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NEWS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY MONDAY

The registration deadline for those wishing to vote in Kentucky's May 22 primary election is only four days away. Prospective voters must be registered by 4 p.m. Monday in order to cast a ballot.

In Crittenden County, the 2,820 Democrats registered as of March 15 will have only one race to decide, while the 3,368 Republicans will have four races to consider, including judge-executive.

To kick off election season, Perry Newcom, one of two candidates for judge-executive, is this evening (Thursday) hosting the first of five town hall meetings to which he is inviting to all candidates for local office – Republican, Democrat and non-partisan – in order to discuss issues with voters. Tonight's town hall will be at 6 p.m. at Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST FRIDAY

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will host its quarterly Leadership Breakfast beginning at 7 a.m. Friday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center on Industrial Drive. The meal will be sponsored by Edward Jones.

Brandie Ledford, director at Crittenden County Public Library, will provide the program beginning around 7:30 a.m. Ledford became director at the beginning of the year and will speak on how programs and functions of the library benefit the community.

COMING UP...

- **Rosie the Riveter**, a Kentucky Chautauqua performance, will be hosted at 7 p.m. April 28 at Fohs Hall.
- **Crittenden County Chamber High School Prom** is set for May 5 at the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center in Paducah.
- **Crittenden County High School graduation** will be May 25 at Rocket Arena.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will convene for its regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse.
- **Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees** will convene for its regular meeting at 5 p.m. next Thursday in the library meeting room.



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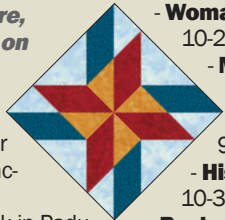
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Friendship quilt's story quite a yarn

2018 Backroads Festival

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Held each year in conjunction with QuiltWeek in Paducah, the Amish Tour & Backroads Festival draws hundreds of visitors to Crittenden County as part of a week of activities centered around the AQS Quilt Show.



- **Woman's Club Quilt Show**
10-2 Friday / East Carlisle Street
- **Methodist Church Quilt Show**
10-2 Friday, Saturday / East Carlisle Street
- **Christian Church Quilt Show**
9-4 Friday, Saturday / West Bellville Street
- **Historical Museum Quilt Display**
10-3 Friday, Saturday / East Bellville Street
- **Backroads Quilt Show**
10-3 Saturday / Marion City Hall
- **Crittenden County Public Library Book Sale**
All day, Friday Saturday / West Carlisle Street
- Amish Market & Craft Bazaar
- Self-guided Amish community tours
- Maps and information at Marion Welcome Center
- Prize drawings
- Concessions at Marion Commons
- All events are free

By ALEXA BLACK
STAFF WRITER

The Shady Grove friendship quilt was made in 1951, and has been put to great use ever since.

Crittenden County native Joyce Gardner has preserved it for years, and recalls using the large bedspread throughout her childhood. The colorful quilt has been in her family for decades, but is in great condition despite its use over time.

The names of many families from both Caldwell and Crittenden counties are stitched on the coverlet. But there was a price to have your name or the name of a group sewn onto the quilt.

Each block has a flower on it, and the color pattern of each flower depended on the buyer's choice. It was 25 cents to have a name sewn on the pistil (middle) of the flower, and 10 cents to have a name put on each petal surrounding it. The money raised was for the Shady Grove PTA.

There are reverends named on the quilt, former educators such as Haroldine Cox and veterans Ezra McDowell, Hughie Travis and Cecil Crowell, as well as many other families. PTA group also has its own block, and there is some speculation that

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Grocery changes hands

Conrad's under new local family ownership

STAFF REPORT

With a plan to bring hometown values to the local grocery business, Anthony and B.J. Minton say they are excited and proud to be the new owners of Conrad's Harvest Foods.

The name will change shortly, and the new moniker will say it all.

Starting soon, new signage will reflect the business model the Mintons will employ. The local grocery, which has been under the Conrad's flag for four decades despite changes in ownership, will now become Hometown Foods.

The Mintons officially took ownership of the store on Friday after it was closed on Thursday for a storewide inventory. They purchased the business from Larry Escue, a Louisiana businessman,



CHRIS EVANS/THE PRESS

Anthony and B.J. Minton say their two teenage daughters will be part of the family-owned grocery operation. The Mintons purchased Conrad's Harvest Foods late last week from Larry Escue. The Minton girls are (from left) Brittany and Belle.

who bought it in September of 2016 from Cecil Henry, son of the late Mary Conrad.

Conrad's is one of two groceries in the community, and it has been operated under the

same name since 1978, when the late Richard Conrad came from the wholesale grocery business in St. Louis to purchase Gene's IGA. The store was then located a bit south of its current location on

South Main Street, where the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children offices are located.

In 1989, Conrad's moved to

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BEN DOBYNS/THE PRESS

Crittenden County Athletic Director and track and field coach Angela Starnes was busy last week directing a home meet at Marion-Crittenden County Park. This Saturday, she will be inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame along with some of the greatest sports figures in the commonwealth's history.

Starnes' KHSAA enshrinement Saturday for prep track career

STAFF REPORT

When Angela Starnes is inducted into the Dawahares/Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame on Saturday, it will come largely because of her record-setting high school track career at Todd County Central. However, her contributions as a Crittenden County teacher, coach and

athletic director cannot be overstated.

For nearly three decades, Starnes has been a pillar of consistent, strong inspiration for youth and student-athletes in Marion. Yet, the impetus of these laurels bestowed this weekend in Lexington is derived from a stellar athletic career of her own.

What many people in Crittenden County have never realized is that Mrs. Coach Starnes – as she's affectionately known around Crittenden County Elementary School where she teaches physical education like it's molecular science – has a storied past.

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City looking at \$46,000 gap for new 2019 budget

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

With about 10 weeks remaining before a new municipal spending plan must be approved, Marion City Council will be facing some tough decisions to achieve a balanced budget.

The draft budget is currently \$46,000 in the red, according to City Administrator Adam Ledford, leaving a wide gap that somehow has to be closed. That means that between now and the start of a new fiscal year on July 1, extensive cuts, new revenue or a combination of the two will have to be found.

But the gap in revenue and spending was close to being and even wider chasm before state lawmakers approved some relief to local governments over the weekend.

In the final two days of the 2018 Kentucky General Assembly regular session, the legislature overturned a gubernatorial veto of a measure to phase in a hike to mandated employer contributions to the public employee retirement system. Had that veto override not succeeded, the city would have been facing a divide of more than \$100,000 to equalize expenses with revenue.

House Bill 362 will bump the city's estimated payment, according to a Ken-

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Pension bill does not reduce benefits

An eventful 2018 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly has come to an end. With a flurry of activity, business was concluded Saturday. Much happened in the last few days of the session.

This update, however, will just touch on the three major pieces of legislation upon which most of the focus and associated noise took place: executive budget, revenue bill and public pensions. All three are tied together financially in a big way and all were passed before the veto weeks began which enabled the legislature to have an opportunity to override any vetoes that Gov. Matt Bevin might make.

Senate Bill 151 was the pension reform bill, and it began to move Kentucky's pension systems on a path toward financial stability. This will be a long journey and will not be completed overnight, but without the first step, the journey will never be completed. Actuaries warn that without reforms, the systems will go belly up. If these systems were in the private sector, the federal government would have already taken them over and retirees would be getting pennies on the dollar, not what they are currently getting nor what they were promised. Action had to be taken.

SB 151 makes no changes to retiree pensions for teachers, nor does it change the inviolable contract, the final average salary benefit factor or contri-

bution to fund retiree health. It does limit the impact of sick leave payments on retiree benefits to the amount of sick leave accrued as of Dec. 31 this year, but it does not limit the total amount of sick days a teacher can accrue. School districts still have the option of paying teachers at retirement up to 30 percent of the value of their accrued sick days based on the salary the teacher is earning at retirement, not at the salary the teacher was earning when the sick days were taken. Interestingly, the change in sick leave accrual was also in a proposal

brought forth by teachers' leadership.

SB 151 establishes a cash balance plan for new members and puts those hired on or after Jan. 1, 2019, into the same type of cash balance plan as other public employees. Members who have less than five years of service can choose to roll over their accumulated contributions into the new cash balance plan.

There are no changes to current Kentucky Retirement Systems retirees. Those members presently working cannot use sick leave service credit for purposes of retirement eligibility or to reduce actuarial penalties for retirements after July 1, 2023. SB 151 established an optional defined contribution plan for new non-hazardous members of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System and the County

Employees Retirement System. I cannot overemphasize that other than teachers being no longer allowed to use the lump sum sick day accrual payment at retirement as part of their average income calculation for pension benefits, SB 151 does not reduce benefits for any current public employee. Bevin signed SB 151 into law on April 10, so there was no need to have an override vote.

The General Assembly funded the budget by passing House Bill 366, the revenue bill that is expected to raise nearly half-a-billion dollars in new revenue for the state through 2020 by a combination of income tax changes, expansion of the sales tax to specific services, a 50-cent per pack increase in the state's cigarette tax and a \$1 per tire increase in used tire disposal.

The personal income tax will be lowered to a flat 5 percent for all Kentuckians rather than the current tiered brackets; deductions will be limited to mortgage interest, charitable donations and Social Security income. HB 366 does, however, reduce the amount of pension income that is exempt from \$41,100 to \$31,100 and it removes the \$10 personal credit.

The plan simplifies Kentucky's tax system and takes Kentucky's tax climate from 33rd in the country to 18th. The Governor vetoed HB 366 on April 9 and the General Assembly voted to override the veto on April 13. I did not like all that was in HB 366, but I voted to override the veto for two major reasons:

- Kentucky's constitution requires the General Assembly to

pass a balanced budget every two years, but before a budget can be set, revenue must be generated. Without a revenue bill the legislature would fail its constitutional duty.

- Our current tax code is antiquated and must be revised to address the reality of the times in which we live. I believe that the income tax should be totally eliminated and replaced with a broad sales tax. HB 366 finally moves us in that direction.

HB 200 is the legislation that set the executive budget. HB 200 fully funds the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System and the Kentucky Retirement System, which includes the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, the County Employees Retirement System and the State Police Retirement System. It puts more than \$3.4 billion over the biennium from General Funds into these systems. All pension plans, except for the legislative plan, are fully funded. In fact, HB 200 does not put any money at all into the Legislators' Retirement System.

