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I know mom is

the porch swing

across the street on

watching all this, so

let's all wave at her.

son of the late Imogene Stout

during the dedication of a new

farmers' market named for her

-Alan Stout

## Convenience center accepting junk free

Crittenden County Convenience Center will offer free dumping of most materials, including tires, Friday and Saturday at the facility behind the road department on U.S. 60 East. Chemicals will not be accepted, and there will still be a charge for household garbage, but items like furniture and appliances will be accepted. IDs will be checked to ensure residency in Crittenden County. The center will be open 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

## Arrest made for theft of water utility funds

Kentucky State Police arrested Kimberly Giltz-Black, 53, of Marion last Thursday on a felony theft charge resulting from an investigation related to her time as an employee at Crittenden-Liv-



County Water District. The investigation showed Giltz-Black had stolen nearly \$9,700 from

ingston

Giltz-Black the rural water

district by manipulating customer payments. All stolen funds have been accounted for and the majority of the money has been recovered. Authorities said no customer accounts have been adversely affected by this theft. Giltz-Black was charged with theft by unlawful taking, a Class D felony, and was lodged in Mc-Cracken County Detention Center. State police Detective Michael Robichaud was assisted during the investigation by the Salem-based water utility.

## Public meetings

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will convene at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse for its regular monthly meeting.

**Crittenden County Board of Education** will host a public forum on the proposed "recallable nickel" for school construction at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) in the library of Crittenden County Middle School. Immediately following at 6 p.m. will be a special-called meeting of the board. No vote on the tax is scheduled at that meeting.

- Marion Tourism Com**mission** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the welcome cen-

- Crittenden-Livingston **Water District Board** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the district office on East Main Street in Salem.

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

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will convene at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday for a specialcalled meeting at the courthouse. First reading of the county budget will be given.





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# Market on Main dedicated



formal dedication ceremony at the facility on the corner of North Main and Poplar streets.

Warren Beeler, executive director of the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy, calls the Imogene Stout Market on Main Kentucky's most beautiful farmers' market Friday during a

singled out as being the best in the state, but that's what War-

ren Beeler, executive director of the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy, did Friday. Beeler was one of

several dignitaries who lauded the refinement of the new Imogene Stout Market on Main, which was officially unveiled during a ribbon-cutting ceremony just before lunchtime Good Friday. As the governor's point man for agriculture, Beeler said he thought he'd seen everything at the state's 160 farm-

ers' markets in 110 counties. "I've been to every one in the state, but don't know that another one is as beautiful,'

"I know there isn't anything It's not too often Marion is like this out front of the others," he added, pointing to the decorative fountain.

More than two dozen local officials and citizens were on hand for last week's formal dedication. The project, which has taken almost a year to complete, replaces an empty lot that had formerly served as a farmers' market. The new version, everyone agrees, is much nicer.

"We are so proud of this and never could have known how it was going to turn out when we started," said Darrick Myers, chairman of the Marion Tourism Commission, which

spearheaded the project along with Marion Main Street, Inc.

Development of the new

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## Weight limit on failing street pitched

BY DAKIL N. IABUK PRESS EDITOR

An ordinance to put a weight limit on Country Club Drive has been introduced by Marion City Council in an attempt to salvage the crumbling street, but opinions are mixed on whether that is the best solution to a traffic conundrum.

A measure given first reading Monday would prohibit any "non-governmental, commercial vehicle" larger than a 1-ton truck from traveling the street that along with Industrial Drive connects U.S. 641 and U.S. 60 West. Heavy trucks using the two streets as a makeshift bypass around the stoplight at the cumbersome downtown intersection of the two federal highways have taken their toll on Country Club Drive. The street was built decades ago with little more than

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Beeler said.

IMAGE COURTESY OF CRITTENDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

An artist's rendering of the proposed new high school in Crittenden County shows the 20-classroom facility connected to the west side of Rocket Arena and fronting Elm Street. As proposed, the school would supplant the parking lot at Rocket Stadium but would not disturb the football field. The greenery shown in the foreground is for illustrative purposes only.

## School board edging closer to next move on 'nickel' tax

By DARYL K. TABOR PRESS EDITOR

It appears Crittenden County Board of Education may soon be ready to move forward with its proposal to add a "recallable nickel" to the county school tax. But the 5.8-cent levy for construction of a new high school is far from a foregone conclusion.

At a special board meeting and working session last week, the five-member body heard extensive

details on tax particulars from its own superintendent of schools and two independent advisers with Ross, Sinclaire & Associates who have decades of combined experience in guiding school districts through the straits of taxation and facilities construction.

"There's no better time to start than tomorrow," board member Eric Larue said at the April 10 meeting of moving ahead with a formal tax proposition.

But before tomorrow comes today. That is when the board will host its second informal forum to allow the public an opportunity to speak out on the tax and ask questions of a panel of local educational officials and outside parties familiar with the architectural and financial aspects of the overall \$8 construction plan. The meeting is set for 5 p.m. today (Thursday) in the library of Crittenden County

Larue, nor any of the other board members, were ready last week to cast their ballot for or against a tax, but all seem ready to get the ball rolling as early as the May 9 board meeting on a lengthy prescribed process before the levy can ultimately be accepted or rejected.

"None of us like to do it," Larue said of increasing

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## Son of local educators headed to Gatton Academy

The son of two local educators is one of 95 high school sophomores selected to the dual credit Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science Class of 2019 on the campus of Western Kentucky University.

John Duvall, whose parents are longtime agriculture education instructor Larry Duvall and CCHS Assistant Principal Tammy Duvall, hopes to parlay his experience in the program for students with interests in sci- and Mathematics at More- scores, high school grades, ence, technology, engineering

and math (STEM) careers to advance a career in the military following his educa-

"It's a big honor," the teen said. "I'm just really happy that I got accepted.'

J. Duvall According to Larry Duvall, his son was offered admission to both the Gatton Academy and the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science

head State University, but decided to

advanced college coursework at Bowling Green rather than living on campus in eastern Kentucky.

"Mom is happy about it ... kinda upset that I'm leaving early, but very happy for me," John Duvall said of his

choice. Gatten applicants were evaluated based on ACT/SAT awards, extracurricular activities, responses to essay and short answer questions, and letters of recommendation. In addition to these criteria, earlier this month, 185 candidates were invited to interview with WKU faculty members, community leaders from across the Common-

wealth and Gatton Academy alumni. selected students The scored an average composite

of 30.29 on the ACT and 29.98

on the mathematics portion of the exam. The highest possible score is a 36.

For Duvall, the selection process started back in December. He plans to focus on ecology and agriculture for the next two years at Bowling

"We start classes back the same day that WKU does," he said. "These classes are in a normal college setting. We live in a dorm that is a special

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## **Democrats** regrouping

speaks to a crowd of Crittenden County Democrats last Thursday during a party organizational meeting. Quiet in the county in recent years, Cherry helped to set up the gathering to re-establish the county committee and engage county Democrats whose numbers have been dwindling since 2008 when Barack Obama was elected President. Ronnie Heady, who agreed to be chair of the county committee, said the meeting was to get things back on track for local Democrats. "The party's kind of been on the backburner," Heady said. "We want to work for the betterment of our county," he said. "The middle class seems to be left behind." Heady said party doesn't seem to matter when it comes to local elected officials cooperating. "I just wish we could all work that well together," he said. Selected last week as vice-chair of the county committee was Sarah Silvestre.

PHOTO BY EMILY COMBS, THE PRESS

## Thefts, burglaries on rise in Marion

Burglaries and thefts are on the rise in Marion.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal said there has been an uptick in crime lately.

"It seems like there's something every day," the chief said on Tuesday. "These things seem to come in spurts, but I think it has something to do with the weather and drug use."

An ATV was stolen last week from a home on Alreen Street and a 16-foot utility trailer was taken Monday from a home across from the National Guard Armory on Old Morganfield Road. Someone broke into a house Sunday on Conway Drive and took a large sum of cash and police were working a shoplifting case early this

The missing trailer is red with unique Chevy hubcaps. The four-wheeler taken is a yellow 2002 Honda 250EX.

There is some original red paint visible around the edges and under fenders. Marion Policeman Heath

Martin said the key was not in the ATV and the owner still has it. So, whoever took it will likely be trying to hot-wire the ATV or find a workable key for

The ATV was taken at some point between Wednesday and Friday of last week.

Anyone with information on these cases can call Marion Police Department at 270-965-3500. TipLine is offering a reward for information leading to an arrest in some of the cases.





Burglaries are on the rise in Marion, according to Police Chief Ray O'Neal. An ATV (top) was stolen last week from Arleen Street, and on Monday, a 16-foot utility trailer (above) was taken from a home on Rochester Avenue



# Library hosts book signing for director

Crittenden County Public Library Director Regina Merrick signs a copy of her first published book, "Carolina Dream," for her third grade teacher in Symsonia, Shirley Turner (center), and her daughter, Kathy Turner Rushing, both of Marshall County. The library hosted a book signing Saturday for its director, which a few dozen people from around the area. Merrick's book, a Christian fiction novel, is available on Amazon or for check out at the library.

PHOTO BY KATHLEEN GUESS

## **CHS Auxiliary looking** for additional volunteers

The auxiliary at Crittenden Health Systems is in search of volunteers to help the hospital in various positions.

"We are looking for anyone who would like to help our hospital to become a better hospital for our community," said Minnie Lou Brown, a

member of the organization. At the present, there are positions open at the front desk, in the gift shop, answering the phone and in the emergency room waiting area. Applications can be picked up at the front desk and returned to any auxiliary member. Selected applicants will be called in for orientation, blood work and a TB skin test. A background check is not necessary. The only condition is the

applicant must be over the age of 21, but it helps to be friendly and love people.

"As you can see, we need lots of volunteers," added Brown. "We have lost some due to age, sickness and death.

She said being part of the auxiliary brings her pleasure.

"It gives me a chance to minister to people who don't have any close family," Brown said. "Every time I go to the hospital, I am very thankful."

There are currently 36 CHS Auxiliary members

"If you enjoy being around and helping people, we would love to have you as a part of our organization," Brown said. "Most of the time people are very glad to see a friendly face, besides hospital staff."

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## Sexual abuse against minor pleaded down Marion had her probation re- Hinchee pleaded guilty in

Crittenden Circuit Judge Rene Williams heard a full docket of cases last week in Crittenden Circuit Court and Special Judge Denis Foust heard a mediation case involving a local man accused of sexual misconduct against children.

Court records indicate

that Patrick Lee Murphy, 29, of Marion has agreed to plead guilty based on results of a mediated agreement between the court and the defendant. Murphy will be formally sentenced next month, but has agreed to plead guilty in return

for amended charges of second-degree assault and two counts of second-degree criminal abuse of a victim under 12 years of age.

Murphy originally faced charges of first-degree sexual abuse, a Class C felony, and three counts of first-degree sodomy, Class B felonies. The indictment claims that on Aug. 18, 2015, the defendant had sexual contact with a five-year-old male. The alleged incident was first discovered by social workers who turned the case over to the Marion Police Depart-

### **CIRCUIT COURT**

ment.

In return for a guilty plea, one of the sodomy charges

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell has recommended a sentence of five

years on the assault charge, five years on the first count of criminal abuse of a child and two years on the second count with all time to run consecutively for a total of 12 years in prison. Court records indi-

cate that Murphy has a lengthy criminal record, including assault charges in the past and two DUIs.

In other cases before Jude Williams last week:

Anthony M. Alvarez, 27, of Marion waived his right to a probation revocation hearing and admitted he had violated terms of his early release on traffic and charges from last summer. Alvarez was sentenced in August to a total of five years in prison after pleading guilty to a number of charges relating to a traffic incident at the intersection of U.S. 60 and U.S.

