance down the stretch. Livingston got good play up front from Tabby Padon to hold off the Rockets.

Perryman and Madison Champion had 41 and 31 attack tries made in the match. Champion had 11 kill shots and Perryman eight. Gilbert made 21 serves without an error and led Crittenden with 36 digs. Kaitlyn Hicks had 25 digs and Brandy Book 18.

The Lady Rockets finish the season 5-19-0, but markedly improved from the past two seasons when they won just one match each year.

Third-year skipper Cara Merrick said the season didn't turn out the way that the girls or she had hoped, but acknowledged a betterment in results.

"There was an improvement from last season and as long as we continue to make those improvements then there is nothing stopping us from becoming district champions," Merrick said.

"Although the outcome of (Monday's) game was disappointing, I was very proud of my girls," the coach added. "After a very tough second set, they could have easily given up on themselves during the third. Instead, they came back and won it and continued to be competitive until the end of the match. They left it all out on the floor. In the end, that is all I can ask for."

Rockets announce new hoops coaches

STAFF REPORT

Ken Geary will be an assistant boys' basketball coach at the varsity level and Tyler Coleman will take over the seventh-grade team at the middle school.

Rocket basketball

coach Denis Hodge made the announcement Monday that Geary will replace Sean Thompson and Coleman will replace David Perryman. The two had resigned their positions earlier this year due to other commitments.



middle school SCHEDULES

CCMS BOYS BASKETBALL

Oct. 22	at St. Ann	8th B/G	1pm
Oct. 27	at Trigg County	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 1	TRIGG COUNTY	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 4	WEBSTER COUNTY	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 7	LIVINGSTON COUNTY	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 8	LYON COUNTY	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 10	at Caldwell County	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 14	at Livingston County	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 18	ST. ANN*	8th B/G	5:30pm
Nov. 21	CALDWELL COUNTY	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 28	at Lyon County	7/8	5:30pm
Dec. 1	at Dawson Springs	7/8	6pm
Dec. 5	at South Hopkins	7/8	5:30pm
Dec. 8-10	7th Grade District at Caldwell County		
Dec. 15-17	8th Grade District at Caldwell County		
Dec. 12	DAWSON SPRINGS	7/8	5:30pm
Jan. 10	at Webster County	5:30pm	
Jan. 12	at Union County	5:30pm	

CCMS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Oct. 20	at Dawson Springs	7/8	5:30pm
Oct. 22	at St. Ann	7/8	10am
Oct. 25	LYON COUNTY	7/8	5:30pm
Oct. 27	TRIGG COUNTY	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 1	at Livingston County	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 3	at Trigg County	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 8	at Caldwell County	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 10	HARDIN COUNTY	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 12	UNION COUNTY	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 15	LIVINGSTON COUNTY	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 17	SOUTH HOPKINS	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 18	ST. ANN*	8th B/G	5:30pm
Nov. 22	at Lyon County	7/8	5:30pm
Nov. 29	DAWSON SPRINGS	7/8	5:30pm
Dec. 1	CALDWELL COUNTY	7/8	5:30pm
Dec. 6	at Union County	7/8	5:30pm

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The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on August 12, 2016, scheduling a hearing to be held on November 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examining witnesses in Case No. 2016-00232, which is An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kentucky Utilities Company from November 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

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Corn harvest near end, yield down

John Croft harvests corn last Wednesday as the sun sets over the Tolu farm of his father, Gary Croft. Earlier this week, the USDA National Agircultural Statistics Service lowered forecast yields for both corn and soybeans in Kentucky. “This year has been full of ups and downs in agriculture, and the yields are showing that roller coaster ride,” said Dee Brasher, Crittenden County Extension Service for Agriculture and Natural Resources. “We have seen some good yields and some bad yields.” The latest corn yield estimates are down 10 bushels to 162 bushels per acre from September projections, while soybean yields have dropped by only a bushel to 50 bushels per acre. “Wet weather early in the growing season promoted shallow root growth, which did not help with water or nutrient uptake to the plant when it turned off dry. Heavy rains in July and August also contributed to disease issues that impacted crop yields.” Still, forecast crop yields are up for Kentucky farmers over last year, albeit only slightly. As of Monday, about 89 percent of Kentucky’s corn crops had been harvested compared to a five-year average of 78 percent. Meantime, 41 percent of soybeans had been harvested, with 93 percent of cropland rated as fair to excellent. Pastureland, however, is suffering a bit in the extended dry conditions. Only 78 percent is rated fair to excellent, down from 85 percent a week ago.

BENEFIT

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Naoma Tinsley, said that total was collected on Saturday alone through a fish fry, auction of various baskets of goodies and desserts and donations from individuals and churches.

"This shows the community can be really generous," she said, adding that her husband paid \$110 for a pie in order to help the young couple.

Tinsley said her nephew, a Tolu native, has been amazed by the response.