This General Assembly was committed to addressing the poor financial shape into which Kentucky has slipped over the last few decades and chose to do this in ways that were different than the Governor's plan. Among many things, HB 200 provides \$4,000 per pupil – the highest in history – to SEEK funding per biennium, restores school transportation funding, allocates \$11.5 million per year for cancer screening and research and more than \$8 million for public libraries. HB 200 provides an additional \$31 million each year for colleges and

universities performance based funding, restores \$48.9 million in each fiscal year for the Family Resource and Youth Services Centers, \$84.4 million in each fiscal year for the preschool program and allocates an additional \$11 million each year to increase social workers' salaries.

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This was not a budget strictly for pensions and education; it contains funding for many programs and initiatives critical to every single Kentuckian. I'm proud that it spreads the state's dollars – our dollars, yours and mine – to our most crucial areas. I'm confident that this budget sets Kentucky on the right track to prosperity and long-term financial health. Our future is bright, and we have much to be proud of as Kentuckians.

It is an honor to represent you in Frankfort. As long as I have the privilege to serve, I will continue to do what I have done since the day I was first elected. I will vote for what you, the citizens of the 4th District have asked me to do: represent you fairly and do all that I can to make the district and the Commonwealth a better place to live and work.

I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at LRC.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Budget, tax reform not good for Kentuckians

Legislators returned to Frankfort on Friday and Saturday for the final two days of session – and we were not alone. Teachers and retirees were back at the Capitol, dressed in their red shirts, rallying for public education.

This session, as with all my sessions in Frankfort, I was a strong advocate for our public schools and for all those in education who have dedicated their careers and lives to our students. I stood with teachers and retirees as they fought for their pension benefits. I supported funding for transportation, SEEK and other fundamental needs. And, I applauded their participation in the democratic process as they continued to come to Frankfort to have their voices heard. On Friday, in particular, they came from all regions of the state – in great numbers.

Sadly, the Governor used this occasion to spew his latest insult to teachers. In previous weeks, he has referred to them as thugs, ignorant, selfish, unsophisticated, and the list goes on. Still, I was greatly dismayed – and frankly shocked – to hear the latest slurs hurled at our educators. As a caucus, we released a statement condemning his demeaning and degrading accusations, insinuating that Kentucky teachers were somehow responsible for child sexual assault, drug addiction and neglect. The Governor's comments were unfitting for anyone

who holds the title of Governor of Kentucky.

On Sunday, he offered what he called an apology: "I know a tremendous number of people didn't fully appreciate what I was communicating." I am one of those people, and that simply is not good enough. The Governor needs to extend a sincere apology that shows some regret for the comments he made. But to do that, he would have to sincerely regret his comments. It does not appear that he does.

Meanwhile on the Senate floor, we took votes to override the Governor's vetoes to the revenue package and two-year budget. I voted against the overrides to both because neither is good for Kentucky.

I voted no to the tax bill, House Bill 366, when it initially passed, and I voted no to the override on Friday for the same reasons. It was a bad proposal then, and it is a bad proposal now. This bill was hammered out in secret with no public hearings and no input from the Democratic legislators or stakeholders. The tax plan creates a flat 5 percent rate for personal and corporate income taxes, expands the 6 percent sales tax to some services and increases the cigarette tax 50 cents to \$1.10 per pack. It is a regressive tax that disproportionately affects working families and people on fixed incomes. According to a Herald Leader report, if you make less than \$175,000 a year, your taxes are going up. And, the cigarette tax depends

on a revenue stream that will likely decrease with a reduction in the use of tobacco products.

Even though the Governor has repeatedly said that, "We have to stop kicking the can down the road," that is exactly what this bill does. It robs Peter to pay Paul by taking millions out of the employees' Health Fund. This budget is balanced on the backs of working Kentucky taxpayers, retirees and people who cannot afford additional tax burdens. While taxes are increased on working families, it gives large corporate tax breaks – and not one of those corporations had asked for lower taxes.

The executive budget, known as HB 200, restored many cuts included in the Governor's proposed spending plan. HB 200 will boost base per-pupil funding for K-12 education to \$4,000 per student in each fiscal year, but that is still 16 percent below the 2008 funding level, and it provides money for school buses. HB 200 also includes more than \$60 million in new revenue to help implement proposed adoption and foster care reforms and adds additional money for social workers and prosecutors. However, the budget undervalues funding for school safety, higher education, and other needed allocations.

The budget still includes 6.25 percent baseline cuts for most state agencies, but a few agencies are spared. Areas that will avoid cuts include the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Kentucky State Police, adoption and foster care services, social workers and prosecutors. However, we are still eliminating the Early Childhood Development scholarships, the Commission on Women and numerous edu-

County highway garage approved

STAFF REPORT

Funding for a new state highway garage has been approved by the Kentucky General Assembly.

House Bill 201, which funds Kentucky Transportation Cabinet operations, includes \$1.85 million in the coming fiscal year for a new Crittenden County maintenance facility and salt storage. It will be built in Industrial Park North off U.S. 60 East.

Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, and Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, each voted for the measure. At press time, Gov. Matt Bevin had yet to sign the bill into law. If not signed or vetoed, it will become official next Thursday.

restore some money to health departments, child advocacy centers and the Local Government Economic Development Fund Single-County Accounts, which is especially important in the coal counties. However, we will not have an opportunity to override a veto by the Governor.

A bill intended to enhance the penalty for gang recruitment and activities was awarded final passage this week after the Senate passed it by a 21-17 vote and the House concurred with a Senate amendment. HB 169, which will make gang recruitment a felony instead of a misdemeanor for adults, and allow minors involved in such activity to face felony charges in certain cases – was amended to lessen penalties for most juvenile offenders, even if they are being treated as an adult by the courts. I could not support this bill because it is far too broad and may have unintended consequences by wrongly labeling people as gang members, disproportionately affecting African-Americans and Hispanics. Under this bill, the definition of a gang is three people who share at least three characteristics such as a name, colors, geographic area, symbols and identifying hand signals.

The Governor has the power to veto any of those bills sent to him on Friday and Saturday without any override ability from the legislature.

Committee meetings will begin in June and our focus will turn to the 2019 legislative session. Please stay in touch with me during the interim. You can still share your input by calling the LRC message line at (800) 372-7181 or by emailing me at Dorsey.Ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

LETTERS

Former director of CCPL grateful for community

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the present/past members of the board of trustees and Friends of the Library and present/past staff of Crittenden County Public Library, as well as the many patrons who I have gotten to know, worked alongside and served throughout the past 13 years as director.

I have had such great support, and have so enjoyed working with all my staff. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this way, and thank you for the

lovely reception in my honor. It meant so much to me.

Libraries offer both recreational and fundamental services. Author Neil Gaiman once said, "Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one." He is correct.

Whether it's settling an argument among friends or finding that crucial bit of information for a school assignment due tomorrow, the employees at the Crittenden County Public Library are there, waiting to help.

Again, thank you, as a member of the community, for your graciousness, and for providing quality library service to all the citizens of Crittenden County.

Regina Merrick
Marion, Ky.

BUDGET

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tucky League of Cities study, to \$184,165 for the coming fiscal year. That's an increase of almost \$20,000 to the current year's payment. But had action not been taken over the weekend, the additional hit would have been more than \$76,000.

The legislation caps the year-over-year increase in employer contributions at 12 percent per year for no more than 10 years, moving the rate to 21.48 percent of salaries for Fiscal Year 2019. Before the measure, Kentucky cities were looking at a rate of 28.05 percent, about 50 percent more than what they are paying now.

Combined, cities in the commonwealth would have been

spending \$63 million more on retirement than what all spend on streets and roads in a year. It would have more than what all cities spend on fire and EMS services.

But the move simply delays the pain, said Ledford.

He is expecting an increase in employee health insurance premiums of more than \$12,000 in addition to the \$20,000 increase in retirement payments next year. With the upward trend in insurance rates and mandated climb in pension contributions over the next few years, the decisions for the council will only get tougher.

"You know it's just the beginning of things to come," he warned.

The city's finance committee is scheduled to meet Monday to

continue work on crafting the new budget.

Country Club Drive signs

By the close of the month, motorists could notice signs indicating the new restriction to traffic on Country Club Drive.

Ledford said signage should be in possession next week that indicates the new ordinance prohibiting through-commercial traffic on the crumbling street. Signs will be place on U.S. 60 West at the junction with Country Club Drive and on U.S. 641 at the junction with Industrial Drive, which connects to Country Club Drive.

The city administrator said large digital signs on loan from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will also be placed for a few days to help underscore the change.

Irvan named new CCHS principal

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School's next principal brings more than a decade of educational experience with her, most recently as the school's assistant principal under Curtis Brown. Last week, Amanda Irvan was named principal at CCHS for the 2018-19 school year, replacing Brown, who is retiring after four years at the helm.

Irvan began her career as an aide at Marshall County's Second Chance School before transitioning to Trigg County as an Eng-



Irvan

Hicks new CCMS secretary

STAFF REPORT

Heidi Hicks will be the new secretary at Crittenden County Middle School.

Hicks currently is an instructional aide at the middle school, leading technology instruction for all grade levels. Hicks has



Hicks

been with CCMS for more than six years, and she also assists in classrooms and helps with student events and supervision.

She will assume her new role on July 1, replacing Anne Laughlin who retired earlier this year.

Based Decision Making (SBDM) committee, according to a news release from the school district.

"I'm truly blessed to be a part of the Crittenden County School System and am honored to be chosen as the next school leader at

CCHS," said Irvan. "My vision is for the high school to be student-centered, with personalization and collaborative leadership guiding curriculum and culture."

Irvan said her goals for the new school year include continuing to grow community partnerships with CCHS, allowing students to maximize opportunities for real world experiences and ensuring students are graduating with necessary skills and knowledge for success.

"I strive for CCHS to be a school that students enjoy learning in and parents and community trust to deliver on the promises of excellence that our students deserve," she said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Club hosts judge

Woman's Club of Marion observed Child Abuse Prevention Month at last Thursday's club meeting. Kathy Bechler (left), the club's Home Life Chairman, introduced 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers. Rogers gave an update on children in crisis in Crittenden County and ways to help. The club will hold a Quilt Show Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the club building on East Carlisle Street. In May, they will hold a fundraiser with made to order cakes from four choices for Mother's Day.