641 in the early-morning hours of June 22. Alvarez was drunk when he sped through the intersection, lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a brick retaining wall at the NAPA store.

Policeman Robert Harris just happened to be sitting in his cruiser nearby and saw the whole thing. When he approached Alvarez's vehicle, the suspect exited it and ran away. The officer caught him a short distance away on a nearby lawn.

Judge Williams revoked his probation and ordered Alvarez to complete the fivevear prison term.

Quaid M. McDowell, 26, of Marion had a pretrial diversion set aside after he admitted to violating terms of his diversion. Judge Williams ordered him to begin serving an original three-year sentence for felony count of firstdegree possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone).

- Joshua Haley, 31, of Marion pleaded guilty to flagrant non-support and was sentenced to five years. Haley was in arrears by \$4,418.15 on child-support payments. He was given pre-trial diversion for a period of five years.

- Danielle C. Davis, 27, of

voked after testimony revealed a number of probation violations. She had been on probation for about six months from a 2016 drug conviction. The commonwealth attorney, in arguing for revocation of her probation, told the judge that officers went to the defendant's home recently after a referral from the school system about a child that could be in danger inside the household. Police and probation officers testified that they found sevweapons, including guns, bows, knives, throwing stars and drug paraphernalia in the home. Davis and her attorney asked the court for leniency, and volunteering to enter a long-term drug rehabilitation program if the judge would allow it. Judge Williams said she would not be opposed to that type of treatment for Davis, but first revoked her probation and ordered the defendant to first fulfill a three-year prison sentence. The judge pointed out that Davis had a previous felony conviction in 2012 and had been given previous op-

- A pretrial diversion was set aside for convicted felon Tyler Hinchee, 29, of Marion.

portunities by the court.

January of 2016 to tampering with physical evidence by complicity. He was sentenced to three years in prison, but granted pre-trial diversion for a period of five years. He waived a revocation hearing, thereby admitting to violating terms of his release, and the judge ordered Hinchee to serve the balance of his threeyear prison term.

- Nicolette R. Price, 22, of Marion pleaded guilty to an amended charge of theft under \$500 and was given probation for a 12-month sentence. Price was originally charged with third-degree burglary after a complaint was filed by the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department. Surveillance video showed Price entering the fire station and taking a gas container. A police report said Price admitted to taking the gas and pouring it into her vehicle. The court also ordered her to make restitution to the fire department for the

James Matthew Belt, 18, of Marion was sentenced to six months in jail on an amended burglary charge.

Three individuals were sentenced in Rocket Docket cases, which are felony cases

normal indictment process by a grand jury. The process is meant to move cases more quickly through the court system, if the defendant wishes. In those cases, Heather Hudson, 40, of Marion was ordered to drug court and given a pretrial diversion for misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree assault, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and shoplifting and felony first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. Henry Rudy Mattthews Jr., 65, of Dycusburg pleaded guilty to first-degree possession of a controlled substance, a Class D felony; and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. He was given a three-year sentence on the felony, 12 months for paraphernalia and 45 days for the pot charge. The commonwealth attorney is not opposing probation Matthews' case. Joshua Fraliex, 27, of Marion was referred to drug court and given a five-year pretrial diversion on charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug

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passenger vehicles in mind. "I think that's a step in the right direction to getting something done," said Mayor Jared Byford. "I'm thinking this forces the state's hand to do something.'

Violators would face a fine of not less than \$100 if the law is approved at next month's council meeting. Buses and municipal trucks would be exempt from the weight restriction.

Čity officials have speculated that if they restrict traffic along Country Club Drive, the Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) might be coerced to either take over maintenance of the street or improve the downtown U.S. 60 West/U.S. 641 (West Gum/South Main Street) intersection to better allow tractor-trailers to make the turn. But there are no guarantees the state would do either, particularly not any time in the near future.

"I don't like the ordinance at all," Councilman Dwight Sherer said. "I think it's going to cause us more problems than we can even start to think of.

Sherer is concerned about the risk to life and property if all heavy traffic is forced to make the 90-degree turn at the U.S. 60/U.S. 641 stoplight. There are no turning lanes, which means tractortrailers have no choice but to swing into oncoming lanes or cut across commercial properties to negotiate the inter-

section. He said the ordinance may eliminate the traffic that has

turned Country Club Drive into a pockmarked moonscape, but it still leaves the road in poor condition while creating another traffic issue.

City Utilities Director Brian Thomas said a half-million dollars wouldn't touch fixing the mile-long Country Club Drive, which allows the only access to Crittenden County Elementary School. To properly make repairs, the road would need to be taken up down to its base and rebuilt. According to the website of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, it costs anywhere from \$2 million to \$3 million to construct a mile of two-lane roadway in rural areas of the country.

"Without taking up the base, you may as well take a can of black spray paint to fix Councilman Donnie Arflack said.

Arflack and D'Anna Sallin seem to be the most determined council members to find a solution to Country Club Drive issues. Sallin is concerned with the welfare of the public, particularly for children on buses and parents picking up and dropping off students at CCES.

"This is not a cosmetic issue, but a safety issue," she said. "Cars are getting knocked out of alignment (from hitting the potholes)."

At his first meeting since being appointed last month to fill a vacant seat on the city council, Darrin Tabor said city government is faced with a no-win situation.

"It's a safety issue either direction," he said of the option to either divert heavy traffic from the city-maintained street or continue to allow it.

City Attorney Bart Frazer

"I think you're going to have problems with it whatever you end up doing," he

Time is not on the side of a agreeable remedy.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said the intersection has been dubbed the top traffic priority in Crittenden County by state transportation and planning officials, but he added that does not mean it will be corrected any time soon when 119 other counties also have top needs. As far as KyTC taking over maintenance, Ledford said the state has seemed open to swapping Ky. 981/Old Salem Road for Country Club Drive, but that would be some time off. Such a switch is not likely to happen before the state moves its highway maintenance facility from Old Salem Road to Industrial Park North just east of Marion.

"It's five years out for a trade based on moving the highway garage," Ledford explained.

Keith Todd, a spokesman for KyTC who lives in Marion, said transportation officials are indeed in the process of ranking projects for all counties, but improvements at the U.S. 60/U.S. 641 intersection exist as little more than an idea at this point.

"I'm thinking the intersection has been listed as an unscheduled project," he said. "I do not find it listed at all in the current road plan.'

But things could possible start moving toward a traffic solution for city officials as

early as next year. Todd said once the relocated U.S. 641 is paved for two-lane traffic, the downtown Marion intersection might get some traction. The highway should be completed next year, and the legislature in 2018 will also approve and fund a new road plan.

Until then, the council remains split on a weight limit for Country Club Drive.

"This is not the fix we need," Sherer said. "Obviously, we need a fix, but this is not the answer. In other action Monday:

The city's proposed 2017-18 budget remains in limbo until quotes on health insurance for employees are received from the Kentucky League of Cities. Ledford still hopes to have final approval for the spending plan in May. Meantime, the pay plan in-

ployees, firefighters elected officials would keep compensation flat, and Ledford even proposes a 6-percent reduction in his own salary. "That's a very bold step and

troduced Monday for city em-

a sign of very impressive leadership for you to take a cut ... and not cut anybody else," Arflack commended the city administrator.

Tabor proposed cutting the monthly salary of the council, but changing their pay would not become effective until a new city government is seated in 2019.

- Finalizing an amendment to an ordinance to crack down on owners of abandoned manufactured homes that present a nuisance or health hazard will have to wait another month. Wording of the measure must be clarified. Abandoned, nuisance stick homes, Ledford said, are already addressed by ordinances.

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## U.S. 60 West home sold at courthouse Friday

Commonwealth of Kentucky Crittenden Circuit Court Civil Action 16-CI-00096

The Peoples Bank Marion, Kentucky Plaintiff

Joseph H. Simpkins; Jennifer R. Simpkins; Larry Simpkins; unknown occupants and/or tenants; Beneficial Loan Corporation of Kentucky; City Of Marion; County Of Crittenden, Kentucky Defendants

## Re-Notice of Sale

The sale previously scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2017 is being rescheduled to Friday, April 21, 2017, due to the closure of the Crittenden County Courthouse on April 14, 2017.

Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit

Court on the 9th day of March, 2017, I will on Friday, April 21, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property address: 5578 US 60 W, Marion,

Map No.: 034-00-00-019.01

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Only delinquent taxes of parties to this action will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said prop-By virtue of a Judgment and Order of erty will be sold upon payment of 10 percent deposit, with the balance upon

credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchase will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. Given under my hand this the 16th

day of March 2017. Stephen M. Arnett

Special Master Commissioner

## Crittenden Fiscal Court

Newcom (R) 107 S. Main St Marion, KY 42064 270.965.5251 (w) 70.704.0457 (c)





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Is the courthouse open on Saturday? The office of circuit clerk is generally open only the first Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. The sheriff's department is open 9-11 a.m. each Saturday. All other offices are closed. When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. It is closed Sunday Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd at Crittenden County Animal Shelter on U.S. 60 East. Call (270) 969-1054 for information.

## 9 involved in Saturday wreck



Local emergency personnel attended to a person injured in a four-vehicle accident Saturday about 3 miles east of Marion on U.S. 60. Nine people were involved in the wreck.

Four vehicles and nine people were involved in an accident that took place on U.S. 60 East Saturday. Multiple injuries were reported with one person, Adam Holland, 53, of Waverly air-lifted to a hospital in Evansville, Ind.

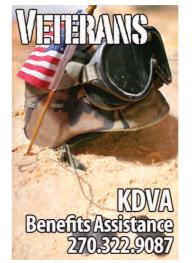
The wreck took place around 5:20 p.m., about 3 miles outside of Marion at the intersection of U.S. 60 East and Collie Brown Road. According to Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Ray Agent, a 2013 Chrysler Town and Country minivan driven by Amanda Jones, 39, of Marion was parked in a small lot at the intersection. Jones was apparently waiting for her parents, Frances and Freddy Steven Trammel Jr. In their 1996 Mercury, the Trammels were reportedly stopped in the eastbound lane waiting for oncoming traffic to pass before turning into the parking area alongside Jones' vehicle.

At that time, Agent said, Casey Mayes, 32, of Sturgis in a 2002 Ford Taurus failed to see the Trammels stopped ahead of her. At the last moment, she tried to avoid hitting them by swerving into the left lane of oncoming traffic. Mayes' vehicle made contact with a 1999 Chrysler Concorde driven by Holland and occupied by his wife Tammy and daughter Chasity Odom. The crash resulted in Holland's vehicle flipping three times and striking Jones' parked vehicle on the side of the road.

Holland's passenger car came to rest in the westbound lane on its top. The Mayes and Trammel vehicles remained in the eastbound

As a result of the wreck, Mayes was transported by ambulance to the Crittenden Health Systems and released later that night. Holland's injuries were the most significant with a broken femur and ribs. His wife and daughter were transported by ambulance to CHS and both were released that night with minor injuries.

Jones and her two children were not injured. The Trammels were also not in-



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## Farmers invited to Friday Twitter chat

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) invites farmers and other people who have answered a NASS survey to participate in a social media chat Friday at noon at #StatChat on Twitter.

"This is producers' opportunities to ask questions, praise, criticize and otherwise

bring their viewpoints about answering surveys," Lisa M. Ferguson, public affairs specialist for the NASS field office in Louisville. "We want to hear from them!'