"Travis just couldn't believe it," she said.

The Perryman's health insurance should pay a portion of the medical bills related to three required surgeries to address Adler's Hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a defect in which the left side of the heart is underdeveloped. However, expenses for staying in Nashville and deductibles will be astronomical, Tinsley said.

Already, Adler has had one of the heart surgeries, and a feeding tube installed. Tinsley said Tuesday the boy seems to be recovering well. The family is expected home this week.

Donations to help the Perymans are still needed, and can be taken to Todd Perryman at Farmers Bank and Trust Co. in Marion, where an account has been established.

Tinsley said the family has been hit hard in the last few weeks. Adler's grandfather, Ted Perryman, was recently diagnosed with cancer and is now home from early treatment in Chicago this week.



Business of the Month named

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce recognized Kentucky Utilities Co. as its member Business of the Month for September. Pictured from the Morganfield office are (front, from left) Manda Pruitt, Emily Bragg, Kristen Bell, Kristy Joiner, (back) Jillian Taylor, Chelsey Puckett, Kelsey Roberts, Whitney French, Amber Glassco and Amy McLeod.

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cultivating the highly-prized ginseng plant. The couple took proceeds from their ginseng sales to help fund partial college scholarships for kids of department employees and students at Crittenden and Union county high schools.

"There are givers and takers," Jenkins explained at the time, "and I'm a giver."

"Both made kids feel important," said KDFWR Game Management Foreman Curt Divine, speaking from his own personal experience.

Rich began his 25-year career at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in 1979 as a wildlife technician at the Sauerheber Unit of Sloughs Wildlife Management Area near Henderson. After three years, he switched to the department's law enforcement division to become a conservation officer.

Jenkins took Rich under his wing. Jenkins saw Rich's passion for the outdoors, and served as the new officer's mentor for many years. Rich grew into a strong leader, yet remained humble and never stopped trying to qualify for the position. A compassion-



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Local Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources biologist Philip Sharp (second from left in cap) and Crittenden County Magistrate Danny Fowler (third from left) joined a few dozen people last Thursday for the dedication of an 841.5-acre tract recently added to the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area in Crittenden and Union counties. The tract was named for the late Capt. David "Donan" Jenkins and Conservation Officer Ronnie Rich, whose families (right) also attend the dedication of the Jenkins-Rich Tract, all of which lies in Crittenden County.

ate husband and exemplary father, he led by example and believed in seeking the truth.

Rich, jokingly nicknamed

"The Godfather" by others for his field knowledge, constantly taught others about his craft. He strongly believed that respect was earned, not

given. Over his career, Rich earned his respect by winning several awards, including the 1987 Kentucky Officer of the Year; 1998-99

Waterfowl Enforcement Officer of the Year; and 1999 United Bowhunters of Kentucky Officer of the Year.

Rich's service to the public did not end with his retirement in 2004. He used his knowledge and spare time to help out underprivileged kids and injured veterans.

He partnered with local youth conservation groups and the Wounded Warrior Project to create memorable hunting and fishing experiences at Wild Wing Lodge and Riverbend Whitetail Outfitters for those in need of his assistance.

Jenkins died May 23, 2014, at the age of 80. Rich died Dec. 8, 2011, at the age of 58.

"These men had a passion for the land, for wildlife and for conservation in this part of Kentucky," Divine told on-lookers last week.

All of the Jenkins-Rich Tract lies in Crittenden County, bordering Bells Mine Road to the south. The new property also includes a bit of frontage on Ky. 365 across from former coal mining property. The commonwealth already owned the land north of Bells Mine Road.

To acquire the property, the state paid \$2.27 million to Heartwood Forestland Fund VI Limited Partnership, which equates to \$2,700

acres per acre. It expands the total area of the WMA to 7,570 acres, making it one of the largest management areas in Kentucky.

The expansion is already marked with paint and signs and immediately becomes part of the hunting and management program. It is mostly wooded. A power line right-of-way is about the only open land on the tract.

Though not in the Jenkins-Rich Tract, just down the road from last week's dedi-

cation lies a new viewing platform for one of the best vistas in the county. Off Bells Mine Road and marked on maps of the WMA, the wooden deck overlooks the Ohio River and into Illinois. Riverview Park/Dam 50 lies to the left of a big hook in the river and is visible in the wintertime when trees have shed their leaves, said Divine.

(Editor's note: Kentucky Afield Outdoors contributed to this story.)



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Thinking small

Two Crittenden County women are traveling on parallel paths to a very similar, yet individualized destination – all of which can be summarized with one measure – 600 square feet.

One is choosing city living, the other country life; however, both women are downsizing as they construct new homes customized to their specific tastes. Both have family at the forefront of their plans and both beam with excitement as they discuss building materials and design styles consistent with a national trend of tiny houses.