ALEXA BLACK/THE PRESS

The Shady Grove Friendship Quilt, owned by Joyce Gardner of Marion, is almost 70 years old and contains the names of 420 individuals from the area stitched onto each of the 21 petals of the flowers in the 20 blocks of the coverlet. The center of each flower also contains individual names as well as those of some area organizations. Below, Joyce Gardner, 11 or 12 at the time of the photo, stands alongside her mother, Myrtle Taylor, around the time her father Hanley purchased the quilt at an auction.

QUILT

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they had involvement in making the quilt, though no one seems to know the complete history of the coverlet.

According to Gardner, many of the people's names on it are deceased, and despite her research on its origin, little information has been found on who actually quilted the piece.

How the quilt was acquired has its own story.

In 1952, Shady Grove hosted a fiddler's contest in its school gym, where many gathered to watch musicians compete and participate in a PTA auction that followed shortly after. Gardner recalls pairing with another pianist and winning second place, but does not consider it much of an accomplishment since she was only one of two who competed.

Funnily enough, Gardner remembers her father, Hanley Taylor, having one

too many drinks before the auction commenced, and when he saw the colorful quilt, it was love at first sight.

"Well, he ended up winning the bid and paid a whole \$25 for that quilt," Gardner said. "Let's just say he was a little drunk at the time; and sure enough, Sheriff Ray Wilson was the one auctioning it off. My father won the bid, but begged his friend to go up and get the quilt for him, out of fear the sheriff would arrest him for his obvious drunkenness."

"I was a kid at the time, but can't help but laugh about it now."

Gardner chuckles when telling the story of her father laying down money like that on a quilt, but believes it was a good purchase in the long run. Considering inflation, her father spending \$25 on the quilt in 1952 would be about \$232 today.

But being brought up in a poor family, she said the family used the quilt often, and it kept them warm on



many cold nights. It was not until decades later when her mother grew older and gave up house-keeping that she passed the friendship quilt down to Joyce and her husband to keep.

Gardner feels the quilt is something that should be preserved for years to come, considering how many locals were possibly involved in the making of it.

EMS talks closer to finding new operator

STAFF REPORT

Three-way talks between Crittenden Fiscal Court, Crittenden Health Systems and what appears to be the lone provider interested in managing the local ambulance service may be closer to reaching a deal.

On Friday, magistrates convened for a special fiscal court meeting with representatives from the CHS Board of Directors and Com-Care Inc. officials. The talks were closed, but discussion centered around the emergency services operator's proposal to run Crittenden EMS.

It appears Com-Care, based in Hartford, Ky., is the only provider still in contention for taking over the service from Baptist Health, who five months ago announced its intention to shed the local EMS after two years due to financial reasons. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the only other suitor, based in middle Tennessee, priced themselves out of consideration.

"Right now, this is the only thing we've got," Newcom said of Com-Care's proposal.

Taxpayers subsidize the local ambulance service through the fiscal court with \$150,000 annually, and for the subsidy to continue, magistrates must sign off on any agreement between CHS and a new provider.

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The fiscal court and CHS board have until the end of May to find new EMS management. Magistrates have asked for a copy of the proposed CHS-Com-Care contract and have also requested from Baptist Health the maintenance records on all four Crittenden EMS vehicles.

The matter is expected to be brought up again at today's (Thursday) regular monthly fiscal court meeting.

Com-Care manages EMS operations in Caldwell, Logan, Todd and Ohio counties in Kentucky and has been in business since 2009.

In other actions:

- Magistrates approved the purchase of a brush guard for the new sheriff's department cruiser. The guard helps protect the truck during any potential collision with deer or other obstacles. The cost is \$1,266 in addition the \$27,541 approved last month for the 2018 Dodge 1500 SSV.

- The fiscal court will renew its health insurance coverage for employees through the Kentucky Association of Counties' plan with Anthem. Rates are up only 2.6 percent, and will cost the county 70 percent of the roughly \$10,500 monthly premiums. Employees are responsible for the remainder.

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2018 Amish & TOUR Backroads FESTIVAL

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Ferry resumes service

STAFF REPORT
The Cave In Rock Ferry resumed regular service Tuesday morning after a second lengthy closure this year.
The ferry had been closed since about noon on April 5 when Ohio River floodwaters covered Ky. 91 North near the 11-mile marker on the approach to the Kentucky Landing. The ferry was also closed for about 30

days during February and March due to floodwaters.
The ferry normally runs seven days a week, opening at 6 a.m. and last departing from the Kentucky shore at 9:50 p.m. The ferry carries about 500 vehicles across the Ohio River in an average day.
The Cave In Rock Ferry is operated by Lonnie Lewis, an independent contractor in Illinois with

joint funding from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Illinois Department of Transportation through a ferry authority. The Kentucky General Assembly just approved another \$402,000 for the service for each of the next two fiscal years.
For more information on the Cave In Rock Ferry got to Facebook.com/CIRFerry.

Comer releases 2017 taxes

STAFF REPORT
First District Congressman James Comer on Tuesday released his 2017 personal income tax return, showing more than a quarter-million dollars in family income. The release fulfills a promise made by the freshman Republican Representative.
“I promised my constituents that I would dis-

close my income taxes because I feel that taxpayers have a right to know where their leaders' income originates, especially when those leaders vote on major tax reform legislation,” said Comer.
He was one of a few members of the entire U.S. Congress to disclose his 2016 personal income taxes.
Comer's 2017 joint tax

return filed with his wife T.J. shows \$252,660 in total income, including \$154,000 in wages, \$12,400 in interest income, \$154,500 in capital gains and \$66,000 in farm losses. He had a total tax liability of \$24,728.
The information can be found on the congressman's official House website.

STARNES

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Starnes – who's maiden name is Payne – remains in the state records books even today. She won seven state titles as a track athlete at Todd Central during the late 1970s and early 1980s. Her 12.20-second 100-meter Class A state championship in 1980 has never been broken.
As a sophomore in 1978, Starnes won the 440-yard dash and anchored the 4x100 relay team to a first-place finish. She followed that up as a junior in 1979 by winning the first of two consecutive state titles in the 400-meter dash and added another victory in the 4x100 relay.
The 1980 state meet saw Starnes win the 200-meter dash in 25.90, repeat as 400-meter champion with a time of 58.30 and set the state record in the 100-meter dash while Todd Central repeated as 1A state runner-up.
Starnes learned her love for running at an early age, and she's still enjoying it today, competing in 5Ks regularly and marathons from time to time. Starnes credits her mother for finding that talent.
“She put me in everything from tap, piano and flute,” said Starnes with a chuckle. “I blew that flute for months and nothing ever came out. Thank goodness we had just rented it.”
When she found track, Starnes said she realized she was good.
“My mom drove me across the county every day to practice. She found my gift and for that I am grateful. Running was a blessing to me and it is to this day.”
Starnes earned a track scholarship to Murray State University where she met her future husband, Al Starnes, who has had quite a remarkable career himself as a football coach. Together they have touched the lives of hundreds of students in Crittenden County and beyond.
Mrs. Coach Starnes

has coached track and field at Crittenden County for the last 27 years and became the school's first female athletic director 15 years ago.
Her track and field program has garnered remarkable respect for a small school. She has twice revived cross country as a sport at CCHS and her harriers qualified for the state meet last fall. Her track and field squads have finished runner-up in the 1st Region twice – in 1997 and 2014. Under her tenure, the school has become a contender in Class A track and field year after year.
“This is all very surreal,” said Starnes, who's taking it all in as her professional career winds down. She will retire at the end of this school year.
Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said Starnes' recognition by the state's athletics hall of fame is clearly warranted.
“When I think of one word that describes Angela it's 'inspiring,’” Clark said. “She is the highest quality of a person you can find and her impact on physical education, track, cross country and as an athletic director will echo for several generations in Crittenden County.”
Clark reiterates what students and teachers across many years have known about her relationship with kids at the elementary school and on her teams.



Clark

“Her students adore her and she's a total team player. She's been a true leader inside and outside the classroom and will be missed by her students, athletes and colleagues,” Clark said.
Crittenden County High School Principal Curtis Brown has a similar opinion of Starnes.
“Crittenden County enjoys a strong reputation for its hosting of district and regional tournaments in every sport, and it's largely because of her,” Brown said, reflecting on her detailed work as an athletic director.
“She stands for excellence, and she stands for integrity,” Brown continued. “And after 27 years, she still has so much passion and energy for her students and athletes that she puts people years younger than her to shame. The thousands of people whose lives she touched will be reminiscing about her time here for years to come.”
Starnes will join a dozen others being enshrined Saturday into the 31st class of inductees in the KHSAA Hall of Fame at the Hilton in downtown Lexington. Among them will be a former pro football player Brian Brohm and pro baseball player Shon Walker. There are only 469 members of the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

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1968 ushers in new postal employees, rates

From the archives of The Crittenden Press come some interesting front page happenings from 50 years ago in January of 1968.

Jan. 4, 1968 Mrs. Anna Shepherd Ends Career As Tolu Postmaster

After serving as postmaster of Tolu for the past 31 years, Mrs. Anna Shepherd has retired, ending a postal career which began Dec. 14, 1936.

Her retirement was made complete as Mrs. Frances Lucas was recently appointed as the new postmaster. Mrs. Lucas received her official appointment Nov. 2, 1967.

A citation from the present Postmaster General, Lawrence F. O'Brien, was awarded Mrs. Shepherd on her retirement date recognizing her for "devotion to duty in course of an honorable career in the United States Postal Service."

During Mrs. Shepherd's 31 years of service, she has not only served as Postmaster, but has rendered man services beyond the call of duty. "Miss Anna," as she is respectfully called by people in the community, has been a friend to all.

She came to Tolu from Marion in 1924 and taught in the school system until her marriage to R. J. Shepherd. She has been active in the Methodist church and always a promoter of civic affairs.

Mrs. Shepherd received her temporary appointment on Dec. 14, 1936 and the official announcement on Feb. 17, 1937. Both came under the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mrs. Shepherd replaced Mrs. Mamie Guess, who had previously filled the position following the death of her husband, Taylor Guess.