To pose a question, include the NASS Twitter handle @usda nass and the hashtag  $\# \overline{S} tatChat$  in the tweet. A NASS survey methodologist and administrator branch chief will try to answer as many questions as possible as quickly as they

"Legislators and regulators use the statistics gathered by NASS to create policy and appropriate funds, so it's important for farmers to be heard and be counted," Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner

## **Local Special Olympians compete Saturday** This is the second of five Special Olympics program in

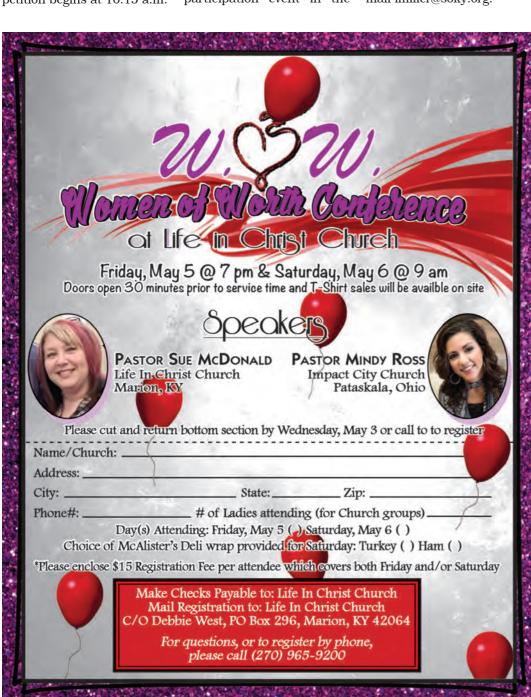
Special Olympics weekends of Kentucky Area 1 Spring Games will be held Saturday at Stewart Stadium track at Murray State University. The meet includes nearly 150 athletes from Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and seven other western Kentucky counties.

Opening ceremonies, including the parade of athletes, will take place at 9:30 a.m. The track and field competition begins at 10:15 a.m.

Olympics Area Track and Field season, which concludes May 13 in Louisville. The Area 1 Track and Field Meet is one of eight regional track and field meets held statewide this year. In all, more than 1,500 athletes with intellectual disabilities throughout the state will participate in regional track and field competitions, making track and field the largest participation event in the

Participants in the Spring Games automatically qualify to compete in the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games to be held June 2-4 at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

For information about the Area 1 Spring Games or the Special Olympics track and field program, call Laura Miller at (270) 293-9054 or email lmiller@soky.org.







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## Yellow bus growing green

Crittenden County High School agriculture education students were doing demolition work on a scrap school bus last week, prepping the old yellow rig for a repurposed life. The bus will become a rolling greenhouse. After stripping its top and refitting it with plexiglass, the bus will be used to grow plants and will be part of an educational experience for elementary school students. CCHS instructor Larry Duvall said the bus doesn't run, so it will be redesigned for being pulled behind another vehicle. The bus was declared surplus by the board of education and the conversion to a greenhouse is financed by a grant. Pictured are sophomores (from left) Devin Porter, Marcus Manns (background) and Ella Travis.

## Crittenden hay production among best in west

Barren County was the state's largest hay producer in 2016 excluding alfalfa, but Crittenden County was one of the largest producers in western Kentucky according to estimates from the USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service Kentucky field office in Louisville.

Released last Thursday, county estimates show 36,000 tons of non-alfalfa hay harvested last year in Crittenden County, fifth most among the 26 westernmost counties in the Purchase and Midwest-

## 2016 county hay estimates\*

5,950	2.10	12,500
10,400	2.50	26,000
18,200	2.00	36,000
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\*Non-alfalfa estimates. Livingston and Webster counties did not meet National Agriculture Statistics Service publication standards.

ern districts. Only Logan, Christian, Ohio and Muhlen-

Barren County in the Cenberg counties grew more hay tral district grew 142,600

5.04 million tons of hay. Only 540,000 tons of alfalfa were grown statewide last year, with neither Crittenden nor any surrounding counties reporting any tonnage.

The 18,200 acres planted in non-alfalfa hay in Crittenden County yield 2 tons per acre, ranking among the lowest yields in Kentucky. Warren, Marion, Meade and Breckinridge counties all reported 3-ton-per-acre yields, best in the Bluegrass State. Statewide, the average yield was 2.41 tons per acre.

## **FSA** better connecting producers with resources

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FSA's Bridges to Opportunity program provides a onestop shop that connects producers with resources, programs and educational services offered across the department, as well as from other USDA partner organizations. Bridges to Opportunity, which currently provides enhanced customer support to more than 150,000 customers in 20 states, will expand to serve customers

across the country before the puts the agency in a unique culture with customized ex-The USDA's Farm Service end of the month using fiscal

> "By partnering merous local, state, regional and national agricultural organizations, FSA employees now can provide farmers and ranchers with comprehensive information about resources, grants, courses, events and activities provided throughout USDA and from external partner organizations," said FSA Administrator Val Dol-

FSA's presence in over 2,100 county offices, in nearly every rural county, position to partner with non- pertise on topics ranging from governmental organizations organic production, beginto reach thousands of agricultural producers who can benefit from the programs and services. Bridges to Opportunity allows FSA employees to search and obtain a list of all local, state, regional and national organizations that may be able to assist local producers with their specific need.

Through Bridges to Opportunity, FSA county office employees have the tools to connect farmers, ranchers and anyone interested in agrining farmer resources integrated pest management, disaster assistance, conservation practices, agricultural educational courses, loans, grants and other financial assistance that can start, grow or benefit farming and ranching operations.

For more information about Bridges to Opportunity, please contact the Salem FSA office for Livingston and Crittenden counties at (270) 988-2180 or stop by the office on U.S. 60 in Salem.

# USDA Ledbetter weigh-out sale | April 18, 2017 LIVESTOCK REPORT

Receipts: 521 Last Week: 643 Last Year: 775 Compared to last week: Feeder steers traded steady to 4.00 higher. Feeder heifers 2.00-6.00 higher. Feeder bulls traded steady. Slaughter Cows and bulls 2.00-4.00 lower. Sale consisted of 20 stock cattle. 50 slaughter, and 45l feeders. Feeders consisted of 29% feeder steers, 40% feeder heifers, 18% feeders bulls and 16% of feeders were over 600

### Feeder Steers Medium and Large I-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 3 250-300 283 187.00-193.00 190.34 2 300-350 328 176.00-178.00 176.98 13 350-400 365 178.00-183.00 179.35 20 400-450 419 167.00-175.00 170.40 38 450-500 474 158.00-163.00 160.40 8 500-550 519 154.00-160.00 157.18 14 550-600 568 144.00-152.00 147.04 2 600-650 638 133.00 133.00

3 650-700 651 136 00-140 00 13733 2 700-750 720 122.00-125.00 123.54 3 750-800 767 120.00-126.00 122.31 2 800-850 822 120.00 120.00

#### Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 3 250-300 287 170.00-181.00 176.01

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

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#### I 750-800 790 II6.00 Feeder Heifers Medium and Large I-2

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33 450-500 473 143.00-151.00 146.50 14 500-550 515 135.00-140.00 137.83 18 550-600 565 126.00-135.00 132.40 8 600-650 619 120.00-125.00 123.98 4 650-700 658 122.50 122.50 730 3 700-750 115.00 I 800-850 805 109.00 IN9 NN

#### 3 850-900 880 105.00 Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

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## Feeder Bulls Medium and Large I-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 5 300-350 302 185.00-194.00 188.58 6 350-400 379 17100-17700 17429 10 400-450 429 163.00-170.00 164.52 9 450-500 470 153.00-157.00 154.78 15 500-550 521 142.00-150.00 146.62 7 550-600 572 139.00-143.00 140.29 10 600-650 617 126.00-133.00 130.08 2 650-700 680 133.00 133.00 1 700-750 725 121.00 121.00 2 800-850 820 104.00-106.00 105.01 1 900-950 910 89.00 89.00

#### Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 300-350 345 174.00 174.00 3 400-450 422 159.00-160.00 159.66 I 450-500 455 I52.00 I52.00 2 550-600 572 132 00-134 00 132 96 2 600-650 635 123.00

#### 2 650-700 672 110 00-120 00 114 91 2 700-750 730 109.00 109.00 Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%

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#### 1 1600-2000 1670 53.00 Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 3 800-1200 1133 60.00-65.00 61.75 2 1200-1600 1228 62.00-65.00 63.53 Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price II 800-I200 970 53.00-60.00 56.28 2 800-I200 III2 63.00 63.00 HD 5 1200-1600 1306 54.00-59.00 56.84

#### Slaughter Bulls Y.G. I-2 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 1000-1500 1200 81.00 1 1000-1500 1385 68.00 68.00 LD 6 | 1500-3000 | 1798 | 75.00-84.00 | 79.53 l 1500-3000 1610 88.00 88.00 HD

## Bred Cows Medium and Large I-2 Young

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 2 800-1200 1070 935.00-1190.00 1064.88 I-3 Mos Bred

2 800-1200 1095 1180.00-1225.00 1203.53 4-6 Mos Bred Bred Cows Medium and Large I-2 Middle-Aged

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4-6 Mns Bred

Bred Cows Medium and Large 2-3 Middle-Aged Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price I 800-I200 9I0 850.00 850.00

I-3 Mos Bred Stock Cows and Calves: No test Baby Calves: No test.

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This report reflects price of majority of cattle with a USDA grade, weight and sex on sale date. This report does not represent all animals at sale.



## Ky. soybeans up, corn down in 2017

The Planting Intentions report shows Kentucky farmers plan to sow less corn, but more soybeans this year.

'Soybean acreage is estimated to be a record high, while corn acreage is expected to dip to the lowest level since 2009," said David Knopf, director of the USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service Kentucky field office in Louisville. "The survey was conducted before farmers had a chance to assess freeze damage to wheat, and therefore any decisions involving wheat acreage seeded last fall are not reflected in this report.'

Knopf added that these are only the planting intentions for the season. "Farmer intentions often change for a variety of reasons, such as market prices," he said. "Weather conditions can also often dictate planting decisions between March and

Farmers in Kentucky intend to plant 1.32 million acres of corn, 180,000 lower than 2016. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 90 million acres for all purposes in 2017, down four percent from last year and two percent higher than 2015. Soybean acreage in Kentucky was expected to total 1.90 million acres, up 110,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean planted area for 2017 is estimated at 89.5 million acres, up seven percent from last year and a record high.









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## If any have not the Spirit of Christ...

"He is none of His." Ro-

The brother in Jesus' message about the Prodigal Son was bitter when his father was so happy to see his lost and repentant other son return from sin and the pig pen, giving a party for him.

The Church is not necessarily what meets in a certain specified building on certain days, but the Church is the body of Christ. Those people who are born again, and then filled with the Spirit of Christ, His Bride whom He will set at His Wedding Dinner and serve in Rev. 19:7-9; Luke 12:37.

This is His true Church, and it represents Him in this wicked world, doing what He would do in every circumstance facing each of us.

How do we know one has not the Spirit of Christ? When one does not do as Christ would do in dealing with lost and repentant souls Jesus died for, and in every other decision before them.

His words: "Except you deny yourself, pick up your cross, and follow me, you are not worthy to be called my disciple.

That cross is the same as

Jesus carried, sacrific-(giving ing something that hurts) for the souls of others.

Jesus Rev. Lucv said in **TEDRICK** Matthew 25 that on the Reliaious and Political Views day of Judgment

would say to those on His left hand, "Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels; I was hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and you ministered not unto me, and was in prison and you did not visit me.

People will go to Hell for not doing those simple everyday things. So, will those who refuse to do as He would do, especially in the work of restoration of suffering souls redeemed from sin. or those lost souls wanting out of sin?

Not only would Jesus sit and eat with them as He did when He was in the world, and gave His life for them, but He says those of us who will not, are none of His.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved vou."

How did He love? He laid down His life for us.

We must lay down (live, use up) our lives for others, instead of ourselves and

Jesus said if any loves his or her parents, spouses, children or siblings more than me, they are not worthy

How heartbreaking. So many will find out too late, as those in Revelation 6:16 were forever lost, "And will cry out, hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb for the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?"