Stories and photos by Allison Evans, The Press



For Patty Downey, the process of building a new home has been guided by the image of a carriage house; more specifically, a carriage house converted into a living space. Below, the 600-square-foot home is starting to come together, as can be seen from the outside.

Converted carriage house enough space for Downey

Part of the process of building a new home is visualizing the end product, dreaming of the ideal floor plan and searching for the perfect fixtures to compliment the space.

For Patty Downey, that process has been guided by the image of a carriage house. More specifically, a carriage house converted into a living space.

At the present time, a concrete foundation and 2x4s are framing that image, but with a little explanation, Downey's vision easily develops into a picture of a small living space punctuated by rustic detail. Details like reclaimed barn wood floors and whitewashed barn wood walls, a tin ceiling, sliding barn doors and two sets of double doors pre-

cisely express a colonial quaintness.

"Small" is the key word. The home is almost exactly 600 square feet.

After the death of her husband Mike in 2013, Downey moved in with her son Tim Morris and his family. In January, Downey purchased property adjacent to her son's house on Bellville Street in Marion, ready to embark on her next chapter. Demolition of the old home on the front of the lot was done early this year, and by springtime, her son had drawn up the floor plan, which Downey continued to develop into her tiny dream home.

"I'm in love with carriage houses," Downey said. "I love to watch shows where they take an old building

and turn it into a new home, and I thought, 'What if we take a new building and make it look like an old home?'"

With her son serving as general contractor, the two got to work salvaging wood from a barn destined for demolition on South Main Street, and the tin roof off of the house they had torn down to make room for her home.

Downey began combing antique stores for accessories, and found some perfect pieces for her new home.

"I'm using as much that is old as possible," she said. "This Wheeling wash tub, probably from the 1940s, came from a barn in Sturgis. It still has the original labels on it." Downey plans to raise the double wash tubs to cabinet level and use them for her kitchen sink.

Other repurposed products include the front door from the house that once stood on the property, which Downey and her son plan to convert into a sliding barn door for the bathroom. Op-



Susan Brown is fascinated with the so-called "tiny house" trend and knew that around 600 square feet would give her plenty of space for a bedroom, bathroom and adequate kitchen and living space. The photo at bottom shows a peek inside the home.

Brown downsizing to 670 square feet

Susan Brown jokes that her life is being reduced to the size of four horse stalls.

It's how the lifelong equine enthusiast began to visualize the size of her tiny house that is under construction on her rural Crittenden County farm.

"In my 30s I started showing horses and mucked 12x12 stalls two times a day, so when my house was roughed in, I looked at the living space and thought, 'I'm going to be living in the equivalent of four horse stalls,'" Brown says with a laugh.

Brown and her late husband Micky had planned to build a new house but postponed it after he was diagnosed with cancer. In the months prior to his death, he encouraged and prepared her for the decisions she would have to make.

"He really prepared me," said Brown, who found her 670-square foot house plan online and enlisted contractor Alan Holeman to help tweak the plan to best meet her needs.

"I looked at some houses in

town, but my ponies are here, and I ride at least three days a week, and this is where Micky and I lived and raised the boys, so I decided to build here," she said.

Located just a short walk from her barn and in front of a pond, Brown wanted a house plan that resembled a farmhouse in order to fit into the landscape.

She is fascinated with the tiny house trend and knew that around 600 square feet would be plenty to give her a bedroom, bathroom and adequate kitchen and living space.

Appliances, trim, a kitchen backsplash and minor details are all that are left on the punch list before Brown can relocate. No need for a moving truck since the house is being built just a few steps from the place where she and Micky raised their now-adult sons.

Lots of light filters into her kitchen, which is separated from the main living space by a half wall. Bright white interior doors and trim contrast three light hues of green throughout the house and make the small space bright and cheerful. An almost constant breeze also blows right through open front and back

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Frozen pipes can be costly winter oversight

METRO SERVICES

Freezing pipes are a concern for homeowners who live in cold climates. When temperatures dip below freezing, the risk that pipes will freeze rises. Should a pipe burst, the damage that results can be extensive and costly.

Any pipe can freeze, but those that are directly exposed to the cold are the most vulnerable. These include pipes that feed outdoor hoses, swimming pool supply lines, pipes in unheated indoor rooms (i.e., basements or garages), and any pipes that run close to the outdoors through uninsulated walls. Water expands as it freezes, and that expansion can place pressure on whatever is trying to contain it—including pipes.

To avoid serious damage, homeowners need to prepare for the arrival of colder weather and be smart about how they protect pipes.

- Drain water from swimming pools and water sprinkler supply lines prior to the onset of cold weather. Drain water before freezing temperatures arrive, and don't forget to drain outdoor garden hoses and store them inside after watering season has come and gone.

- Close indoor water valves that feed outdoor spigots/bibs. Open the spigot outside to allow water to drain out. Keep the outside valve open so that



any water that has accumulated will continue to drain and expand outward without damaging the pipe. An insulated bib dome also can help prevent frozen pipes.