According to the National Archives and Records Service, 13 citizens have served as Tolu's postmaster. The

first was Robert W. Foster in 1857, Thomas A. McAmis 1890-1894, Charles J. Bozeman 1894-1897, T. A. McAmis 1897-1905, Herbert J. Myers 1905-1910, Charles E. Thomas 1910-1912, Taylor T. Guess 1912 and 1927, James Harden 1914-15, John T. Woolf 1915-1927, Mrs. Taylor Guess 1931-36, Mrs. Shepherd 1936-1967 and currently Mrs. Lucas.

A brief history of the Tolu Post Office reveals its formation was a unique one. After a flood in the early 1890s washed the Post Office of a small town called Hurricane down the Ohio River, the national government chose what is now



Brenda Underdown
County Historian
Forgotten Passages

known as Tolu to be the future site of a new post office.

Oddly enough, one question did arise – the new site had no name, however, the new site was famous for the sale of the whiskey-base, cure-all drug known as tolu tonic. Needless to say, the name was adopted and Tolu had its first Post Office.

From the initial Post Office to the present, the location changed with the postmaster. When Mrs. Shepherd took the position in 1936, the post office was located next door to its present location. In 1940, Mrs. Shepherd moved the mail center to the front of her residence where it has remained for the entire period. In 1948, Mrs. Shepherd served 450 patrons.

Mrs. Shepherd revealed that the past 31 years saw no drastic changes in the techniques used in the Tolu system, in short they were just quite and peaceful. (The Tolu Post office, later moved to the brick building built by O. B. and Frances Lucas,

was officially closed on Aug. 31, 2011.)

Hardware Company sold To Local Men

Formal announcement is made this week of the purchase of Hill's Hardware Company by Raymond Patmor and Paul Guess.

Operating under a new name, North Court Hardware Company plans by the new owners include redecorating and making extensive changes in the displaying of merchandise. The new owners also plan to add new lines of merchandise to those already offered.

This issue carries a "thank you" message from M. H. and Harold Hill for having been able to serve the citizens of this area for more than 20 years.

Postage Rates Go Up

Increased rates for all classes of mail except parcel post and international mail will go into effect Jan. 7, 1968, Postmaster Ed Runyan reminded postal customers today.

Even with the new rates of six cents for first-class mail and 10 cents for air mail, postal service is still a real bargain. For six cents you can send a letter to any of the 50 states, to any United States territory or possession, to Canada or Mexico or to an American serviceman stationed anywhere in the world.

Another rate change that will affect the general public is the increase from four to six cents for the first two ounces of individual pieces of third-class mail. Unsealed greeting cards may be sent at this rate. The new rate on unsealed greeting cards will not go into effect until Jan. 7, and until then they can be mailed at the old rate of four cents.

January 11, 1969 Two county men injured In Coal Mine Explosion

Harold Hobbs, 40, of Tolu, and James Holloman, 35, of Sheridan, suffered serious eye injuries in an explosion



Monday night at Island Creek Coal Company's Hamilton Mine under construction near Uniontown, Ky.

The accident occurred at about 11:30 p.m., as the men were drilling on a slope at the \$20 million mine being built by the Clementation Company of America. The exact cause of the explosion is unknown at press time. An investigation is underway.

Holloman suffered superficial face cuts and injuries to his right upper leg and Hobbs suffered facial cuts as well as an eye injury.

Because of the eye injuries, both men were listed in serious condition. They were taken to Methodist Hospital at Henderson then to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, where it was decided to fly them to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis because of the delicate nature of the treatment required to remove debris blasted into their eyes.

Press time reports say both men are in serious condition. It is reported Holloman has lost the sight of both eyes and Hobbs one. Other injuries are reported to be more serious than first announced.

Holloman and Hobbs had just gone to work on the midnight shift when the accident occurred.

Several men from this county are employed at the mine. It is to be one of the largest underground coal mines in the world when it opens this spring.

New Lawyer Begins Practice Here

B. M. Westberry, attorney of 113 W. Bellville St., announces the association of J. Wendell Roberts in the practice of law with the firm. Mr. Roberts is formerly of Richmond.

A 1960 graduate of Madison High School in Richmond, he received a bachelor of arts degree at Eastern Kentucky University in 1964. Roberts received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law in May 1966. After a brief period of employment as an attorney with the Kentucky Department of Revenue, he was appointed as law clerk for the Kentucky Court of Appeals and served for one year.

Old Man Winter Making Up for Lost Time

The area did not experience a "White Christmas," but Old Man Winter sure did usher in the New Year in grand style.

New Year's Eve and New Year's day started off the current bad weather, which has been extended through 10 days at this writing. There have been times when the sun was able to break through the overcast skies, but immediately thereafter a new cold front would arrive bringing with it some snow and freezing rain.

Roads have been hazardous throughout the county, although primary roads have, for the most part, been passable. Last Tuesday week was probably the most treacherous due to ice covering



Mrs. Anna Shepherd (left) is shown putting up the mail in January of 1968. She was remembered in 1948 that the Tolu Post office served 450 patrons. Above, Raymond Patmor and Paul Guess were the new owners of North Court Hardware on West Bellville Street in 1968.

all highways and sidewalks.

This past week has seen a continuation of the cold and icy road conditions and school has not resumed in the county system due to the inadvisability of operating the buses for picking up the children.

Presently it is unknown when schools will be able to resume operation. Even students, it is reported, are becoming eager to return to their studies since delays now will necessitate a longer school term running into the hot summer months.

Some teachers are perturbed from a financial standpoint. Their last pay period was Dec. 12, and it is necessary to complete 20 teaching days before the next payday. Already some 28 days have elapsed and only some six days have been taught toward another pay period. The continued recess, due to bad weather, will prolong the period.

1968, now 50 years ago, only seems like yesterday to me. It is hard to believe that time goes by so fast, and things we grew up with our now our past history. (Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com.)

Corn projection low, beans high for '18

STAFF REPORT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the Prospective Plantings report on March 29, showing lower corn and burley tobacco planting intentions, but higher soybean acres in 2018.

Farmers in Kentucky intend to plant 1.28 million acres of corn, 40,000 lower than 2017. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 88 million acres for all purposes in 2018, down 2 percent from last year and 6 percent from 2016.

Soybean acreage in Kentucky was expected to total 2 million acres, up 50,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean planted area for 2018 is estimated at 89 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

"Returns on soybeans continue to be the more attractive option for producers compared to corn," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "Growers typically follow a cropping rotation between soybeans and corn, so planned changes in those acreages aren't drastically different from 2017. If planting intentions follow through, this would be another record high acreage exceeding last year's plantings."

Winter wheat seeded by Kentucky farmers in the fall of 2017 totaled 440,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from previous year. Seeded acreage for the nation was 32.7

million acres, up slightly from 2016.

Farmers in the state intend to harvest 2.1 million acres of all hay, down 80,000 acres from 2017. U.S. farmers intend on harvesting 53.7 million acres of hay in 2018, down slightly from last year. The acreage of all hay harvested during a summer depends to a great measure on temperature and moisture during the growing season.

The next acreage report will be released June 29.

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The Shed is where it all began

First, I want to correct some figures in my last column. I should have said there are 31,101 verses in the Bible, and over 35,000 promises. Sorry.

Now, to why God sent me back to my place of birth.

He wanted the Gospel heard here, as much of it had been ignored.

In the 1920s, my grandmother, Jane Underdown, was a member of the Baptist church. A young school teacher, named Viana came to the county to teach, and was boarding at grandmother's home.

This young lady began to talk to her about how the Bible taught you to live Holy or you will never go to Heaven. Grandmother began to call in neighbors to listen to this wonderful young lady speak these truths they had not before heard. She taught that we must be truly born again, hate all sin, give our lives to bring glory to God and live to help others before we could know and obey Jesus. Then we must ask for God's Holy Spirit to come live in us so we may live holy lives as Heb. 12:14 commands.

She spoke about the only church the Bible speaks of is God's and is called by God's name. She told them that dividing in groups, under many different names was

sin, as Paul taught in 1st Cor. Chapter 3.

My grandmother was raising tobacco and smoking a pipe. She threw down the pipe, destroyed her tobacco crop, took her name off the Baptist roll and started holding church services in the tobacco barn. The responding community finally got enough pennies and nickels together to build a small church in Colon Hollow on Tolu Road. After only two services, two men in the community burned it. All they could get done after that horrible incident, was to build a little brush arbor on the Underdown property called "The Shed."

The rest of her life, grandmother invited ministers to come the last two weeks of July to hold evangelistic services. It was always a great time for me as a child. When I was 14 and a freshman living with my sister in West Frankfort, Ill., making up my bed one morning, God spoke to me so plain that I never got away from it. He said I was to go back home someday and build Him a Church of God.

Grandmother passed away in 1950, and her funeral was in that little Shed that still stands on the Aunt Jane Tabernacle Road.

When I was successful in business, I brought my checkbook and told two men that I would pay cash if they would build a Church of God in Marion. They did not have the same calling, and some years passed, but I did not forget.

To that little Shed I went on May 1, 1960, all alone and honest with God and myself. There, I was truly turned inside out. I changed 180 degrees, turning so against sin and my stupidity for ever letting the devil fool and use me. I arose to my feet dedicating my sin-sick body, my business, car, money, clothes, jewels and home to God.

I began to make plans to once again have summer meetings at the Shed. I began the plan to have a Church for God in Marion. Eventually, after renting a place to hold services – and with a lot of prayer, work and tears – the Church of God was built in God's honor and for the souls of any who would avail themselves to the whole truth of God's word.

God could have sent men here to do this work, but He knew it would have to be one who would love everyone in the county – the saved, lost, rich, poor and educated or not. And, He knew it would have to be one who would have loved ones here for whom she'd give her life. He knew that only God's kind of love would prevail.

•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.

In peace there is growth, rest, happiness

BY FELTY YODER

When Jesus appeared in the midst of His disciples after His resurrection from the dead, He said, "Peace be unto you." (John 20:19).

Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw it is/was the Lord. And He again said to them, "Peace be unto you."

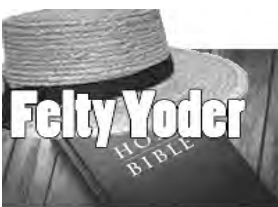
Many years earlier, Isaiah, in writing about Jesus, recognized Him as the Prince of Peace, prophesying of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end. (Isaiah 9:7).