Jesus has wrath? Says so

As one who has labored, loved and prayed for all in this county, and some in particular, it so hurts to know that so many will be lost, because they refused to pray for and wait for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, to live in them so they can always do as Jesus would do, suffering even shame for His name, if

Truth and Light of the world. When those who have

heard it preached for years, turn to giving support to something else, they go into darkness, and will always suffer for it one way or another. As one said to me years ago, "always in ways that hurt the worse.

As Paul told Timothy more than once to "Guard the truth that has been committed to you."

As a dear late friend of mine, Bro. Haynes Bebout use to say, "Keep preaching the truth, Sister, it is the only thing that can help us."

As is recorded in Isa. 35:8, God makes the way plain and simple for us. So a simple test as to our

being a Christian or not, is: "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of Jesus said: "The word

that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last Editor's note: Rev. Lucy

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-Maranatha Baptist Church in Salem will host a community singing on Saturday starting at 6 p.m., featuring Both Sides of the River from Princeton. Refreshments will be served. The church is located on Cedar Grove Road. - Fredonia Unity Baptist

Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month. - First Baptist Church of Fre-

donia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church. - The clothes closet at Mex-

ico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday. - The clothes closet of First

Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday at the church's Family Life Center.

-Email church events to thepress@the-press.com

## **■ Weekly ■ Devotion**

## STEPPING STONES

**By JOEY DURHAM** 

Today's devotion is "Can a Person Be Saved Through a Way That God Says, You

My text is Ephesians 2:8-9, where we see. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (KJV) For many, the motivation needed to do something arrives when they are told, "You can't do that!" With that statement being said, they will do what they were told they can't do or die trying! Many use this method as a tool of reverse psychology to manipulate someone into doing something. Children, especially have had this method used by their parents to get them to do various things. But when God says "You can't do this!" you can rest assured that He is not, in desperation, using reverse psychology. He means what He says. When God tells mankind that NO ONE can be saved by "doing something" or "earning His grace," to attempt it is utterly use-

Please notice our text. The object of this text concerns the "salvation of a soul" and our text plainly gives God's requirement for obtaining His salvation. To obtain God's sal-

ple belief in the Word of God. Now comes the 'you can't do" part. God says, you cannot earn my grace, you cannot work to obtain my grace, neither can you keep prescribed requirements that will enable you to obtain my grace. If God says that you cannot be saved by doing something or adhering to a set of requirements to earn God's grace, then, if you try to be saved the way that God has said you can't be saved, can a person be saved in a way forbidden by God's Word? The answer is NO. You see, salvation is from God, not any man, or any church, or any creed. or any opinion of man's philosophy. Salvation comes from God alone as a gift from Himself to the undeserving sinner, and that sinner can do NOTHING to earn it. A sinner can only receive it with a child-like trust in the Savior, who offers it. Are you trying to be saved by and through a way that God said, "You can't?" Stop your trying and simply TRUST God's Word!

vation, it is by "grace, through faith," or sim-

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

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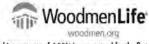
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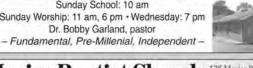
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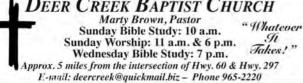
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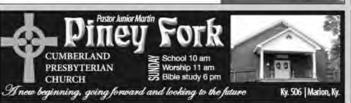
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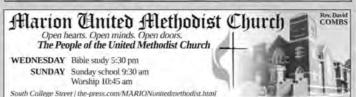
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"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them. - Matthew 18:20











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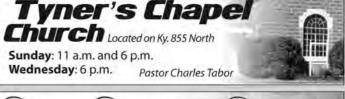
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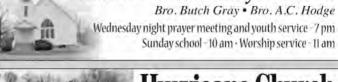
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## **Area Deaths**

## Collyer

John Collyer, 71, of Marion died Sunday, April 16, 2017 at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville.

He was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Collyer of Marion; children, Troy Hart of Ohio, Reggie Hart of Davidson, N.C., Stacy (Kim) Collyer of Marion, Carolee Hart Harris of Marion and Jana Collyer (Gordon) Johnson of Greer, S.C.; a stepson, Wade (Diane) Hopkins of Fredonia; brothers, Jim (Peggy) Wakefield of Mesquite, Texas, Bob Wakefield of West Frankfort, Ill., and Tom (Michelle) Wakefield of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Carolyn (Bob) Jones of Dallas, Texas; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Judy Hill Collyer; father, John A. Collyer; mother, Robbie Wakefield; and brother, Joe Wakefield.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, April 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home in

Memorials may be made to University of Chicago Medicine, University of Chicago Gift Administration and Business Data, John Collyer Memorial, 5235 S. Harper Court 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615.

## Cullen

Mildred Josephine Cullen, 98, of Marion died Friday, April 14, 2017 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was the oldest member of Marion General Baptist Church.

Survivors include her sons, Wesley Cullen of Marion, Donnie (Catherine) Cullen of Louisville and Dean (Judi) Cullen of Hawthorne, Nev.; daughters, Charlotte (Charles) Warnebold of Labadie, Mo., and Rebecca (Carl) Dixon of Collinsville, Ill.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Verble Cullen; parents, Keats and Rosa Lee Harden; three brothers; and three sisters.

Services were Tuesday, April 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Repton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Marion General Baptist

Charles H. Hicklin, 65, of Marion died Friday, April 14, 2017 under the care of Hospice of Western

Kentucky. He was born Jan. 5, 1952 in Hopkins County to the late Ed-Thomas ward Hicklin and Moore Ruth Hicklin.

Marion.

Hicklin graduated with a degree in electrical engineering and eventually became

president of Par 4 Plastics in

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Deanna Fackler Hicklin of Marion; son, David Hicklin and wife Dana of Nashville; daughter, Mellissa Campbell and husband Justin of St. Louis; granddaughter, Bella Campbell; mother, Ruth Conder of Evansville: brothers, Edward Hicklin (Beverly) of Nortonville and Tim Hicklin (Carol) of Jasper, Ind.; a sister, Tina Bates (Mark) of Evansville; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, April 18 at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory in Owensboro with Mike Garrigan and Frank Stevenson officiating.

Memorials may take the form of donations to Heartford House/Hospice of West Kentucky, 3419 Wathen's Crossing, Owensboro, KY

## Downing

Timothy R. Downing, 36, of Dycusburg, died March 21, 2017 at Caldwell Medical Center in Princeton. He was a member of Seven Springs Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 17 years, Candice Matthews Downing; three sons, Taylor, Jonathan and Keegan Downing, all of Crittenden County; five daughters, Madalyn, Kylie, Cayelyn and Piper Downing and Cortney Smith, all of Crittenden County; and a brother, Darrell Downing of Eddyville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Wayne and Rebecca Peek Downing.

Services were Friday, March 24 at Dunn's Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. Lonnie Knight and Rev. Brian Grigg officiating. Burial was at Macedonia Ceme-



Here is the case at the Kentucky Capitol where dolls representing the state's first ladies are displayed.

## Alexander plays role in First Lady's doll

Marion's Susan Alexander played an instrumental part last week in the unveiling of a porcelain likeness of Kentucky First Lady Glenna Bevin in Frankfort.

It's a Kentucky tradition dating back to 1970 and the Louie B. Nunn Administration. A doll representing each first lady of Kentucky is commissioned and placed in a display case in the Capitol Rotunda. Bevin's doll joined more than 60 others last week, a bit be-

Susan Alexander was president of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs from 2014-16, and in charge of having a doll made to represent the First Lady. It was presented to Bevin last spring, but had to be repaired, creating a delay of almost a year before it went into the display case.

Alexander was at the Capitol last week. She said the doll's finger broke when

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**Alexander** 

"We finally found the porcelain in Mexico,' Alexander said.

ate it.

Alexander, as president of the state federation when Gov. Matt Bevin was elected, was in charge of having the doll commissioned. She said it was exciting to be part of the process.



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burden on your family.

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most of us prefer not to think

about it: our final preparations.



## Interest too low for Livingston High football

Livingston County doesn't have enough interest to begin football at the high school or middle school levels at this time, but chances are that a little league program will be developed.

When registration for football was held recently, the school district found that interest among younger boys warrants further exploration, but school officials said in a statement released last week that registration was too low to start it at the higher levels.

Numbers in the third and fourth grade exceeded the minimum requirement to field a team. All other grade levels except those in their junior year of high school failed to reach the mark.

Fifth and sixth graders needed to reach a combined number of 18 students, but had 17 sign up. The middle school needed 30 students but after registration was held, the mark was short by

Interest at the high school level was even lower.

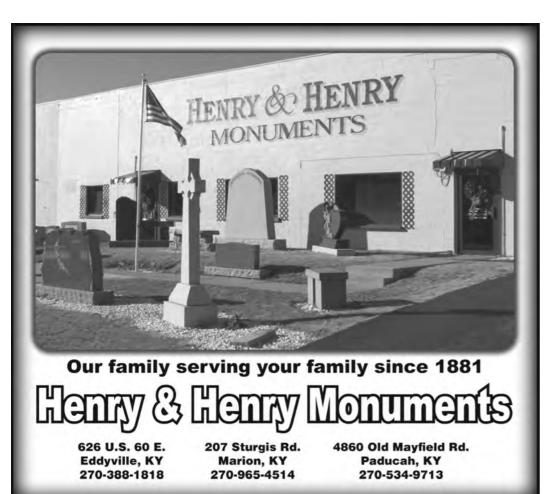
Typically, participation at the varsity level would not happen for a minimum of two seasons, or the third year of a new football program, school officials said. For that reason no benchmark was set for the 11th

and 12th grade. For the varsity program to become viable in the future, local interest for the middle school program needs to be higher than demonstrated by the recent registration.

School officials said that at this time, the football sign-ups did not provide sufficient student athletes or booster parents to support football programs at the middle and high school lev-

More than 20 showed interest in the lower elementary grades. School officials said there are enough parents willing to volunteer to create a little league booster club.

Based on the results, the school district said it would not be sponsoring a football program in the 2017-18 school year. If the community wants a program at the middle and high school level, it would need to provide a feeder program at the little league level, officials said.





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## **CCMS** hosts senior prom

It's prom season, but high school students aren't the only ones getting excited about the big event. Thanks to members of Crittenden County Middle School's Student Lighthouse Teams, another group of "seniors" is getting makeovers before dancing with some dashing young men and beautiful young ladies

On Friday, 20 middle school students will travel to Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center where nearly 50 residents will relive the sights and sounds of prom, complete with studentmade soundtracks and decorations. Students also will be providing makeovers for residents, complete with manicures and makeup

Lily Atchison, an eighth grader and Student Lighthouse member, has had an integral part in organizing the prom. "I can't wait to see their faces," said Atchison. "The Lighthouse Team has helped me grow throughout middle school. Having these types of projects is preparing me for the future and helping me realize the leadership skills I've had all along.'

Kara Turley and Tiffany Blazina sponsor the CCMS Student Lighthouse. The teachers are amazed and humbled by the sincere thoughts and planning the students have put into the

## Calendar

 Crittenden County Friends of the Library will have its next regular meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday (today) in the meeting room at Crittenden County Public Library.

- Crittenden County Middle School SBDM will meet at 3:15 p.m., in the principal's office Monday.

 Livingston County cancer survivors will be honored during a survivor's luncheon April 30 at the Extension office in Smithland. The lunch will begin at 1 p.m. The event is hosted by Girl Scout Troop 408. RSVPs were requested by April 15 by calling Chasity Ray at (270) 217-8773.

## **Extension events**

Do you or someone you know have diabetes? The next diabetes support group meeting for individuals or relatives with diabetes will be held at 10 a.m., Friday at the Extension Office. Bradley Boone from KB Pharmacy will be the guest speaker.