- Open cabinet doors to allow heat to reach pipes inside of cabinets. Keep the doors open to spaces that may not be heated or insulated as well as other areas of the home so that heat can find its way inside. Consider wrapping these pipes with an insulating material as well, such as heat tape or pipe sleeves.

- Maintain a consistent thermostat temperature. Ensure the temperature inside your home does not drop below 55 degrees; otherwise, problems can arise. Use a programmable thermostat to keep the house comfortable even when you are not home. Individuals who are traveling

should set the thermostat so that it will keep the home at the recommended temperature to avoid frozen pipes.

- Open one faucet. When it is very cold outside, particularly at night, let water slowly drip from one faucet to prevent freezing. Choose the sink that is furthest from where water enters the house so water is flowing through all of the pipes to reach that faucet.

- Increase insulation around where pipes enter the house. Use insulating foam to seal any drafts where pipes enter the house from the outdoors.

Frozen pipes cannot always be avoided. Therefore, it is important that everyone in the household knows how to shut off the main water valve in the event a pipe bursts. This can prevent expensive damage to a home.

Driveway repairs not always costly

METRO SERVICES

Though they are often easy to overlook, driveways are durable parts of a home that can greatly impact a home's curb appeal. Driveways endure quite a bit of wear and tear over their lifespans, and homeowners who have not given their driveways much thought may want to start looking for potential trouble signs that indicate a need for some driveway maintenance.

According to HomeAdvisor.com, the average cost of a driveway installation in 2015 was just under \$3,700. Those costs are influenced by a host of factors, including the size of the driveway and the material it's made of. Damaged driveways do not necessarily need to be replaced, as some may just need minor repairs. But homeowners who see any of the following trouble signs in their driveways may want to consult a professional contractor to determine what their next steps should be.

Potholes

Potholes might be most often associated with heavily

trafficked roadways, but even driveways are susceptible to potholes. As the ground beneath the driveway expands and contracts, the pavement above that ground weakens and becomes more susceptible to damage. That damage may ultimately lead to large chunks of the driveway breaking down, creating holes as a result. Homeowners who live in areas that experience heavy snowfall may see their driveways develop potholes after they are shoveled or plowed. Potholes that are not fixed may damage vehicles that drive on the pavement, and potholes may even expand over time.

Accumulation of water

Puddles that form during a rainstorm may not be indicative of anything other than a rainy day. But water that pools or runs down the middle of the driveway may indicate drainage problems. Such problems may be the result of structural problems with the slope of the driveway, which can cause bigger issues down the road. When water is not

absorbed into the ground or directed away from your home, it can then flow into the house, potentially making your garage or home susceptible to water damage.

Cracks

Cracking is one of the more noticeable issues that can plague driveways. Many driveways experience cracking as materials inevitably succumb to the elements. Driveway cracks may develop for various reasons, including poor initial installation. Tree roots that grow beneath the driveway surface may also contribute to cracking as the driveways ultimately succumb to the pressure created by the growing roots. Some cracks may prove less problematic than others, but homeowners should still speak with a contractor if they notice their driveway is starting to succumb to cracks.

Driveways may not draw the attention of homeowners too often, but damaged driveways that go ignored may ultimately lead to very costly problems.



Patty Downey shows off the early makings of what will be her kitchen sink inside the small carriage house she is creating as new living quarters.

DOWNEY

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posite the bathroom will be one bedroom with a similar sliding barn door which she hopes will increase the feel of a converted horse barn. Downey's 600-square-

foot carriage house seems surprisingly spacious thanks in part to the pitched ceiling and open floor plan. Only the kitchen and bathroom will have drop ceilings – ideal for attic-like storage accessible by a barn-like ladder to the loft. Otherwise, the structure will feature exposed beams

and visible tin ceilings above the trusses.

With plumbing and electric nearly complete, Downey is ready to move forward with installing the tin and barn wood before adding more accents to compliment the overall theme of the home.



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Heating costs likely up in 2016-17

THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

For the purposes of this outlook, the U.S. Energy Information Association (EIA) considers the winter season to run from October through March. The average household winter heating fuel expenditures re a broad guide to changes compared with recent winters. Fuel expenditures for individual households are highly dependent on the size and energy efficiency of individual homes and their heating equipment, along with thermostat settings, local weather conditions and market size.

Temperatures this winter, based on the most recent forecast of heating degree days (from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), are expected to be much colder than last winter east of the Rocky Mountains, with the South 18 percent colder. Despite the expectation of colder temperatures compared with last winter, temperatures in the eastern United States are expected to be about 3 percent warmer than the average of the five winters preceding last winter, as temperatures last winter were much warmer than normal in those areas.

However, recent winters provide a reminder that weather can be unpredictable.