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth." (John 14:27).

There are two kinds of peace. The peace the world gives is born of the flesh. It is a temporary peace built on compromise, politics and flattery. What is born of the flesh, is flesh, and what is born of the spirit is spirit. (John 3:6).

Peace born of the flesh is what Jesus was referring to when He tells us, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword." (Matt. 10:34).

Jesus came to bring a sword against all fleshly man-made peace. Peace without the cross of Christ having slain the enmity is a deception. It simply covers over, and the source of the unrest still lies just



under the surface. The lusts that cause the warring have not been put to death. Sooner or later the problem is likely to arise again.

The peace Jesus came to give is born of the Spirit, not of the flesh. This peace is a fruit of the work of the Spirit. The Spirit came to convict us of sin, and righteousness, and of judgement and lead us into all truth.

The death of Christ has to work where the Spirit reveals to us what is active in our flesh. This is the way to peace which is a fruit of the Spirit, and divine nature. This peace is not disturbed by what the others are doing, or leaving undone. It is not possible to become offended if we understand the truth of the gospel. Great peace have they who love Thy law and nothing shall offend them. (Psalm 119:165)

The Kingdom of God consists not of eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, apart from righteousness there can be no real peace, much less joy.

Jesus is our righteousness.

Where there is peace, there is growth, rest and happiness.

"Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

Hebrew 12:14

(Editor's note: FeltYoder, of the Salem area, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Mark Girten





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2 Peter 3:18
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General Baptist Church
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Dr. Mike Jones, pastor
Early worship service 8:15 a.m.
Life groups/Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Late worship service 10:45 a.m.
Awana 5:45 p.m.

Limitless worship 6 p.m.
Discipleship class 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday nursery, preschool, Centershot & youth 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday prayer service 8:15 p.m.



SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sun. School for all ages: 10 a.m.
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-Matthew 18:20



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224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.
Dee Ann Thompson, pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship Service: 6 p.m.



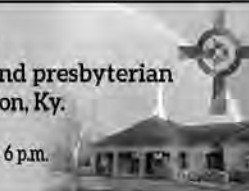
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School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Bible study 6 p.m.
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Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.



Marion United Methodist Church

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.
The People of the United Methodist Church
WED: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.
SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Bro. David COMBS
Worship 10:45 p.m.



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Bro. Selby Coomer, Pastor We invite you to be our guest
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Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m.
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Barnett Chapel General Baptist

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Mike Jacobs, pastor
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Barnett Chapel...where everyone is welcome.

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334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.
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Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.



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Lucy Tedrick, pastor

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
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Tyners Chapel Church

Located on Ky. 855 North
Sunday: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.
Pastor: Charles Tabor



Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.
Bro. Tommy Hodge, pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.



Frances Community Church

Bro. Butch Gray • Bro. A.C. Hodge
Wed. night prayer meeting & youth service: 7 p.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Worship service: 11 a.m.



Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
Bro. John Robertson, Pastor
Sun. School, 10 am. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sun. and Wed. evening services, 6:30 p.m.

K12 Blue Knights defend Cup; Swinford, Smith named MVPs

STAFF REPORT

On Saturday, the Blue Knights hosted the annual Checkmate Cup Chess Tournament at Crittenden County Elementary School, where qualifying schools brought in donations for the Backpack Program as their entry for the tournament. The tournament brought in 50 players from five different schools, all of whom brought food for the program.

The Checkmate Cup is the tournament where the winning team in each section gets the Cup trophy to take back to their school and put their name on it for the rest of the year. The hosting Blue Knights defended two of their titles and tried win the remaining two sections as well.

The K12 team of Skyler James, Lauren Gilchrist, Cole Swinford, Chase Stevens, Dominic Rorer and James Crider was the only team to hang on to the trophy this year. They took an early lead in Round 1 and never looked back. They crushed the other teams with a gap of 6 points between them and second place. Swinford was awarded the Quad A K12 MVP for his overall performance throughout the year.

The K8 team of Gage Russell, Dennon Wilson, Evan McDowell, Trey



SUBMITTED IMAGE

The K12 team of (from left) James Crider, Dominic Rorer, Cole Swinford, Skyler James, Chase Stevens, Lauren Gilchrist and Coach Don Winters retained the Checkmate Cup in competition Saturday in Marion. Swinford was also awarded the Quad A K12 MVP for his overall performance throughout the year.

Swaggirt, Tyler Swaggirt, Abbey Swinford and Isaac Sarles tried to defend their trophy against strong contender Lone Oak Middle School. Lone Oak took the early lead after Round 1 but by a mere 1 point. The Blue Knights came back after Round 2 and tied it up. However, in Round 3, the Blue Knights couldn't close it out and Lone Oak took the trophy back to their school for the year, beating the Blue Knights by 2 points.

The K5 team of Nai'Zayah Bell and Cameron

Hernandez had a great day individually, but with only two team members, they were unable to take the trophy away from defending champ Lone Oak Intermediate.

The K3 team of Wyatt Russell, Zak Smith, Jake Rich, Charlie Ledford, Eli Lovell and Zeke Smith looked for some redemption against Murray Elementary, who won the trophy last year and has given the Blue Knights some fierce competition all year. In Round 1, Murray took a small lead and

never looked back. They finished the tournament with 8 total points and earned the right to keep the trophy for one more year. Zak Smith was awarded the Quad A K3 MVP for his overall performance throughout the year.

This was the last tournament for the Blue Knight this year.

"The team has competed well in every tournament and has proven themselves across the state," said Blue Knights Coach Don Winters.

County offers free dumping, tire amnesty

STAFF REPORT

Twice a year, the county opens its convenience center for a couple of days to allow no-cost disposal of many items dragged from the recesses of garages and attics. The first opportunity this year comes next week, when the convenience center off U.S. 60 East offers free dumping 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 27 and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28.

Waste tires, either on or off the rim, will also be accepted. A grant is allowing the county to expand the free dumping, with the same restrictions as last month's tire amnesty.

Only Crittenden County residents will be allowed to empty their trucks and trailers on either day of the program. But free dump days does not mean everything ready for the scrap heap will qualify for the semi-annual courtesy.

Household trash, tires and or chemicals will not be part of the program. While daily garbage can be dumped, regular charges will apply.

County convenience center rates

Rates	
Single bag	\$2
Two bags.....	\$3
Three bags.....	\$5
Six bags.....	\$10
Cans, barrels.....	\$5
Televisions	\$5
Pickup, short bed (half).....	\$12
Pickup, short bed (full).....	\$18
Pickup, short bed with sides.....	\$27
Pickup, full-size bed (half).....	\$20
Pickup, full-size bed (full).....	\$35
Pickup, full-size bed with sides.....	\$60
10- to 14-foot trailer.....	\$45
15- to 16-foot trailer.....	\$60
Recliners/chairs	\$8
Sofa/loveseat.....	\$12
Bed	\$15
Roofing materials.....	\$100-\$150
Dump truck, 1-axel (half)	\$75
Dump truck, 1-axel (full).....	\$125
Dump truck, 2-axle (half).....	\$125
Dump truck, 2-axle (full).....	\$160

Brush
The county's brush dump on Bridwell Loop is accessible 24/7, but dumping is restricted to natural materials only.

Availability

The center is open to Crittenden County residents from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Saturday. The center is closed Sunday.

Free dump days next week

The county has free dumping days each year in the spring and autumn. The next dump days are **April 27-28**. The center will accept items like furniture, appliances and a variety of other items at no charge. Everyday trash is not included for free. Other restrictions apply.

Recycling

Bins are available for paper, cardboard, glass, steel/aluminum and plastics Nos. 1 and 2. Electronics may be recycled, but there is a fee for disposal. There is also a mobile recycling bin taken to communities in the county.

Location, contact

Located at 1901 U.S. 60 E., Marion, Ky. Call (270) 965-0892.

Solid Waste Coordinator Sue Padget at (270) 965-5251 for further information.

Other common items disposed of may be lumber, plastics and recylcables. Call Crittenden County

tanks and towers for a variety of industrial applications.

"This is a chance to have him home," said B.J., who explains that her husband has missed much of their daughters' growing up because his job has kept him away from home except on weekends.

Their daughters, Britney and Belle, will be part of the grocery store

team. Brittany is in college at the University of Kentucky and Belle is a student at Crittenden County High School.

B.J. is a licensed insurance agent and also has owned and operated for several years a gym on the south side of town called Tumble Extreme.

"We are going to be here to serve the community, and we're looking forward to providing

whatever the people need," she said. "Our goal is to make Crittenden County better."

The store will restore its weekly advertising circular in The Early Bird starting in May.

OBITUARIES

Owen

Sharon Rogers Owen, 54, of Marion died Saturday, April 14, 2018, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

Surviving is a son, Justin Michael Pitre of Princeton; her mother, Ruth Rogers of Marion; sisters Connie Cedotal of Lafayette, La., and Joan Derouran of Houston, Texas; a brother, Cleve Rogers of Westwego, La.; and a grandchild, Dominick Pitre of Alabama.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Lee Pitre Jr.; and her father, Cleveland Rogers.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 19 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial will follow at Dyer Hill Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday from 9 a.m., to the funeral hour in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors.



Owen

Obituary policy

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

There is no charge for use of a photo.

Our policy dictates that obituaries must come from the funeral home, crematory or other service handling funeral arrangements.

Obituaries that appear in the paper are also accessible on the Web for free at The Press Online dating back to 1999. They are updated each month at The-Press.com.

Loveless

Edna Grace (Sholar) Loveless, 95, of Marion, died Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at her home.

She was a lifetime member of Loveless Chapel Pentecostal Church in Salem.

Survivors include 10 children, David (Shirley) Loveless of Benton, Carolyn Leister of Marion, Jeannie (Donnie) Curnel of Marion, Gayla (Calvin) Clark of Princeton, Buddy (Karen) Loveless of Virginia Beach, Va. Deanna (Phil) Tosh of Princeton, Larry (Cindy) Loveless of Sturgis, Loetta (Larry) Walker of Cadiz, Tony (Debbie) Loveless of Lincoln, Neb., and Randy (Mary) Loveless of Marion; and several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, D.C. Loveless; a son Gary H. Loveless; a great-grandson, Jordon Loveless; great-granddaughter Emily Turner; and parents, Rufus Maurice and Roxey Evelyn (Davis) Sholar of Bumpus Mills, Tenn.