- Don't Eat That! Learn how to keep your food safe, when to throw it away and proper cooking temperatures. This class counts toward Community Christmas credit and is open to the public. The class begins at 2 p.m., April 27 at the Extension Office.

 Final day to register for the spring Sew Simple Seminar is April 28. Please call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 for more information on the event.

– What do you know? about essential oils? Want to learn more? Join us for this informative class on the basics of essential oils. Space is limited, and participants must preregister by calling (270) 965-5236. Class will be held at the Extension Office, 10 a.m., April 28

- Enter your quilts for a **Backroads quilt display** from 8:30-9:30 a.m. April 28 at the Marion City Council Chambers. Show is open for viewing from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Show Favorite will be announced at 3 p.m. Call Sarah Ford at (270) 965-3833 or the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 for more information.

Community calendar is designed for individuals, nonprofit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events. Call (270) 965-3191, email pressnews@the-press.com or

stop by 125 E. Bellville St.

**Submit calendar items** 



Stacie Hearell and Bobby Knox

## Hearell, Knox engaged to wed

Larry and Debbie Hearell of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacie Hearell, to Bobby Knox, son of Dennis and Donna Knox of Marion.

The bride-elect is a 2013 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a May 2017 graduate of Murray State University's School of Nursing.

Knox is a 2013 graduate of Crittenden County High School, attended Murray

State University for three years and was accepted for an accelerated program and is pursuing a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree at Logan University in Chesterfield,

A wedding shower is planned for 3 p.m., April 29 at Deer Creek Baptist Church, 69 Deer Creek Church Rd., Marion, KY. Friends and family are welcome to celebrate with the

## **Appraisal Fair June 24**

The 2017 Kentucky Collectibles Appraisal Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 24 at the Paducah-Mc-Cracken County Convention and Expo Center. Tickets are \$25 and include the opportunity to have up to two items appraised by a regional expert.

KET's production crews will be on hand to record appraisals from the fair, which will be broadcast during the series' sixth season.

Tickets can be purchased KET.org/colonline at lectibles or by phone at (800) 432-0951.

Kentucky Collectibles tells Kentucky stories through the prized antiques, memorabilia and family heirlooms shared by guests for appraisal. The series airs Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. on KET.

## Senior Menu

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

- Thursday (today): Menu is oven fried chicken, buttered new potatoes, buttered broccoli, whole wheat roll and pears. Bible study with Bro. Garland will be held. - Friday: Menu is taco soup,

baked potato with sour cream, margarine, apple crisp and corn-

- Monday: Menu is smeatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned peas, tropical fruit and whole wheat roll.. Ladies' exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday: Menu is tomato chicken parmesan with noodles, cucumber salad, peach cobbler and whole wheat roll.

- April 26: Menu isbaked spaghetti, broccoli salad, whole wheat garlic breadstick and mandarin oranges. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

## **Event features CCHS art, music**

An evening of artwork, jazz and poetry with Crittenden County High School students is planned for April 27. "A Night of The Arts" takes place at Fohs Hall, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Visitors to the event can view student art pieces from art teacher Rebecca Thomas' class and listen to the

sounds of smooth jazz compliments of band director Jacob Carroll and the CCHS Jazz Band.

Additionally this year, 'creation stations" will be featured for young visitors to the event. High school students will teach children to make friendship bracelets and clay figures. They'll also assist them with coloring

pages and allow them to practice their musical skills by sampling various instruments.

Visitors to the event will have the opportunity to pur-

Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served. For more information, phone (270) 965-2248.

chase student-made pottery.



**Judith Manley (above center)** leads a class on basket weaving.

## **Basket class** creates craft for all ages

Where do you go in this county to learn new skills and find useful information? The Extension Office of course! This is exactly what a group did recently when they chose to participate in the basket-making class held on April 3-4.

The class was taught by Judith Ann Manley, local artisan and basketmaking aficionado. Over the course of ticipants ZAHRTE two days, parlearned techniques and gained knowledge on how



to assemble and work the reeds. Students were given ample supplies to make a "mail basket" meant to hang on a wall. They chose from several different colors of reeds to make each basket a unique piece of art. They all



had a great time and produced some amazing work!

If you have an idea for a class please contact our office, we would love to hear some ideas. Keep an eve on the Community Calendar for all of our upcoming opportunities.

Becky Zahrte, a resident of Crittenden County, is a wife and mother of two. Her goal is to enrich others' lives as much as they have enriched her own. Her column appears periodically in this

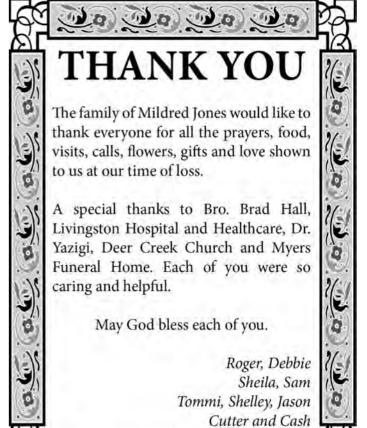












# Remembering school days of long ago

Schools today are so much different from what they were in my school days. There is no comparison. In some ways, they

are better; in others, maybe not. It is all in the way we judge values and the way lifestyles have changed

The little white schoolhouse that stood near the road in so many communities played a very important role to the families and residents of their

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At 8 o'clock each morning the bell sounded for "Books." Nobody liked to be tardy and usually everyone was there. The bell was either mounted on a pole, or at Crayne, the teacher carried a handbell which got the message across. Everybody lined up and marched into the schoolhouse in an orderly fashion.

Most schoolhouses were built with the door or doors on one end of the building with the blackboard on the wall at the other end. At the beginning of the school day first order of the morning would be roll call by the teacher, some days we would answer with a Bible verse, Jesus saves was always a favorite

From the archives of The Crittenden Press come these fond memories of school day and activities gone by. Remember these days of a simpler time and a slower pace of

#### May 23, 1947 **Frances School Hosts** the Grand Ole Opry

Appearing in person at Frances High School gym are WSM Grand Ole Opry entertainers, including grandpa Jones and his chil dren, featuring Lonzo and Oscar, Lillie Bell, pretty singer of songs, Ramona Champion old time girl fiddler, Clyde and Marie Dilleha, the Tenn. Sweethearts, Loyd George and Rollin Sullivan.

#### June 6, 1947 **Spring Rally Day Winners**

The four high scoring 4-H winners of Spring Rally Day Contests will accompany County Agent O. M. Shelby and Miss Roberta Croft, leader of the Tolu 4H Club to Lexington on June 9 to enter various Farm and Home contests

and to enjoy the fine programs scheduled for work, fun and fellowship of all Kentucky 4-H members attend-

Miss Jackie Lee Miles of Tolu Club will represent Crittenden County in the Kentucky Style Revue Contest, Miss Mildred Underdown of Hebron Club will be our Canning Judge Contestant, and Virgil Cook, Jr. of Hebron and

Jimmie Brown of Shady Grove will represent the county in the Water Management Contest. The trip of these 4-H contestants and leader was sponsored by the Crittenden County Farm Bureau.

#### Aug. 8, 1947 Owen School

Mrs. Edna Hodge, instructor at Owen, gave her pupils, patrons and friends an ice cream supper on Saturday night. A large crowd attended. Miss Jean Tabor was awarded the cake for the prettiest girl. \$17 was cleared and will be used for the benefit of the district and library books

## Aug. 8, 1947

Crayne School

awarded to Wendy Wright. Instructors at the Crayne School are Mr. Harpending and Mrs. Nannie Mae Lear. Nov. 7, 1947

**Dycusburg School** The box supper at the school building Friday night, Oct. 24, was

quite a success. The fish pond was a novelty for the little folks.

A pair of socks was given to Milley Peek for being the "worst hen-pecked man" present. James Polk was winner of the cake which was raffled off, and a cake was given for the most beautiful girl.

The proceeds were \$87.91, which will be used for some very much need improvements for the school

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Years ago in school, the wooden desks would be lined in a row, one student behind the other, and

a shelf under the desktop would hold our books. Hopefully, you had a nice person that sat behind

you who didn't try to get you in trouble by pulling your hair or sticking a pencil in your back, or

worse yet, sticking their feet into your backside in the opening on the back of the seat. The globe

(inset) was always brought forth during geography class. It was fun to find all the far away places

by twirling the globe to a certain location. Part of our lesson would be drawing a selected country,

#### Feb. 11, 1949 **Copperas Springs** School Winner In **Improvement Move**

The Copperas Springs School won first place and a prize of \$30 for making the most improvements on buildings and school grounds for the present school year. A total of \$52.27 per pupil enrolled was used for making the improvements. Mrs. Arrie Joyce is the teacher.

Lily Dale school with Mrs. Nellie Stallions as teacher won second place and a prize of \$25. This school expended \$27.15 per pupil for school improvement.

Tolu won third place and a prize of \$20. Tolu contributed a total of \$17.48 per pupil for improvements. Mrs. Cleo Croft is principal.

Fourth place and a prize of \$10 went to Forest Grove school. Mr. George Wofford is teacher. Improvements

were \$10.68 per pupil. Other schools reporting, their rating were as follows: Frances with sixth place; White Hall with seventh place; Piney Fork eighth place; Glendale ninth place and Boaz with 10th place.

Feb. 25, 1949

Crayne School Holds

**Closing Exercises** Commencement exercises for the eighth grade were held at Cravne school Friday morning, Feb. 18, at 10 o'clock.

The invocation was conducted by Rev. Felix Sanders, pastor of Marion Methodist Church. His message was on "Things Necessary to Obtain Happiness" which was inspirational to all present.

Principal speaker of the hour was County Attorney D. H. Postlethweighte. The subject of his address was "Value of Effort." Diplomas were presented by the teacher, Hayden Harpending, to the following students: Carol Ruth Perryman, Valedictorian of the class; Salutatorian honors went to Clarence Norman Winters: others were Clement Mae Butler, James Lee Norman and Mildred Vanhooser.

In the primary and upper grades there were 10 pupils who received honor certificates for perfect attendance. The teachers,

Gladys Graves, report a successful school term. Many improvements were added to both school building and the grounds.

#### March 4, 1949 Lilly Dale

Our school closed last Friday with a small program. Those present besides the parents were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. J. P.

The children receiving diplomas from the eighth grade were Marvin Ordway, Reuben Parmley and Jimmy Stallions.

Those receiving certificates and awards for perfect attendance were Eugene Sutton, Leon Sutton, Donna Fay Rushing and Donald Ray Rushing.

Those receiving prizes for the most headmarks for the entire years were as follows: Grade II – Katherine Parmley; Grade III - Donna Fay Rushing; Grade IV -Gladys Parmley; Grade VI -Jackie Stallions; Grade VII - Eugene Sutton; and Grade VIII - Marvin Ordway.

#### March 1949 **Piney Fork**

School closed at Piney Fork on Feb. 25, with Mrs. Dorothy Booker, teacher. Parents and friends took a basket dinner and games were played in the morning and lunch was served at noon. It was voted unanimously for Mrs. Booker to return another year as teacher.

Eighth-grade students that passed their exams were; Martha Jean Alexander, Beauton Corley, Wendell Ordway and Carlos Bond.

I am thankful I grew up in the time period I did and was able to attend the one and two-room school at Crayne. I more often now reminisce about the "good old days," and one of my favorite topics is my school

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for the school. A prize of a watermelon was given to the man having the dirtiest feet. A man from Marion was awarded the water-

The ice cream supper at the Crayne school last Fri-









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## **MARKET**

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farmers market cost about \$200,000, of which \$125,000 came in the form of grant funds, mostly from the state's tobacco settlement money. Beeler said those funds, paid by large tobacco companies, has helped promote countless projects throughout Kentucky. He said the pool of money has survived four governors and has been used to supplement

103 farmers market projects. Susan

Alexander, executive director of Marion Main Street, joked about the vandalism **Imogene Stout** last weekend that left the fountain bubbling

"I think it was Imogene's spirit that did that," she said, pointing out that the market's namesake would have gotten a chuckle out of it.

over with soap suds.