Natural gas

Nearly half of all U.S. households heat primarily with natural gas. EIA expects households heating primarily with natural gas to spend \$116 (22 percent) more this winter compared with last winter. However, forecast average expenditures of households heating with natural gas this winter will be comparable to those in the five winters prior to last winter. The increase in forecast expenditures compared with last winter is driven by comparatively similar in-

creases in price and consumption. Residential natural gas prices are forecast to average \$10.37 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf), 11 percent higher than last winter. Prices at this level would be the highest since the winter of 2010-11. Consumption is forecast to be 10 percent higher than last winter.

EIA projects natural gas inventories will total 3,966 billion cubic feet (Bcf) at the end of October, which would be near a record high going into the heating season. Last winter's warm weather left natural gas inventories at record high levels in April, the beginning of the refill season. Injections for most weeks over the summer were lower than the five-year (2011-15) average rate. Under the base case winter forecast, EIA expects inventories to end the winter at 1,896 Bcf. In the event of a colder-than-forecast winter, high stock levels should help moderate price volatility.

Electricity

Households heating primarily with electricity are forecast to spend an average of \$49 (5 percent) more this winter, as a result of 5 percent higher consumption, including both heating and non-heating uses of electricity, and about 1 percent higher residential electricity prices than last winter. Among U.S. households, 39 percent rely on electricity as their primary heating source, ranging from 63 percent in the South to 15 percent in the Northeast.

In a 10-percent-colder-weather scenario, projected electricity expenditures are \$81 (9 percent) higher than last winter, as consumption would be expected to be 9 percent higher. Residential electricity prices would not rise immediately, but the effect of colder temperatures would pass through to retail electricity rates over the succeeding months of 2017.

Propane

Nearly 5 percent of all U.S. households heat primarily with propane. EIA expects these households to spend less on heating this winter than in eight out of the past 10 winters, but more than last winter, when both heating demand and propane prices were low.

The projected increase in expenditures from last winter varies by region. EIA expects that households heating with propane in the Midwest will spend an average of \$290 (30 percent) more this winter than last winter, reflecting prices that are about 14 percent higher and consumption that is 13 percent higher than last winter. Households in the Northeast are expected to spend an average of \$346 (21 percent) more this winter, with average prices that are about 7 percent higher and consumption that is 13 percent higher than last winter. However, average propane expenditures across the two regions are 18 percent below average expenditures from the five winters prior to last winter.

Propane inventories, which were at record-high levels throughout last winter, are going into this heating season

at even higher levels. U.S. inventories of propane reached 104.0 million barrels as of Sept. 30, almost 4 million barrels (4 percent) higher than at the same time last year. Last winter, inventories of propane were drawn down by 33.8 million barrels during the heating season (October-March).

An inventory draw of 40.6 million barrels is expected this winter. The projected draw would leave inventories 32 percent above the previous five-year average at the end of the heating season in March. Inventories on the Gulf Coast have been the main contributor to the record-high storage levels, with propane inventories in that region 55 percent above the previous five-year average as of Sept. 30.

Wood

The number of households using cord wood or wood pellets as the primary residential space heating fuel has increased by 26 percent since 2005, to about 2.5 million households in 2015. About 8 percent of households use wood as a secondary source of heat, making wood second only to electricity as a supplemental heating fuel.

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Tackle wardrobes over winter

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Cooler weather keeps many people indoors. Although this may cause a bit of cabin fever, time spent inside gives people a chance to tackle some much-needed organization projects without the distractions of outdoor activities.

One task to tackle as winter settles in is sorting through wardrobes and making room for new clothes, as extra clothing can quickly take over a home. In fact, according to the National Association of Professional Organizers, too much clutter, general disorganization and difficulty determining what to keep and/or discard are the primary reasons individuals reach out to professional organizers. If clearing away closet clutter is on the top of your winter to-do list, consider the following tips.

- Know what you have. It's easier to determine what you can keep and what you can donate or discard when you have an idea of what's in your closet. Take all of your clothes out of closets and drawers and place them on the bed or floor.

- Clean the closets thoroughly. The closet organization company Closets by Design suggests a yearly and thorough cleaning of closets. This includes dusting shelving and vacuuming the floor of the closet. You can do the same with armoires and dresser drawers.

- Take inventory of your clothing. Create three main sorting piles. Label one "keep," another "donate" and the third one "sell." As you look at your clothing, keep only those items that fit you well and suit both your tastes and your lifestyle. If a piece is high-quality and worth the cost of repair, bring it to a tailor or make the modifications yourself. Let go of items you never wear or those you bought on a whim because you wanted to try something trendy. In addition, figure out which type of clothing best suits your lifestyle. If you have 10 pairs of yoga pants but never hit the gym, you can thin out that collection.

- Immediately bag donation items. Move items you will be donating out of the room. Place them by the front door and make a plan to drop



them off at a thrift store or in a nearby clothing bin.