Services were Friday, April 13 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial was at Loveless Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Loveless Chapel Cemetery Fund, c/o Thelma Kirk, 2028 U.S. 60 E., Salem, KY 42078.

Holloman

Robert L. Holloman, 81, of Marion died Monday, April 16, 2018, at Baptist Health Paducah.

Survivors include his stepson, George Michael (Cheryl) Combs of Franklin; a sister, Rosie Stark of Florida; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linnie Louise Holloman; parents, William Raymond and Elsie Alice Holloman; and a brother, Bill Holloman.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, April 19 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Frances Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. Thursday until service time at the funeral home.

GROCERY

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where it is today, on the site of the former Ford Motor Co. new car dealership. After Richard Conrad's death, it was managed by his widow, Mary Conrad, who passed away in 2003.

The Mintons say their first move is to restock the shelves, bringing the inventory back up to earlier levels. Then, they have more plans.

"We are going to bring back Bake and Take Pizzas, and we'd like to put in an automatic ice vending machine out front," said B.J. Minton.

They also are thinking about some type of pavilion on the far side of the parking lot where local booster clubs often set up to host fundraising events.

The Mintons are new to the grocery business, although B.J. worked as a checkout clerk at Food Giant as a teenager and at a department store out of state for a time. They are lifelong Crittenden Countians, but Anthony's work has kept him on the road for many years. He is employed by Matrix Services, which builds large storage



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Annual quilt show Saturday

The annual Backroads Quilt Show featuring the work of Crittenden County Homemakers will be Saturday at Marion City Hall, inside the council chambers.

Schools present art, drama acts

Students at Crittenden County middle and high schools will recreate the magic of Hollywood Tuesday as they present ‘An Evening On The Red Carpet.’ The annual arts showcase will have a Hollywood theme and feature student performances in music, art, dance and drama. The events will take place in the multipurpose room and CCMS gym, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Caldwell Springs plans fish fry

Caldwell Springs Volunteer Fire Department will host a Fish Fry from noon-2 p.m., May 19 at the former Frances Elementary School grounds, which now houses the fire department.

The fish fry is \$7/plate, which includes two pieces of fish, beans, French fries and hushpuppies
Proceeds will go toward repairs of the Frances School gymnasium.
For more information contact Beverly Davidson (270) 704-0793

Calendar

- Friends of the Library Meeting 6 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Crittenden County Public Library.
- Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale will be held during the Backroads Festival from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, at the Crittenden County Public Library.
- Pledge to Protect free family night will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Crittenden County Elementary School. Inflatables, face painting, create and paint, a coloring booth and other giveaways will be available for kids. Information will be presented by Court Appointed Special Advocates. A Ready Freddy Kindergarten Readiness parent meeting will be held during the Pledge to Protect Event at Crittenden Elementary at 5:30 p.m., to provide free learning materials and kindergarten information. Ready Freddy the frog will be there to greet children.

Extension

- Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m., Friday at the Extension Office. Kelly Dawes will be the guest speaker.
- After Hours Homemakers will meet at 5 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Extension Office.
- Joan Lang will present a Sun Safety Class at 1:30 p.m., Friday at the Extension Office. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.
- A Community Christmas credit class on the topic of Eating Better on a Budget” will focus on stretching food resources and couponing. Offered at the Crittenden County Extension Office, the class begins at 2 p.m., April 26 and is taught by Sue Parrent, through the Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program. Door prizes will be provided.
- The planning committee for the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Tea will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office.
- The March leader lesson on Storytelling will begin at 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office.

Flooding leaves lasting memories

In 1997, we watched as the Ohio River came precariously close to our house. We held our breath till it crested at 16 feet above flood stage. Having moved to Livingston County the year before, no one had mentioned the fact that Deer Creek would overflow if water from the Ohio spilled over its banks. But, even if they had, nothing would have changed. We loved our farm on Slocum Road.
In the meantime, Eddie called the Smithland Lock and Dam every day for an update. Most of the time, whatever the river did in Golconda, the same was true for us. He left our boat down at the water’s edge. That way, if we had to get out, we could take the boat to where our car was parked up the hill. Knowing that we had a way out eased my mind.
Some days, we went for boat rides in the backwater. The water on our road was eight feet deep, allowing us to float over fences from one field to another. Wildlife such as deer, turkey and all manner of water birds fled from the swelling waters. I kept my camera ready.
Two weeks later, like a drain plug had been pulled, the water went back to where it had

come. We were grateful it didn’t get to our house. Life soon went back to normal.
When we asked our neighbors why they didn’t warn us, they shook their heads. “We didn’t know it either,” they said.
No wonder they didn’t remember. The last time the Ohio River had flooded to that degree was in 1950, cresting at 14 feet above flood stage. Not much is written about that year, but, like every flood, it caused people to evacuate their homes and seek higher ground for weeks at a time.
Just 13 years earlier, the flood of 1937 devastated people living along the Ohio River, cresting at 60 feet, 20 feet above flood stage. From what I had read, over 27,000 residents in the flood plain were forced to leave their homes. There was no FEMA in those days. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, was yet to be created. The executive order was signed by Jimmy Carter in 1979. Until then,

neighbors helped each other evacuate as well as start over again.
One 90-year-old local man told of that time, when as a boy, he had gone with his grandfather in a boat to help rescue a woman who lived on the farm where we now live. She had moved to the attic when water engulfed the lower level. “She stayed till they forced her to leave,” he said. “It was quite a job taking her and her rocking chair out the small window, especially since she didn’t want to go!” Fortunately, the river receded in a few weeks and, she was able to go back home.
In 2011, our 14th year on the farm, it happened again. Surely, it wouldn’t get as high as last time, I thought. Instead, as the water came over the pond bank, we hurried to get the contents out of the cabin. We saved some things, however, when the water got half way up the windows, the damage was done. I kept reminding myself it was just a cabin, not our house. Nevertheless, it had served as a guest house for family and friends over the years.



Linda DEFEW
Guest Columnist
Defew’s Views

hadn’t been gusting, it might have been more fun. On top of foul weather, the trolling motor bogged down due to corn stalks and corn cobs left behind from last fall’s harvest. Needless to say, they washed into our driveway, yard and anywhere the water touched. Remnants are still there today as a reminder of the last time the Ohio River, although uninvited, had visited our lives.
Now, in early April, Eddie checked the NOAA government prediction website again. He gave me his familiar look of concern. “It’s too early to worry about another flood,” he said, “but, it’s on the way up again.”
“You’re kidding,” I said and looked at the computer screen. The black dotted line on the colorful graph was moving up the chart once again.
It was perfectly clear. With the soil already soaked to its limit and, the predicted rainfall coming our way, the river had nowhere else to go.
(Linda Defew is a freelance writer from Livingston County who has had numerous works published. Her column appears in this newspaper periodically.)



Chalk the walk

Brothers Barret, 3, and Braxton Greenwell, 9, Chalk the Walk last Thursday afternoon at Crittenden County Health Department. The event was held at all Pennyrile District Health Departments in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness month to promote awareness and prevention. Sidewalk chalk was made available for everyone – young and adult alike – to draw uplifting and caring messages and artwork on sidewalks. Refreshments and information about Sanctuary Inc., a non-profit agency in Hopkinsville committed to preventative and restorative services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, were provided.

PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Thomas recognized as jail employee of the month

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Detention Center’s employee of the month for April is Deputy Shannon Thomas.
Deputy Thomas is a Union County native who was raised on a horse farm with two brothers and her sister. Her mother was a homemaker throughout the majority of her childhood and her father was a coalminer and brick mason. Their parenting taught Deputy Thomas a strong work ethic that is seen every day by both the inmates and her co-workers.
Deputy Thomas is an eight-year veteran of the

detention center, a n d throughout the years she h a s e a r n e d the titles of Quarter Master and Property Officer.
The duties of the Quarter Master include making sure that the detention center has everything it needs to keep it clean and well maintained. The duties of the Property Officer consists of logging, searching, storing and distributing allowed inmate property for the security of the fa-



Thomas

cility. In 2013, Deputy Thomas was awarded a commendation letter for stopping contraband from coming into the facility through property.
Deputy Thomas is a respected member of our staff and always conducts herself in a professional way. She is firm but fair with the inmates and they know they can count on her to help them in any way that is needed.
The hard work that she puts into her job every day sets a standard for new staff as well as inmates who are seeking a change in their lives when they are released back into society.

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. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. Upcoming activities and menu include:
– Thursday (today): Menu is pulled pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cornbread and pineapple delight. A nutrition lesson will be presented by Sue Parrent at 10:30 a.m.
– Friday: Menu is beef stroganoff with noodles, cucumber salad, wheat roll and banana pudding. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.
– Monday: Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and pear crisp. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

– Tuesday: Menu is Southwest pork roast, baked sweet potato, peas and pearl onions, cornbread with margarine and apple crisp.
– April 25: Menu is hamburger on whole wheat bun with lettuce, tomato and onion, baked pork ‘n beans, baked potato with sour cream and Mandarin oranges. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.
All menu items are subject to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center. The center is a service of Pennyrile Allied Community Services.
Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Tai Chi and Walk with Ease classes are available. Call (270) 965-5229 for more information.



Young Leaders compete at MSU

Crittenden County Middle School’s Young Leaders in Action competed Saturday at Murray State University, placing in the top four schools in the region for their project titled “An Alternative to the Second Nickel.” The team’s addressed the Crittenden County School District’s unsuccessful attempt to adopt a second nickel for construction of a new middle school, specifically arguing that school boards across the state should be able to expand the use of the first nickel. Pictured (from left) are Alyssa Bozeman, Addy Kirby, advisor Tiffany Blazina, Maggie Blazina and Emma Williams.



In Loving Memory of
Atler Bunk Perryman
August 30, 2016—April 19, 2017

Every Day, In Some Small Way,
Memories Of You Come Our Way,
Though Absent You Are Ever Near,
Still Missed, Still Loved, And Ever Dear.

Loved With A Love Beyond Telling,
Missed With A Grief Beyond All Tears.