It is named for Imogene Stout who lived across the street from 1952 until her death in 2009. The property where the market is now located was previously owned by Stout's son, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Alan C. Stout, who along with his brother, Keith, and extended family were at the dedication.

"I know mom is across the street on the porch swing watching all this," said Alan Stout, "so let's all wave at her."

Several contractors from the area were involved in developing the market. Among them were T&T Concrete, Troy Guess Construction, Dan Guess & Associates, Crittenden Collision, Tinsley Electric, M&G Plumbing, Bluegrass Products, Mahlon Beachy, Gary Cruce Hauling, Keith Ethridge excavating, Randy Dunn electrician, Cornerpost Fence Co., Asbridge Sealing, Greg Holeman electrician, Viki Carlson designer, Shana West designer, James Sanders Nursery and Water Features Pro.



Crittenden County's new farmers' market, the **Imogene Stout Market on** Main, opened Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication hosted by **Marion Tourism Commis**sion and many community partners who helped make the dream a reality. At top, players in getting the facility built with grants and local tax money gather for ribbon cutting. Above, brothers Keith (left) and Alan Stout (far right), sons of the market's namesake, stand with family at the market on the corner of **North Main and Poplar** streets. At right, the Stouts accept recognition from **Marion Tourism Commis**sioner Darrick Myers, who acted as master of ceremonies for the event.



## **DUVALL**

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dorm set up for high school students in the program."

Students will complete their junior and senior years of high school living in newly expanded Florence Schneider Hall. At the end of their twoyear course of study, students will graduate from high school with a minimum of 60 college credit hours.

"I think it will be a really positive experience," he explained. "Just to experience the college life will be a big change.'

The goal of The Gatton Academy is to enable Kentucky's exceptional young scientists and mathematicians to learn in an environment that offers advanced educational opportunities, preparing them for leadership roles in Kentucky. Moreover, The Gatton Academy assists in preparing Kentucky to compete in a knowledge-based economy by increasing the number of scientists and engineers who live and work in the state.

"Each year our admissions process reveals a remarkable number of outstanding Kentucky students seeking to challenge themselves in the STEM fields," said Dr. Lynette Breedlove, Director of The Gatton Academy.

Students from 50 counties represent the Class of 2019. Crittenden County has had multiple students attend both the Gatton and Craft academies. Gatton Academy is Kentucky's first state-supported, residential program for high school students with interests in advanced science and math careers and one of only 15 such programs in the nation. It has been named to The Washington Post's list of topperforming schools with elite students for eight consecutive years.

"The ability to offer this opportunity to more bright, young high school students interested in STEM is truly exciting," said Assistant Director for Admissions and Public Relations Zack Ryle. "When selecting each class, our goal is to represent the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. In our history, we have never seen a pool of applicants as strong and diverse as the Class of 2019, which consequently has led to one of our strongest classes to date."

Gatton Academy has now had participants from 116 of Kentucky's 120 counties.

"The Gatton Academy's goal from Day 1 was to partner with all school districts in the Commonwealth so students would have more advanced opportunities, and with this class, we have had a student accepted from 96 percent of the counties in the state," said Dr. Julia Roberts, Gatton Academy Executive Director.

The Gatton Academy provides a living and learning environment designed specifically for academically talented adolescent students that features clubs, organizations and community service. Additionally, students are able to participate in advanced research with WKU faculty members. The majority of Gatton Academy students also participate in a study abroad or global learning experience.









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## **SCHEDULES Spring Sports Events**

Baseball at Calloway County Freshman baseball hosts Union Co. Track hosts Quad Meet **FRIDAY** 

Baseball hosts Carlisle County Freshmen baseball at Hardin Co., III Softball frosh/JV host Marshall Co. **SATURDAY** 

Softball freshmen at Union County **MONDAY** 

Baseball hosts Webster County Freshman baseball at Christian Co. Softball at Hopkins Central Track at Ballard County All Comers **TUESDAY** 

Softball at Lyon County

## **OUTDOORS**

## **Hunting seasons**

Coyote Night Hunt Feb. 1 - May 31 April 15 - May 7 Spring Wild Turkey Spring squirrel May 20 - June 16 May 13 - June 11 LBL squirrel Year Round Coyote Year Round Groundhog

#### Gobbler count is 102

Crittenden County hunters bagged 102 turkeys over the opening weekend of spring hunting season. Hunters have reported mixed results despite some good early-season weather.

## KY elk apps due 4-30

Applications for the elk permit drawing for eastern Kentucky's fall 2017 season must be submitted online at fw.ky.gov by 11p.m., April 30. There are four permit types bull or cow firearms and bull or cow archery/crossbow - but a hunter can be drawn for one hunting permit only. Each entry costs \$10. Applicants for the youth-only hunt can put in for the regular elk quota hunts as well but cannot be drawn for both in the same year. This year, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will issue 700 general quota hunt permits and 10 youth permits. The permit breakdown will be 100 bull archery and crossbow permits, 150 bull firearms permits, 160 cow archery and crossbow permits and 290 cow firearms permits. Youth permits are valid for use for either sex during all elk seasons. At least 90 percent of the available elk quota hunt permits go to Kentucky residents. Last year, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife received almost 75,000 applications from more than 34,000 applicants. Kentucky residents alone submitted 46.365 applications

## **GOLF**

## 2-Man event this weekend

The Heritage at Marion Country Club will host a 2-Man Scramble, its first major tournament of the year Saturday and Sunday. For more information, contact the pro shop at 270-965-5415 or Kyle Myers at 270-704-5015. The club will also host an Alternating Shot Tournament on May 6 and a 3-Person Scramble on May 20-21.

## **RUNNING**

## Marion first leg of run

Pennyrile District Health Department is sponsoring the inaugural Pennyrile Spring Cross Country Challenge Season with the first race to be held at Marion-Crittenden County Park on April 29. For more information, the district health department at 270-388-9747. As part of the series, races will also be held in Eddyville May 5, Cadiz June 1, Princeton July 7 and Smithland Aug. 19. Each race will cost \$20, or pay only \$75 to enter them all.

## **FOOTBALL**

## Alumni game is May 5

The second ever alumni football game sponsored by Alumni USA will be held on Friday, May 5 at Rocket Stadium with Crittenden County playing Union County. About 20 players have registered from Crittenden County. Players represent a cross-section of ages. Here are names of some who are registered: Barkley Hughes, Johnny Crider, Sean Thompson, Noah Dickerson, Jeremy Wheeler, Travis McKinney, Dugan Overfield, Barrett Sherer and Jason Rushing. To participate, players must have graduated from high school. Cost is \$100 to play. Rocket Football receives half of all early ticket sales. Tickets are \$10. For more information, contact Serena Dickerson at 270-704-1871.

# STATE TOURNAMENT BOUND

## Lady Rockets making history in Classic run; tourney is April 29-30

Where there's smoke, there's fire.

And when Lady Rocket senior pitcher Cassidy Moss is throwing heat and following behind it with unhittable offspeed stuff, there's generally a roasting of the opposing lineup. That's what happened last Thursday as Crittenden County carved up Caldwell County 3-0 in the All A Classic Second Region Tournament championship at

Moss threw a one-hitter with seven strikeouts as the Lady Rockets created school history by winning its first regional championship ever in the small-school event. She also drove in a run in the deciding sixth inning.

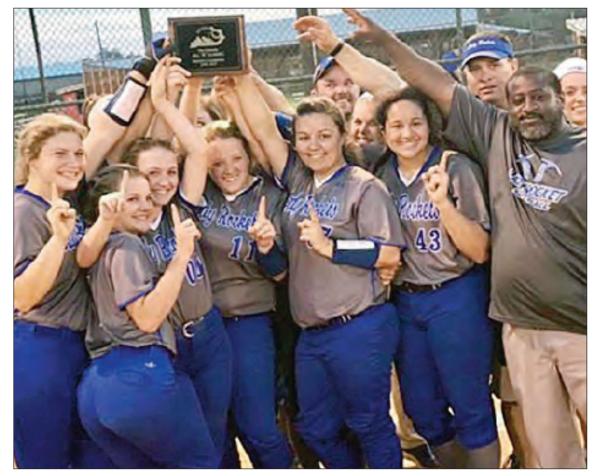
The 14-3 Crittenden softball team is making quite a name for itself, but first-year skipper Stephen Smith isn't about to let them settle on their laurels. The girls are currently ranked No. 14 in the state, according to Max Preps, but are not among the top 50 as selected by the coaches' association. None of that matters too much though.

Crittenden will open pool play in the Class A State Tournament Saturday, April 29 with three games. The girls will play against regional champions from the 6th, 14th and 16th regions. Those teams will be Louisville Holy Cross (11-6), Wolfe County (10-2) and Raceland (14-1), respectively. There are 16 teams in the tournament and four pools. Crittenden is in Pool C and will have to either win its pool or finish runnerup in order to advance to the eight-team singleelimination tournament on April 30 also at Owensboro.

"With Cassidy pitching and our defense, if we can get one or two runs we feel pretty good about our chances. We think we can play with anybody," Smith said. "There will be some good teams there no doubt. That Raceland team has

Holy Cross is ranked No. 13 in the latest Kentucky Coaches Association poll and Max Preps has Raceland at No. 18.

Crittenden senior Courtney Beverly capped the three-run sixth inning with a two-RBI double in the sixth. Eighth-grader Mathia Long came off the bench with a leadoff pinch-hit single to start the frame. Moss knocked her in before Beverly plated the last two with a liner to right-cen-



Crittenden had seven hits off Caldwell ace Katie Franklin, who struck out nine.

It was a pitchers' duel the whole way. Caldwell had runners on base only twice - in the fourth on a walk and in the sixth on its only hit. However, that baserunner was quickly erased

"Both teams had a hard time hitting the ball," the Rocket coach said. "Our defense was the best we've had all year. All three outfielders made diving catches and nothing hit the ground."

Crittenden's girls have won eight straight games and knocked off University Heights and Livingston Central en route to the All A championship. Caldwell (10-4) earned a trip to the finals after shocking highly-touted Lyon County in the semifinals.

Playing in the state small-school tournament for the first time will not be without some major sacrificing, however. The team's juniors and seniors will miss their prom, which is also scheduled for April 29.

Crittenden lost to Trigg County Tuesday at home. Details were unavailable at press time.



The Lady Rockets raise high their regional championship hardware following a 3-0 win over Caldwell County last week at Smithland. At right, seniors Cassidy Moss and Courtney Beverly react to the team's success.