- Don't overlook sales opportunities. An easy way to make a little extra money is to sell used belongings at consignment stores. Such stores are popular in towns all across the country as more people attempt to conserve and cut back on their spending. Consignment shops typically do most of the work, including marketing the items, which can be less hectic and safer than selling things on your own. Only bring in items that are clean and in good condition. Opt to

have clothing donated after the consignment period is over if items haven't sold so they don't end up back in your closet.

- Group remaining "keep" clothes in the closet by category. Organize the clothing you keep by color or style (i.e., casual, formal, exercise, etc.). Arrange the clothes in a way that makes most sense to you.

- Consider moving off-season clothes. Sturdy storage containers and bags can be used to keep off-season clothing out of the closet until it's needed. This frees up more space.

Winter doesn't have to mean end to outdoor entertaining

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Outdoor entertaining has never been more popular. As more and more homeowners turn their homes into their own personal oases, extending the party outdoors has become a bigger priority.

While outdoor entertaining was once relegated to the warm weather seasons, advancements in technology have now made it more comfortable and enjoyable to entertain outdoors for much of the year. But hosts who want to extend the outdoor party after summer has come and gone should consider a few important entertaining tips.

- Start the party early. Summertime backyard barbecues and pool parties benefit from late-evening sunsets that illuminate patios and pool areas well into the evening. However, start the party earlier in the day when hosting in fall or early winter. Temperatures can drop considerably once the sun begins to set, so starting early can save hosts and their guests from cold air.

- Heat things up. Summertime hosts might employ canopies to protect themselves and their guests from

the heat, and it's important for hosts to take similar steps when the weather is chillier. The American Home Furnishings Alliance's 2015 Outdoor Furniture Trend Report report found that 38 percent of homeowners intended to purchase fire pits for their outdoor entertaining areas, and such fire pits can keep guests warm as the sun goes down and the night air gets chilly. Fire pits have become must-have items for outdoor entertaining areas, and hosts can surely find one that suits their needs.

- Change the menu. Grilling hot dogs and hamburgers might still work when entertaining outdoors in fall and winter, but hosts may want to stray from other summertime fare like watermelon or pasta salad. Embrace the cold weather by roasting some nuts and making s'mores over an open fire. In lieu of summertime beverages like lemonade and beer, serve hot chocolate or wine to keep guests warm.

- Ensure there is adequate lighting. Mother Nature won't offer much lighting when you host a party outdoors in late fall and early winter, so make sure your patios are well lit.

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HOW DO WE KNOW?

Home Improvements

When faced with a choice, many homeowners decide to improve their homes, rather than move. They modernize the kitchen, replace the roof, finish the basement, add a bathroom, or make their homes more energy efficient. The American Housing Survey (AHS), jointly administered by the Census Bureau and the Department of Housing

and Urban Development, tracks home improvements as well as a variety of other housing topics. According to the AHS, "home improvements" exclude "routine maintenance," which is defined as regular maintenance activities necessary for the preventive care of the structure, property, and fixed equipment items.

Well Over Half Made Improvements

76.1 Million Total Owner-Occupied Housing Units

43.7 Million Homeowners Made Improvements (57%)

Almost 1 in 4 of Those Made Energy Efficiency Improvements

10.4 Million Made Energy Efficiency Improvements (24%)

Disaster Repairs

Number of Occupied Housing Units

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Flood 229,000

Homeowners Spent \$359 Billion (During 2009-2011)

Owners spent a median of \$3,200 on improvements to their homes. Shown below are the median expenditures for selected projects.

Roofing \$4,559

Top Improvements Made to Units Of the 43.7 million owner-occupied units with improvements

Appliances/Major Equipment 35%

Flooring/Paneling/Ceiling 32%

Windows and Doors 20%

Bedrooms \$2,500

Bathroom Remodels \$2,432

Doors/Windows \$1,200

Kitchen Remodels \$5,000

Patio/Terrace/Detached Deck \$2,000

Recreation Rooms \$3,000

Flooring/Paneling/Ceiling \$1,200

HVAC \$3,600

Many Projects Are Done by Homeowners

44 Million of 119 Million Projects

Professionals 63%

Do-it-Yourselfers 37%

Improvements Varied Widely in Cost

Total Expenditures	Number of Projects
Roofing \$43.7 Billion	7.5 Million
Kitchen Remodels \$35.7 Billion	3.7 Million
HVAC \$34.0 Billion	9.8 Million
Flooring/Paneling/Ceiling \$33.2 Billion	18.8 Million
Windows/Doors \$24.1 Billion	8.9 Million
Bathroom Remodels \$23.1 Billion	5.0 Million
Patio/Terrace/Detached Deck \$13.4 Billion	3.5 Million
Recreation Room \$3.5 Billion	1.5 Million

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2011 American Housing Survey.

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Curled shingles are just one of several signs of roof failure

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Cold weather can be tough on a home, and perhaps no part of a home is more vulnerable to harsh winter weather than its roof.