SPRING SPORTS
STANDINGS
BASEBALL

Up to date as of Monday

FIFTH DISTRICT	ALL	DIST
Trigg County	6-3	2-0
Livingston Cent.	5-3	1-0
Lyon County	4-3	0-0
Crittenden Co.	1-9	0-3

SOFTBALL

FIFTH DISTRICT	ALL	DIST
Crittenden Co.	7-3	1-0
Trigg County	6-6	1-0
Livingston Cent.	0-3	0-1
Lyon County	6-7	0-1

Upcoming Games
BASEBALL

Thursday
Rockets host Lyon Co.
Freshmen at Trigg Co.

Friday
Rockets host Ballard Mem.

Saturday
Rockets at Ft. Campbell

Monday
Rockets at Webster Co.
Freshmen at Calloway

Tuesday
Baseball at Webster Co.

SOFTBALL

Thursday
CCHS hosts Lyon Co.

Friday
CCHS at Trigg Tourney

Saturday
CCHS at Trigg Tourney

Tuesday
CCHS at Livingston

TRACK & FIELD

Thursday
CCHS hosts Dual Meet

Monday
Track at Ballard All Corners

Hunting Seasons

Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Spring Turkey	April 14 - May 6
Bullfrog	May 18 - Oct. 31

Fredonia baseball

The Fredonia Lions and Legion baseball program is having registration from 10 a.m., until 2 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at the Lions-Legion Building. The age divisions are 4-7 for T-ball and 8-11 for minor league. Cost is \$25, but there is a discount for multiple children in the same family. The season will start in June and run through the second week of July. The minor league will use pitching machines or coach pitch. There will be games two nights a week, and conclude with small tournament and pool party. For more information, call (270) 601-0973. If unable to make it on registration day, simply call the number above and it can be done over the phone.



PHOTOS BY BEN DOBYNS
Crittenden County used a number of hurlers Friday night trying to cool Trigg County's bats. At left is senior Payton Riley and above is junior Briley Brown.

BASEBALL
AT CALLOWAY COUNTY MONDAY

Crittenden lost in five innings at Calloway County on Monday, falling to the 10-run rule for the fourth time this season. The Rockets (1-9) took an early lead on a double to right field by Junior Ethan Dossett that drove in two runs, but from there it was all Calloway. The Lakers scored 12 unanswered runs to pull away for good. Crittenden's defense faced 11 batters in the fourth, surrendering six runs on four errors. Dossett started on the mound and took the loss for the Rockets, lasting four innings, allowing six hits and nine runs while striking out two. Junior Pate Robinson pitched in relief. Freshman Caden McCalister reached base safely in each of his three plate appearances with two hits and a walk. He leads the team offensively, hitting over .400 in his rookie season on the varsity club.

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WP - Dawson. LP - Dossett. 2B: Dossett. RBI: Dossett (2).

AT HOME FRIDAY VS. TRIGG

The Rockets dropped a pair of varsity games to Trigg County in a doubleheader at Marion City-County Park Friday. Opponents mounting big innings continue to plague the Rockets.

In the first game, Crittenden (1-7) fell behind early, surrendering four runs in consecutive innings. Down 9-0 in the bottom of the fourth, Rocket sophomore center fielder Jayden Carlson doubled to right field, scoring two. The offense tried to mount a comeback by putting up four more runs in the closing innings but it wasn't enough to overcome the early deficit. Junior Payton Riley had a hot bat, going 2-2 with an RBI. Freshmen Trace Adams and Tyler Boone also collected two hits each in the game. Riley got the start on the mound, allowing seven hits and nine runs over three innings of work.



Junior Briley Brown threw four solid innings of relief from the bullpen.

In the nightcap, things looked positive in the early going as the Rockets opened up the scoring in the top of the first inning with a bases-loaded double by Riley, plating two runners. CCHS batted first and played the role of visitor in this game because it was actually a makeup game for an earlier rain-out at Cadiz.

Crittenden (1-8) added another run to go up 3-0, but Trigg was able to match the three in the bottom half of the first to tie the score. In the second inning, the Wildcats pulled away for good, adding eight more runs with two outs. Sophomore Hunter Jones started the game for the Rockets, lasting one-third of an inning, allowing two hits and three runs. Senior Cody Belt followed on the mound for the Rockets, allowing three hits and four runs over an inning and one-third. Junior Pate Robinson surrendered five runs on six hits in one-third of an inning. Freshman Gabe Mott pitched the last two innings in relief, allowing one run on one hit. Mott and Riley collected the only two hits for the Rockets in this game.

Trigg County 441 020 0 - 11 10 2
Crittenden County 000 200 4 - 6 10 3
WP - Terrell. LP - Riley. 2B: J.Carlson, Riley. RBI: J.Carlson (2), Riley, Adams.

Crittenden County 300 00 - 3 2 3
Trigg County 381 1x - 13 12 3
WP - Plymale. LP - Riley. 2B: Mott, Riley. RBI: Riley.

AT LIVINGSTON THURSDAY
Crittenden County's early season skid

continued after losing its sixth straight in a makeup game at Livingston Central last Thursday. After squandering a bases-loaded opportunity in the opening inning, the Rockets (1-6) surrendered five runs in the bottom half behind two singles, three walks and a pair of errors as the Cardinals sent 11 to the plate. Following another run in the second, Crittenden found life in the top of the third batting through the lineup and scoring five runs of its own to cut the lead down to one. Cody Belt, Tyler Boone, Logan Belt and Payton Riley each sent runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning. That's as close as it would be, however, as Livingston tacked on three more runs to pull away for good. Junior Ethan Dossett opened up the game on the mound for the Rockets, facing 10 batters in two-thirds of an inning, allowing five runs on two hits and walking three.

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Livingston Central 510 210 x - 9 4 3
WP - Bebout. LP - Dossett. 3B: C.Belt. RBI: C.Belt, Boone, L.Belt, Riley.

SOFTBALL
WEATHER BIG ISSUE

Crittenden County's game on Monday was cancelled because of weather and a wet field. The Lady Rockets (7-3) hadn't played in a week when they hosted Ballard Memorial (6-4) on Tuesday night. Results of that game were not available at press time.

Crittenden hosts Lyon County on Thursday in a big Fifth District showdown. CCHS beat Lyon handily in the All A Classic.

Crittenden Track and Field Results

Jimmy Harrell Relays at Murray
Girls Results, April 10
Teams: Calloway, Crittenden, Fulton Co., Fulton City, McCracken, Murray, St. Mary, University Heights.
100 hurdles: 8. Jessie Potter (19.49)
300 hurdles: 9. Jessie Potter (1:02.69), 10. Ryleigh Tabor (1:07.33)
1600 meters: 3. Kate Keller (5:50.71), 7. Jaelyn Duncan (7:08.96)
400 relay: 7. Crittenden (Cortne Curnel, Addyson Faughn, Grace Driskill, Jessie Potter) 1:00.27
800 relay: 6. Crittenden (Cortne Curnel, Ryleigh Tabor, Addyson Faughn, Kenlee Perryman) 2:12.86
1600 relay: 8. Crittenden (Cortne Curnel, Kenlee Perryman, Grace Driskill, Jessie Potter) 5:29.16
3200 relay: 6. Crittenden (Jaelyn Duncan, Kenlee Perryman, Trinity Hayes, Kate Keller) 13:45.81
Distance medley: 4. Crittenden (Jaelyn Duncan, Cortne Curnel, Trinity Hayes, Kate Keller) 16:58.33
Long Jump: 7. Trinity Hayes 12-10
High Jump: 6. Natalie Hutchings 4-2, 7. Grace Driskill 4-0, 9. Jaelyn Duncan 3-10
Triple Jump: 7. Kenlee Perryman 29-5, 8. Trinity Hayes 27-0, 12. Southern Pate 21-10
Shot Put: 14. Lauren Gilchrist 21-5
Discus: 15. Lauren Gilchrist 50-9

Boys Results, April 10
Teams: Calloway, Crittenden, Fulton Co., Fulton City, McCracken, Murray, St. Mary, University Heights.
110 hurdles: 3. Devin Ford (18.49)
300 hurdles: 3. Devin Ford (48.86), 5. Zack Weathers (55.46), 7. Tyson Steele (1:05.83)
400 relay: 3. Crittenden (Eli Moss, Gavin Davidson, Branan Lamey, Devon Nesbitt) 47.64
800 relay: 6. Crittenden (Doug Conger, Tristan Davidson, Zack Weathers, Parker Johnson)



Crittenden's Natalie Hutchings goes over the bar in the high jump.

1:50.35
1600 relay: 4. Crittenden (Gavin Davidson, Sawyer Towery, Eli Moss, Devon Nesbitt) 3:57.34
3200 relay: 4. Crittenden (Sawyer Towery, Gavin Davidson, Preston Morgeson, Aaron Lucas) 10:24.89

Distance medley: 3. Crittenden (Preston Morgeson, Devon Nesbitt, Sawyer Towery, Aaron Lucas) 13:10.04
Long Jump: 7. Branan Lamey, 8. Doug Conger 15-0½, 9. Noah Perkins 14-8½, 11. Tyson Steele 14-0
High Jump: 6. Chris Perez 5-0, 7. Tristan Davidson 4-8
Triple Jump: 7. Tyson Steele 31-9
Shot Put: 3. Brock Langston 33-11½, 13. Riley Gobin 29-4, 14. Adam Beavers 29-3½
Discus: 7. Ross Crider 86-6, 9. Adam Beavers 79-9, 13. Riley Gobin 71-3



It was a cold, rainy day for youth soccer, but games rolled on Saturday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Crittenden goalie Bryan Chaney (left) was positioned in a muddy bog most of the day while teammate Ashayla McDowell was sliding on wet grass while challenging a Marshall County player for the ball.

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Wildlife biologists probe local turkeys for answers



The average age of the 29 gobblers brought to the voluntary check station last weekend in Salem was three years old. Pictured above inspecting a turkey carcass and snagging ticks with a pair of tweezers are (from left) Zac Danks, Kentucky's turkey program coordinator, and Matt Young and John Zimmer, local representatives of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources agency.

STAFF REPORT

Although wildlife biologists believe nothing beyond Mother Nature is challenging the local wild turkey population, they were here last weekend conducting some scientific due diligence just to be certain.