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Perkins) 1:41.08

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Lamey Branen, Joseph Estes, Noah

1600 relay 2. Crittenden (Devon Nes-

bitt, Gavin Davidson, Branen Lamey,

Will Tolley, Eli Moss, Joseph Estes)

3200 relay 2. Crittenden (Will Tolley,

Tyson Steele, Sawyer Towery, Aaron

Lucas, Chris Perez, Joseph Estes)

Medley relay 2. Crittenden (Sawyer

Towery, Will Tolley, Chris Perez,

Aaron Lucas, Eli Moss, Joseph

Estes, Tristan Davidson) 12:18.83

Discus 5. Adam Beavers 96-07.5

Girls results

April 15 at Tilghman

100 hurdles 5. Jessie Potter (19.94)

300 hurdles 8. Jessie Potter (58.67)

1600 meters 8. Kate Keller (6:20.67)

1600 relay 5. Crittenden (5:02.31)

3200 relay 7. Crittenden (12:49.39)

Triple Jump 7. Kenlee Perryman 29-

Boys results

April 15 at Tilghman

110 hurdles 5. Will Perkins (18.41)

300 meters 4. Will Perkins (47.46)

400 meters 3. Will Tolley (53.24)

1600 meters 5. Aaron Lucas

7. Branen Lamey (12.14)

100 meters 6. Devon Nesbitt (12.05),

800 meters 5. Aaron Lucas (2:12.02)

3200 meters 8. Kate Keller

Discus 7. Alexis Tabor 68-02

(14:31.72)

### **CCHS Track** & Field Results Girls Results, April 13

Pinkout Meet Team Totals: Crittenden 84, Livingston 66, Lyon 54, Dawson 37 100 meter hurdles 1. Jessie Potter

300 hurdles 1. Jessie Potter (1:00.28), 2. Kenlee Perrymar (1:00.90)

100 meters 4. Shelby Wallace (14.68), 8. Ally Newman (15.88) 200 meters 7. Abby Kirk (37.51) 400 meters 2. Courtne Curnel (1:13.09), 4. Trinity Hayes (1:14.82) 800 meters 1. Kate Keller (2:56), 5.

Ashlev Wheeler (3:20) 1600 meters 1. Kate Keller (6:18). 2. Jaelyn Duncan (7:26), 3. Ashley Wheeler (7:50), 4. Anzie Gobin (8:34) 3200 meters 1. Kate Keller (13:49), 3. Jaelyn Duncan (15:18)

400 relay 3. Crittenden (Jessie Potter, Courtney Curnel, Kenlee Perryman, Shelby Wallace) 1:00, 6. Crittenden (Errin Herrin, Abby Kirk, Katie Mathieu, Lauren Gilchrist) 1:08 800 relay 3. Crittenden (Ryleigh Tabor, Trinity Hayes, Ally Newman, Courtne Curnel) 2:11, 6. Crittenden (Haley Mathieu, Briana McDonald, A.

Croft, Katie Mathieu) 2:36

1600 relay 1. Crittenden (Jessie Potter, Courtne Curnel, Shelby Wallace, Kenlee Perryman) 5:03, 5. Crittenden (Anize Gobin, Lauren Gilchrist, Emma Herrin, Ally Newman) 6:12, 6. Crittenden (Abby Kirk, Haley Mathieu, A. Croft, Briana McDonald) 6:21 3200 relay 2. Crittenden (Jaelyn Duncan, Cameron Howard, Ashley Wheeler, Kate Keller) 13:54 Long Jump 1. Trinity Hayes. Triple Jump 2. Kenlee Perryman 26-5, 5. Trinity Hayes 25, 8. Southern

Shot Put 3. Alexis Tabor 20-11, 6.



Branen Lamey soars in the running long jump field event during last week's Pinkout meet at Marion.

Lauren Gilchrist 20-5.5 Discus 1. Alexis Tabor 70-6.5, 8. Lauren Gilchrist 47-8.5

**Boys Results April 13** Team Totals: Crittenden 107, Daw-

son 73. Lvon 35. Livingston 33 110 hurdles 2. Will Perkins (17.69) 300 hurdles 2. Will Perkins (44.87), 5. Tyson Steele (51.29), 6. Zac Weathers (51.96) 100 meters 1. Devon Nesbitt (11.51),

2. Branen Lamey (11.69), 7. Joseph Estes (12.59) 200 meters 1. Devon Nesbitt (24.38),

3. Gavin Davidson (24.89), 7. Eli Moss (27.17) 400 meters 1. Will Tolley (54.82), 6.

Eli Moss (1:02.53), 7. Joseph Estes (1:03.7)

800 meters 1. Aaron Lucas (2:22), 4. Chris Perez (2:38)

1600 meters 1. Aaron Lucas (5:15), 2. Sawyer Towery (5:17), 5. Chris Pere (5:56) 3200 meters 1. Aaron Lucas (12:03),

2. Sawyer Towery (12:16) 400 relay 1. Crittenden (Devon Nes-

bitt, Gavin Davidson, Will Tolley, Branen Lamey) 0.46

800 relay 2. Crittenden (Will Perkins, ac Weathers, Adam Beavers, Eli Moss) 1:46

1600 relay 1. Crittenden (Devon Nesbitt, Gavin Davidson, Branen Lamey, Will Tolley) 3:57 3200 relay 1. Crittenden (Will Tolley,

Tyson Steele, Sawyer Towery, Aaron Lucas) 9:22 Long Jump 1. Branen Lamey 17-6,

4. Gavin Davidson 16-10, 6. Tyson Steele 15-2 Triple Jump 2. Tyson Steele 34-7, 3.

Adam Beavers 32-3 Shot Put 6. Adam Beavers 29-0.5

Discus 1. Adam Beavers 102-6.5, 6. Ross Crider 83-6.5

#### Girls Results April 11 Murray's Harrell Relays 1600 meters 5. Kate Keller (6:12.21)

800 relay 7. Crittenden (Jessie Potter, Courtne Curnel, Kenlee Perryman, Trinity Hayes, Ally Newman) 2:08.64

1600 relay 4. Crittenden (Jessie Potter, Courtne Curnel, Kenlee Perryman, Shelby Wallace, Trinity Hayes, Kate Keller) 5:08.93 3200 relay 7. Crittenden (Jaelyn

Duncan, Cameron Howard, Ashley Wheeler, Kate Keller, Trinity Haves) 13:48.25 Medley Relay 6. Crittenden (Jaelyn

Duncan, Shelby Wallace, Ashley Wheeler, Kate Keller, Courtne Curnel, Trinity Hayes, Ryleigh Tabor)

#### **Boys Results April 11** Murray's Harrell Relays

110 hurdles 3. Will Perkins (18.22) 300 hurdles 2. Will Perkins (47.06) 1600 meters 1. Aaron Lucas (4:47.55), 6. Sawyer Towery (5:16.28) 400 relay 3. Crittenden (Devon Nesbitt. Gavin Davidson. Will Tollev. Lamey Branen, Eli Moss, Xander Tabor) 46.39 800 relay 5. Crittenden (Devon Nes-

(11:48.67)

(4:50.26)

3200 meters 2. Aaron Lucas (10:53.63), 5. Sawyer Towery 400 relay 4. Crittenden (46.55)

1600 relay 4. Crittenden (4:01.01) 3200 relay 3. Crittenden (8:58.49) High Jump 6. Will Perkins 5-04 Triple Jump 8. Branen Lamey 37-04 Discus 8. Adam Beavers 88-00

**Rocket freshman** 

## Rockets 10-run Webster; win 2 in a row

The Rockets (3-10) unloaded a pile of pent up frustration Tuesday on Webster County (5-8), beating the Trojans 13-3 on the road.

Senior Maeson Myers drove in five on four hits and scored two runs in the onslaught and Cody Belt had three hits. Ethan Hunt knocked in three on two hits and scored three. Freshman Hunter Jones pitched

four innings for the win and Taylor Yancy closed it it out. CCHS snapped a four-game losing

streak with a 5-2 road victory at McLean County Friday.

It was the second win this year against the Cougars. Its first came at the end of March in Marion, ending a six-game skid just before the club took off for spring break in Florida.

The rematch last Friday was a defensive struggle at Calhoun. Together, the clubs stranded a combined 18 runners on base.

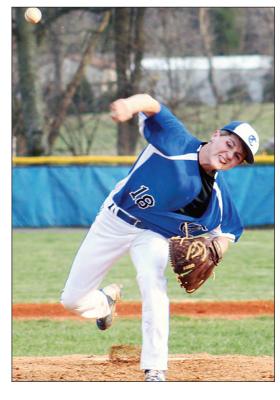
## Baseball

The Cougars (4-9) scored first and clung to a one-run edge until the Rockets came to bat in the fourth inning. That is when CCHS junior Cody Belt walked and later scored.

Crittenden's bats heated up in the sixth inning with senior Ethan Hunt reaching base on a single and later scoring off a double by senior Maeson Myers. Ethan Dossett, Belt and Taylor Yancy drove in a run each in the inning, giving the Rockets a commanding 5-1 advantage.

A solid pitching performance was turned in by sophomore starter Payton Riley. Over five innings, the right hander allowed only one run and four hits, striking out five and walking three. In relief, Yancy yielded just one run on two hits and he fanned two.

The Rockets played a Fifth District game Wednesday at Trigg County.



**Hunter Jones got** the win Tuesday at **Webster County as** Crittenden won by 10 runs. Rain has continued to keep the baseball team on its heels. The **Rockets were** scheduled to play their third Fifth District game on Monday but it was rained out and moved to Wednesday at Cadiz. The boys entered the game 0-2 in league play, but on a twogame winning streak.

# ESPN's '30 for 30' takes look at Calipari

It took Emmy-winning director Jonathan Hock almost 20 months to put together the documentary, "One

And Not Done," on Kentucky coach John Calipari that aired on ESPN last week

Like many Kentucky fans have come to believe, Hock admits he perhaps had the wrong perception of Calipari until he had a chance to get to know him.

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"Cal is a very complicated guy. There are a lot of facets to his personality. There is a lot to think about with

Cal and there are very few easy answers with him," said Hock. "I think when I first met Cal in 2012, I had only seen him from afar since his UMass (coaching) days. I thought he was slick and I had the impression there's something that is off with him. Then when I got to know him I had the impression that something was not off, but something was very on."

Hock got unlimited access to Calipari during the 10 months of filming that started with Calipari's induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame to the NBA draft where Skill Labissiere and Jamal Murray were both first-round selections. During that time, he learned one thing that has also become obviously clear to

"Cal thrives on friction. Cal will create friction if he doesn't have enough in his life. He'll say something to tweak an opposing coach or another program or a player or something just to get the haters out. He feeds on that. He's an extremely ambitious, competitive person," Hock said.

There are two things John was born to do. One is to sell. This dude, there's nothing he cannot sell. Second thing, he was born to fight. Most of us avoid fights. Cal is very comfortable in situations where there is one thing both of us want and only one of us is going to get it and is going to do whatever it takes to get it.

"He thrives in that environment and that's why sports are perfect for him. He loves being in that situation. I think he gets a lot of motivation from being in fight. He sees every scenario that confronts him as a very personal attack and he's ready to fight."

Hock said Calipari's background being irom a working class family obviously fuels his determination and fight. I believe when Cal looks in a mirror he doesn't see a guy with nice clothes, beautiful hair. Instead he looks in the mirror and staring back at him are coal miners and immigrants from his family background."

Several coaches that Hock wanted to interview for the documentary declined. Former Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun did an interview, but it was obvious he was no Calipari fan. Hock also talked about how some coaches complained in 2012 when he was doing an all-access show weekly show on ESPN about UK basketball.

"I think there is a camp of coaches and writers that are very sanctimonious about college basketball and then there is Cal," Hock said. "He is a realist and not sanctimonious about what the sport needs. This is a money making enterprise at every level and Cal is not afraid of that fact. A lot of others are afraid of that, but he doesn't shy away from that and that is where it gets complicated with Cal.

"I root for him. I didn't do his best for the kids. He understands that doing the best for the kids is going to be the best for him and he's always been about doing the best for himself. That doesn't mean he isn't working really hard for the kids. He's as hard working as anyone I've ever seen. If you're straight up with him, he's a very good person to deal with.

## Hoak could be star QB

Kentucky coaches believe they found a winning quarterback last season with the way junior college transfer Stephen Johnson played while helping UK win seven

games. But the Blue-White Game that ended spring practice last week also showed that UK redshirt freshman Gunnar Hoak could be a future star as well. In fact, Kentucky may have never had more quarter-

back depth with last year's starter, Drew Barker, coming back from his offseason back

injury and true freshmen Danny Clark and Walker Wood both already on campus.