Fallen snow can equate to several pounds of pressure placed on a residential roof. Roofs do not often collapse under heavy snowfall. But adverse winter weather conditions can compromise roofs in other ways. Water leakage and damage to the roof's interior are just two of the potentially problematic issues that can arise when roofs are battered by cold, blustery weather. That's why many home improvement specialists advise homeowners to conduct roof inspections prior to the start of winter.

Many homeowners can conduct their own cursory roof inspections, but they may not know exactly what to look for. The National Roofing Contractors Association

says that there are certain key areas to inspect that may reveal some telltale signs of roof damage.

Curled, cracked or missing shingles may prove troublesome. In-clement weather can test the strength of even the most durable roofs. Even though many roofs are designed to last up to 30 years, some may need to be replaced early, particularly when they have been exposed to harsh weather over a period of years. Individual shingles can be replaced as spot treatments, but if the damage is widespread, a new roof may be necessary.

Attic leaks or water elsewhere might signal issues with the roof. Figure out if water inside the home is coming from the roof. Water stains do not always indicate problems with the roofing, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

Look for protective granules wearing off. If gutters are filled with the sandy granular material that coats roofing shingles, that may be a sign of an aging or damaged roof.

Inspect flashing. Professional roofers can recognize properly installed flashing, the material that connects the roof to other parts of the house that adjoin the roof, like skylights or chimneys. Poorly installed flashing can cause leaks. Stains that appear below chimneys or near attic windows may indicate new flashing, and not new shingles, is needed.

Gutters and downspouts should be in good condition. A roof is the sum of its parts, and that includes downspouts and gutters. If the gutters are clogged or damaged, they cannot direct water away from the house properly. Snow, leaves and other debris need to be cleared from gutters to help them function at optimal capacity.

Animals and insects can cause damage, too. It's not just poor weather that homeowners need to consider with regard to roof damage. Boring insects and animals may cause problems with roofs as well. A roof inspection may shed light on potential pest problems. Holes or nesting materials may indicate that an animal or animals are using the attic as a shelter from the elements.

Get to the root of issues with your home's roof before they become bigger problems once winter arrives. A thorough inspection can reveal problems that may prove costly if ignored.



Susan Brown's 670-square-foot home is nearing completion.

BROWN

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doors – just like a horse barn, Brown says – since the house is positioned east to west.

Just inside the back door, which opens from an attached carport, Brown's hallway is flanked by a coat closet and a laundry closet accommodating a stackable washer and dryer. Adjacent to the coat closet, Holeman is constructing a pantry along with a bench with hooks above and cubbies below for additional storage.

Brown is cutting her living space – and therefore, her furniture needs – in half, so deciding what to keep has required a priority list. Brown loves antiques and has several special pieces of furniture that belonged to her family, so those have been her first consideration.

"It's been 11 months since Micky died, and it's hard to get rid of stuff," she said. "There are so many sentimental pieces so it has been difficult to get motivated."

One thing that will definitely be making the move is

a rocking chair that belonged to her late father-in-law Buster Brown when he owned a general store in Mattoon.

"I wanted to use more from the old house, such as the hardwood floor, but it would have been impossible to live in the old house and do that," Brown says.

She is going to recycle the front door to her old house, using it as the door to what she refers to as her mechanical room, which houses her air return and hot water heater on the carport.

"Micky really did prepare me for the delays and the cost because he worked in construction all of his life. But everything I'm putting in the house has a purpose, the colors and the furniture, and I have lowered the kitchen cabinets four inches for this short lady," she said, pointing to herself, "and I told Alan I didn't want cabinets above the refrigerator, because I couldn't reach them anyway."

Soon the decision-making process will be behind her and the construction reduced to a memory she can share with friends on her porch swing.

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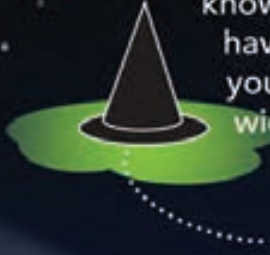
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Just like more modern home heating systems, stoves and fireplaces need to be maintained, and that maintenance includes readying them before winter when they are used more heavily. Ensuring a fireplace or stove is in good working order helps to guarantee efficiency of use and safety during the winter months.

Open-flame heating sources carry with them certain risks. The National Fire Protection Association states that, between 2009-2013, American fire departments responded to 56,000 home structure fires that involved heating equipment. The NFPA notes that the leading factor contributing to home-heating fires is a failure to keep things clean, principally from solid-fueled heating equipment.

The following are a handful of ways to stay safe as you get ready for another cozy season around the fire.