For 20 hours split uniformly over Saturday and Sunday, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) staff were in Salem thoroughly checking carcasses of deceased wild turkeys. Armed with tweezers and an assortment of other instruments, they took blood samples, plucked parasites, aged and closely examined bodies for details that might indicate something awry in the local population.

Wild turkeys were virtually extinct in western Kentucky throughout most of the 1900s. A major restoration projection brought them back during the early 1990s. Soon thereafter, a sustainable flock allowed hunting to begin. In 1994, there were 146 gobblers taken in Crittenden County. The follow season it was up to 178. By the early 2000s there were bountiful harvests. Crittenden County turkey hunters set a record in 2002, taking 544 birds. Livingston was following suit. Hunters were joyous and times were good. As late as 2012, Crittenden gunners were taking lots of turkeys, setting a new modern-day record with 566.

Then, something happened. Numbers started folding. Crittenden County hunters have taken fewer than 400 turkeys for four straight seasons. Livingston County's harvest has been trending downward, too. In fact, the two counties are among only 17 statewide that are seeing decreased



Local hunter Jeremiah Foster bagged this tom during the youth season. It had a 9-inch beard and weighed 25 pounds.

harvests the last few years.

It hasn't gong unnoticed.

Zak Danks, KDFWR Turkey program coordinator, says surely weather plays a role in the rise and ebb in wildlife numbers. Turkeys are especially susceptible to cold, wet springs which make hatching and rearing young difficult. Tiny chicks will die of exposure if they get wet right after birth or when they're about quail size and unable to hide under their mother's protective bodies. Predation, poor reproduction periods and habit loss may also be among the factors neutralizing the turkey flock in the two counties, but Danks believes there's nothing too sinister going on.

"The biologist in me believes that the population has just come into check with the carrying capacity of the land," Danks said. "It's natural stabilization."

In other words, the turkey population exploded beyond the ability of local habitat to

TURKEY HARVESTS CRITTENDEN COUNTY					
2000	351	2009	487		
2001	394	2010	513		
2002	544	2011	519		
2003	424	2012	566		
2004	505	2013	525		
2005	517	2014	396		
2006	511	2015	390		
2007	412	2016	375		
2008	503	2017	374		

sustain it. There is not enough food or nesting to maintain turkey numbers that outdoorsmen witnessed earlier this century. Mother Nature has its own checks and balances, and when wildlife numbers get too high in any species, there's a period of adjustment.

If disease has crept into the local flock, biologists will soon know. They asked hunters to donate carcasses during the opening weekend. The birds will be shipped to a laboratory in Atlanta, Ga., where they will be tested for all sorts of issues.

"I just don't think there is any one reason," Danks said about the recent decline in bird numbers in Crittenden and Livingston counties. "We may be seeing the new normal. It's not pleasant for hunters, but honestly, it's not unexpected."

What Danks does believe is that nothing will change with regard to season or bag limits. Compared to other states, he says Kentucky has very conservative harvest limits and season framework.

In the end, he says no news could be good news for wild turkey hunters in the two counties, but time will tell. If lab tests on the bodies collected last weekend find nothing alarming, then hunters will simply have to get use to what Mother Nature has provided.

Perception has changed UK gymnastics

Perception is a major component of college gymnastics. Some might argue it's that way with every college sport where top programs always seem to get more breaks.

Kentucky gymnastics has been fighting the perception that it is not one of the top programs in the country — or the Southeastern Conference. However, UK is doing all it can to change that.

Kentucky will be competing in the nationals in St. Louis Friday for the first time in school history after its second-place finish in the Minnesota Region.

"Perception has a lot to do with our sport," said Kentucky coach Tim Garrison. "Programs that are traditionally strong are looked on more favorably. The way we execute and do our skills speak for us. Some opinions

(about UK gymnastics) out there are changing. We are seen in a way we have not been seen before and it's changing for the better. We just have to keep doing what we can and let the rest take care of itself."

Sophomore Mollie Korth, a two-time All-American, says "making program history" by getting to compete in the national semifinals Friday night in St. Louis will help change the perception of UK gymnastics. Kentucky is ranked No. 8 going into the 12-team competition (the top six teams Friday advance to the final round on Saturday).

She came to UK from Wisconsin and admits she was not quite ready for the level of competition in the SEC.

"As a freshman, my first SEC meet I was like, 'Oh my gosh. All these teams are good.' You get used to the environment and the other teams and you make friends with the other teams. The pressure doesn't get as high when you know everyone, and it's the

same with nationals," Korth said.

She admits at times she can get frustrated with the subjective judging.

"You are always going to argue with the judges and you feel that you did better. You will go back and watch the videos and see what you did or didn't do," Korth said. "In the middle of meets you can get frustrated with judges if one team is scoring particularly higher than the other one. There's nothing you can do but deal with it."

"I think I learned that more in high school. Teams just get scored higher because judges like what they are wearing or where they are from. I understood that then. It happens a lot in college, too. Normally the top teams have a reputation to uphold, the judges know that. I think they do take part in scoring other teams higher sometimes because of that."

She laughs when asked if Kentucky gets those scoring breaks. However, with what UK

did in Minnesota and might do at St. Louis, the perception of UK gymnastics is changing in a major, major way.

"We are almost there. I think our perception has changed a lot the past couple of seasons," Korth said. "We are a more reputable team and judges are starting to notice we can contend with the top dogs."

SEC Network commentator Laura Rutledge predicted earlier this season that UK would reach the national this year for the first time. She'll be working in St. Louis during the competition this weekend.

"What they do with the bravery they display while incorporating artistry and poise, there's just nothing like gymnastics," Rutledge said. "Those women are so strong and so powerful. And if you look at the academics, they are so smart."



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STAFF REPORT

Three individuals were indicted on felony charges last week by the Crittenden County Grand Jury.

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

Indicted last Thursday were the following:

- James Dustin McConnell, 26, of Marion for allegedly falsifying information to obtain two credit cards and forgery, both felonies. He was also indicted on nine misdemeanor counts of fraudulent use of those credit cards and receiving stolen property. An investigation

GRAND JURY

by Marion Police Department led to the charges. Police reports allege that McConnell used his ex-girlfriend's name and other information to get a MasterCard and Visa. He is also accused of filing a U.S. Tax Return in her name at H&R Block by allegedly portraying himself as her husband and power of attorney. Additionally, McConnell is charged with using the credit cards at a number of locations in Marion, including Five Star Food Mart, Food Giant and Dollar General and for allegedly pawning some of

the victim's jewelry.

- Ryan Renner, 24, of Marion was indicted on a single felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident and/or failure to render aid to a person with the threat of death or serious injury. According to Marion Police Department records, Renner is alleged to have fled from a single-vehicle accident that happened in the early morning hours of Feb. 4. A female victim was seriously injured in the crash.
- Justin Kinnis, 26, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

December jail escapee sentenced to two years

STAFF REPORT

An inmate who escaped custody while being treated at the local hospital in December, causing a school lockdown and a manhunt throughout town has been sentenced to two years in prison.

Ryan Paul Parker, 26, of Marion was being held at the county jail on Dec. 6 when he was taken to the local hospital for treatment. While there, he escaped and was at large for a couple of hours, causing what turned out to be a serious logistical disturbance at the nearby school system. The schools did not let students out at the normal time for fear that they might cross paths with the escapee. Parents were notified to pick up their children.

Parker was caught at

CIRCUIT COURT

about 4 p.m. Parker had appeared in district court on the day he escaped and was ordered by the judge to the hospital for a drug test. While at Crittenden Health Systems, he collapsed. Investigators think he faked the fainting spell.

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell said the state opposed probation for Parker.

- James Matthew Belt, 19, of Marion had his probation revoked and was ordered to serve 75 days of the 143 remaining on his one-year misdemeanor burglary conviction from last year. Belt's probation officer reported that a video was posted on social media of him

shooting a gun. Terms of his probation prohibited possession of firearms. Despite his pleas for another chance, Judge Rene Williams said the court had given him numerous chances previously and sent him to jail.

- Jack L. Baker III, 33, of Marion had a felony pretrial diversion set aside and was formally sentenced to three years in prison for violating terms of his probation. He was originally given pretrial diversion in January 2017 for flagrant non-support. However, a recent fleeing and evading police charge put him in violation of his diversion. Judge Williams said that after 30 days, Baker can apply for shock probation if he enrolls in a longterm substance abuse program.



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Backpack support

Crittenden County Blue Knights chess coach Don Winters and Family Resources and Youth Services Center Coordinator Crystal Wesmoland sort food brought into Saturday's chess tournament at Crittenden County Elementary School to benefit the school district's Backpack Program. The program is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and school vacations. Players with more than a half-dozen visiting teams at Saturday's tournament filled a cafeteria table top with non-perishable food items. Winters said the donations were in place of the usual entry fee. The local team put in \$200 cash toward the purchase of goods to sustain the program.

Registration for forest leadership program for youth deadline May 4

STAFF REPORT

High school students entering their junior or senior year this fall, with at least a C average, are invited to apply for enrollment in a week-long camp exploring forestry and related fields. The Kentucky Forest Leadership Program will be held June 3-8 at UK's Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center, located approximately 20 miles west of Somerset in Jabez. Applications are being accepted now through the May 4 deadline.

Crittenden County Conservation District offers a scholarship to a local youth. Campers are responsible for a non-re-

fundable \$50 registration fee, and the Conservation District will pay the remaining \$400. Upon completion of camp, the district will reimburse the registration fee to the camper.

Students will be introduced to forestry careers, will develop life-long learning skills, and gain insight in how humans, wildlife and natural resources interact. Forest Leadership Program participants will select enrollment options in Forestry, Entomology or Wildlife. An example of activities includes fire management, forest evaluation, water quality evaluation, insect or wildlife biology and population surveys,

and habitat assessment.

This is not a recreational camp and only 30 students statewide will be selected to participate. Applicants should have a genuine interest in the environment or any of the aspects of natural resource management, and expect a full schedule of hands-on activities. Camp participants will be trained by professional forestry and natural resource managers from several Kentucky and UK natural resources departments.

Informational brochures and applications are available at the Conservation District office located at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion or call (270) 965-3921, ext. 3; log on to KyForestWildlifeCamp.org or contact Laurie.Thomas@uky.edu.



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