Hoak completed 12 of 18 passes for 92 yards and two scores for the White team in the Blue-White game during the first half. In the fourth quarter, he got two series with the Blue team composed of No. 1 players at each position — and went 4-for-6 passing for 82 yards and ran for a 5-yard score.

"His confidence has gotten better as the spring went on,' offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said.

"He's been very poised. You see he's effortless at times," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. "And I just like the way he handles himself back there. He throws a very catchable football. He's very accurate. The more experience he gets, the better he looks.

The former Ohio high school star admitted he was looking forward to the spring game and having a chance to show what he could do.

"I would say that staying in the pocket and getting the ball out is one of my strengths. Something I need to work on that Stephen (Johnson) does well is getting outside of the pocket and hitting that speed," Hoak said. "It was a lot of fun out there, and a lot different from last year. I thought I did well. I have to keep getting better through May and come back in June, lift hard, and get ready for

Hoak thought he might be redshirted last year with Barker in line to take over the offense. When Barker went down with the back injury, many thought he might play but Johnson played so well that Stoops was able to stick to the plan to redshirt him.

"Personally I think I am getting better every day. It was a good experiencer redshirting and learning the offense and getting that connection with the guys and hopefully getting to play more in the future," he said.

He's not worried about the depth of talent at quarterback, either. He says quarterbacks coach Darrin Hinshaw gives each player equal atten-

into a college experience and compete with the other guys. That's the name of the game to compete. If you win, you win and just keep getting better," he said. "I have improved but we are all getting better. You just have to compete and give the best you have and see

what happens." He said Hinshaw worked on his throwing motion to where he got the ball back





PHOTOS BY VICKY GRAFF (TOP) JEFF HOUCHIN (ABOVE) At top, "One and Not Done" director Jonathan Hock wanted his ESPN documentary on John Calipari to show that the coach thrived on friction, and it did. Above, redshirt freshman quarterback Gunnar Hoak threw for four touchdowns in the Blue-White Game.

He also concentrated on his footwork and speed daily during spring practice and that will not change over the sum-

season that it was not easy to play quarterback in the Southeastern Conference but

likes the talent UK has. "Stephen has improved a lot from last season. He's become even more of a leader on the team." Hoak said. "Drew did well. He stayed ready and was a big part of the team last year. He just could not play but he still had a huge role on our team and he got to do

practice went on.

The new guys (Clark and Wood) are a little shocked just like I was last year. Getting to know that college offense compared to what it was in high school is tough. But they are getting it and in the fall we are going to have a lot of guys battling to get playing time."

## Hughes moved to DB

Zy'Aire Hughes, a redshirt freshman from McCracken County, has been moved from receiver to defense back — at least for now.

"We're exploring. We're looking at him," UK coach Mark Stoops said. "It's a double-edged sword. We lose a bunch of wide receivers after this year, and he's doing a good job at wideout. But we're getting thin in the secondary, and he's just so quick. He has such great change of direction. He can run, so I just wanted to look at him a bit."

He was tagged as an "athlete" by most recruiting analysts because of his athleticism and ability to play either offense or defense.

"He's a quick twitch guy, now. I'm excited to see him improve," Kentucky defensive coordinator Jeff House said. 'He's hungry to learn, which is

What kind of advice would Dominique Hawkins give Kentucky's incoming freshmen about UK fans?

"I would say off the court is the biggest adjustment to the fans. They are going to want pictures and signings, but you just need to learn to love the fans as much as you can," he told vaughtsviews.com contributor Jami Young during an autograph stop in Pikeville.

Hawkins and Derek Willis are touring the state together and have drawn big crowds across the state. Willis had similar advice for future Wild-

You have to welcome it. I feel like a lot of people who come in not knowing what the culture is here it might freak them out, or they may get tired of being bombarded all the time because it's around you 24/7, but if you just embrace it then you will be fan favorites and everyone will love you," Willis said.

"That's what I did over the vears. I always embraced it since high school. It's been great and I've had a lot of good memories with meeting fans. Growing up in Kentucky I understood all of the rivalries. I knew what University of Kentucky basketball meant to all of the fans and how loyal the fans are. I took that into account. The fans and their support are the main reasons why I came to Kentucky. It means everything honestly."

#### **Quote of the Week**

"He is like the greatest person in the world now. Of course, all of us players had one opinion of him when he was coaching and we all have converted, too. When you grow up you understand why coaches are who they are and it does you a a lot of good in the game of life," Eastern Kentucky athletics director Steve Lochmueller on Joe Hall, his basketball coach at UK.

### Quote of the Week 2

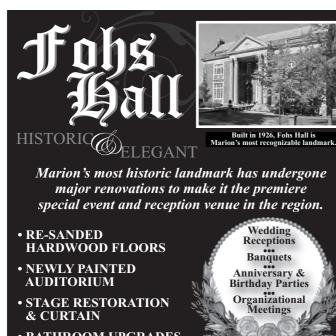
"You have to love to come into a college experience and compete with the other guys. That's the name of the game to compete. If you win the job, you win and just keep getting better. If you do not win, you do the same," UK redshirt freshman quarterback Gunnar Hoak on competition for playing time.

## **Quote of the Week 3**

"He is another version of Cal. Just a straight shooter. He keeps it real. He doesn't care how bad he is going to hurt your feelings. He is going to get you better," UK signee Nick Richards on assistant

coach Kenny Payne. (Larry Vaught, a former sports writer at The Advocate-Messenger in Danville, Ky., now covers UK sports on VaughtsViews.com blog and his weekly column appears in many newspapers across Kentucky.)





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## **NICKEL**

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property taxes. "(But) to make kids competitive, we have to move forward. I'm ready to start the calendar as soon as we can.'

Shared with members of the community at tonight's forum will be answers to questions from the first forum on March 14 as well as additional information gathered by district officials over the past five-plus weeks. Last week's meeting with Joe Nance and Bob Tarvin of Ross, Sinclaire & Associates will also play a part in

tonight's presentation. Both men impressed upon the board that deciding to move ahead with the recallable nickel process needs to be done sooner rather than later in order to make the most efficient use of the tax should the levy ultimately be approved. Procrastination could cost the school district thousands of dollars to mail a second round of tax bills this fall and could delay the state's matching funds until 2020, putting a groundbreaking off two years and adding as much as 20 percent to ever-rising construction costs.

'Time is of the essence," said Tarvin. "You have to get the tax passed by Jan. 1 or you're going to set yourself behind two years."

The upcoming May 9 board meeting is key to avoiding unnecessary delays, Nance explained. If the board decides to begin the approval process at that time, even the most protracted timeline would allow the recallable nickel, should it be approved, to be placed on tax bills mailed to property owners this fall. And the best case scenario could see the tax become official by mid-July.

You don't want to set it in August when everybody else is setting tax rates," Nance said, referring to city and county governments as well as other taxing districts. "All you're doing on May 9 is to get the process going. You're not really making a decision until June 1."

June 1 is the earliest date a formal tax hearing could be



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An artist's rendering of the proposed new middle and high school campus in Crittenden County shows the high school connected to the west side of Rocket Arena and fronting Elm Street as well as a new middle school, cafeteria and common area extending north. Only the high school is in the immediate plans for the school district, which is proposing a 5.8-cent tax increase to build the \$6.7 million facility. As currently planned, the high school would supplant the parking lot at Rocket Stadium but would not disturb the football field. Middle school and other construction would be many years down the road, if plans move forwad. The greenery shown in the left foreground is for illustrative purposes only. That area is would remain asphalt. Below is a different perspective of the same plan.

After May 9, the hearing would have to be advertised in this newspaper twice (May 18 and 25). After second publication, the formal hearing must be held within 7-10

days, making June 1 the earliest date for that requirement. After the hearing is closed, the board could immediately take a final vote

"You might as well go ahead and make that decision the same night," Tarvin said.

"It's important to have a decision prior to having the tax bills sent out," Nance added.

Tarvin beleives the board has done its due diligence by scheduling two informal forums to educate the public on the ins and outs of the

property tax. A thumbs up by the board on June 1 would start the recall clock, giving taxpayers 45 days to gather enough signatures on a petition to send the tax to the ballot box for a countwide vote. The petition would require the names of

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Board member Collins was shocked to learn from Tarvin that most Kentucky school districts that

approve a similar construction nickel are not even met with a petition for recall. "Probably 70-30 or

80-20," Tarvin said of the ratio. "And the ones that get recalled are even less.

There are are no elections scheduled

this year, so if a petition to recall were validated, the board would have to pay for a special election. That would cost the school district about \$15,000.

School districts already have a nickel of their tax levy dedicated to school construction. A second, recallable nickel in Crittenden County generate \$240,000 annually in additional tax revenue. It is set at 5.8 cents by the state based on the rate of local tax collection, making the revenue it would generate equivalent to

This "equivalent nickel" would add \$3.3 million in bonding potential to the current \$4.75 million already available. The greatest appeal of the nickel for school officials is another \$3.1 million match in bonding potential from the state.

Fifty-four of Kentucky's 173 school districts have approved a second construction nickel, opening up the coffers in Frankfort for a match. That is money being left on the table in Crittenden County, said Clark.

The initial plan for meeting \$31.2 million in long-range construction needs identified last winter by an independent local facilities planning committee is to build a \$6.7 million high school attached to Rocket Arena. That would free up the current high school for middle schoolers and allow the district to raze the anitquated 68-year-old portion of the middle school and renovate the remaining portion for a new central office for an additional \$1.3 million.

A new high school could

Nance's timeline.

"A project that size typically is an 18-month construction process," he said.

The school district currently has about \$4.5 million in construction debt. Without the nickel tax, it would be at least 2024 when Rocket Arena debt is paid off before there would be enough bonding potential to build another school. With the additional levy, the board could possibleylook at adding a new middle school when the arena bond is paid.

Collins said she has had some uneasy moments thinking about adding to the tax burden of local property owners. However, she is still in favor of replacing the middle school over pouring money for renovations into a building that has essentially been labeled a money pit.

"I don't take it lightly that we're asking people to give of their hard-earned dollars," she said. "You spend a lot of time thinking about that. But there's no better place to make an investment than in your school and community."

Bill Asbridge was serving on the board that built Rocket Arena, and has yet to make up his mind on approving another construction project, particularly one that will cost his friends and neighbors more money over the next 20 years of the bond issue for a new high school.

"I kinda came into this not wanting to do a nickel tax, but it's undeniable the middle school needs to be replaced," he said at last week's

## **Forum** format to limit input

Tonight's forum on the proposed "recallable nickel" school tax will have some limits, unlike the first informational forum on March 14 that became repetitious and dragged on for more than 90 minutes

According to Superintendent Vince Clark, the informal forum set for 5 p.m. today (Thursday) in the middle school library will allow everyone the opportunity to speak, but they will be limited to speaking only once for a maximum of 4 minutes.

Clark said those wishing to address the board of education and a panel of local educational officials and construction and financial experts will need to complete a registration card during a brief presentation to open the forum. Those people will then be called upon by Board Chairman Chris Cook to voice their support for or opposition to the tax.

The panel will consist of Cook; Clark; Board Attorney Roy Massey; school district Finance Officer Diane Winters; Dr. Bob Tarvin of Ross, Sinclaire & Associates; and Craig Thomas, the principal architect of RBS Design

The forum will be broadcast via Facebook Live on the school district's Facebook page that can be found by searching for "Crittenden CoSchools".

meeting, adding that delays could be costly for the eventual necessity. "Do I think Rocket Arena should be paid off (first)? Yeah, I do. But I realize construction costs go up."

Because of the middle school's deteriorating condition and need for attention, Asbridge said the sacrifice is either now or later as debt is paid down and bonding potential increases.

"Regardless if this (tax) happens or not, we're going to have to restrict money to meet this project," he said of a new high school. "However this plays out, we're going to have to end up doing some-