- Start with the chimney. Begin by having your chimney thoroughly cleaned and inspected. Creosote can build up inside of the chimney. Creosote is highly flammable and becomes more difficult and expensive to clean the longer it builds up inside your flue lining. In addition, animals may have created nest inside of the chimney since the last time the fireplace was used. A professional chimney sweep should be hired in this situation. He or she will be able to effectively clean the chimney in a manner that is the least messy and disruptive to residents.
- Install or check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Operational alarms are essential to preventing injury or death resulting from smoke or carbon monoxide inhalation. Such detectors are inexpensive safeguards that should be installed on every floor of the house. Batteries should be replaced every six months, and the alarms themselves should be changed every five to 10 years.
- Inspect the chimney from outdoors as well. Inspect the mortar around any bricks in the chimney and surrounding areas for cracks. If left unaddressed, these can cause dangerous fires. If there are serious cracks, a professional may need to make repairs or the chimney may need to be replaced. You also can have the



chimney capped with a screen to keep animals and debris from entering.

- Inspect the damper. A damper is a valve or plate that stops or regulates the flow of air inside a chimney. It should be checked prior to the first use of a stove or fireplace so homeowners can be certain it opens and closes smoothly.
- Clear out flammable items. Move flammable items away from the front of a fireplace or stove. Be sure curtains or other home furnishings are far enough away that they will not catch fire from any errant sparks or flames.
- Order wood now. Be sure there is plenty of wood for the season. Ask a wood supplier to estimate just how much will be needed, and double-check that the wood will arrive in time for the start of the season.

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Homes are the most expensive purchases many people will ever make. While home ownership can be rewarding, first-time homeowners may experience some sticker shock when shopping for homes and calculating their potential mortgage costs. But as expensive as home ownership can be, there are ways for homeowners to pay off their mortgages

long before those loans reach maturity.

- Pay extra each month. Factors like home value, property tax and your mortgage loan interest rate determine how much your monthly mortgage payment will be. But there's still room to save. According to the Chase extra payments calculator, homeowners who borrow \$200,000 (after making an initial 20 percent down payment of

\$50,000 on a home valued at \$250,000) at 4 percent interest and pay \$4,000 annually in property taxes and homeowner's insurance can save more than \$26,000 in interest over the life of the loan by paying as little as \$100 extra per month. In addition, including an additional \$100 each month will trim 59 months, or just about five years, off the life of your loan.

- Stop paying PMI. If your

initial down payment was less than 20 percent of the value of your home at the time you purchased it, then you were likely required to pay private mortgage insurance, or PMI. PMI may be costing you a couple hundred dollars per month, but once your mortgage balance falls below 80 percent of your home's appraised value, you can ask your lender to stop charging PMI. While it might be nice to

pocket those PMI costs for a rainy day, continue paying that money each month so you can shorten the life of your loan.

- Have your home reassessed. While homeowners would like to think the value of their homes is always on the rise, some homes decrease in value over time. If your home is reassessed at a lesser value, your property taxes will decrease. Put the

money you're saving on property taxes toward your monthly mortgage payment each month.

- Refinance your mortgage. Refinancing to a lower interest rate can lower your monthly mortgage payment, but be sure that the costs to refinance do not exceed the savings you will earn. Apply any money you save from refinancing to your monthly payment.

Inefficient appliances adding to Americans' energy bills

METRO SERVICES

Home improvement projects often involve remodeling. But homeowners can improve their homes without ever picking up a hammer. Upgrading a home's appliances with products that are more eco-friendly can add value to a home and make the home more attractive to buyers who want their homes to look good and pay dividends for the environment.

The United States Department of Energy says the average American family spends about \$2,200 each year for energy costs, and large, inefficient appliances no doubt contribute heavily to those expenditures. Appliances that are several years old, including refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, and even ovens, may no longer meet the stringent energy-saving specifications required of new items. That means such appliances are negatively affecting the environment and their owners' bottom lines.

According to the Energy Star program, a refrigerator that is at least 15 years old may be consuming twice as much energy as a newer Energy Star-rated refrigerator. Even though purchasing new appliances will require a financial commitment, such items may help save money while benefitting the environment at the same time.

Read the label

Familiarize yourself with the "EnergyGuide" label that appears on most appliances. This label gives consumers an idea as to how much it will cost to run the appliance, as well as how much energy the unit uses on average. Use this label to compare the different models you are considering.

Choose appliances that are part of the Energy Star program, which helps consumers find products that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Downgrade

Large appliances tend to consume more energy than small appliances. Scaling down the size of the appliance can reduce energy consumption. Empty nesters may no longer need a refrigerator capable of holding food for a family of four, while those who routinely dine out may find they don't get much use out of their larger refrigerator.

Look for rebate programs

Rebate and recycling programs like those offered by Kenergy Corp. and Kentucky Utilities Co. can help reduce the initial cost of purchasing new appliances. The government may offer tax incentives to those people who purchase a new, energy-efficient models.

Think about the future

Homeowners who do not intend to stay in their homes much longer may find energy efficient appliances make their homes more attractive to prospective buyers.

Energy efficient appliances can reduce homeowners' carbon footprints while also saving them considerable amounts of money over the life of the products.



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