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## Settlement would lessen KU increase

The battle to tamp down utility rate hikes in Kentucky produced a victory last week for intervenors, who challenged the sizes and types of increases sought by sister power companies Kentucky Utilities Co. (KU) and Louisville Gas & Electric.

The challengers ranged from big corporations to people on fixed-incomes – and they forged a settlement with the utilities that, if approved by the state Public Service Commission (PSC), would trim the increase from \$210 million to \$120 million.

A KU residential customer using an average of 1,179 kilowatt hours per month would see an increase of only \$4.21 per month, about \$3 less than what was expected with the initial proposal.

For KU electric customers the basic service charge request would have increased from \$10.75 a month to \$22. With the settlement, though, that charge will go up 75 cents July 1 of this year and another 75 cents on July 1, 2018.

The utilities also have agreed to withdraw their current plans for full deployment of advanced meters, but will continue their voluntary advanced meter program.

KU serves Marion and customers in portions of rural Crittenden County.

The public hearing on the rate review is scheduled to begin May 9 at the PSC offices in Frankfort.

(Editor's note: Kentucky News Connection contributed to this story.)

## Crittenden health in middle of pack

An easy-to-use snapshot that compares counties within states, the County Health Rankings reports Crittenden County is in the middle of the pack in the overall health of Kentucky counties.

Crittenden County ranked 58th of the 120 counties in overall health and 68th in contributing factors to health, with clinical care rating in the bottom fifth of counties.

The eighth annual Rankings shows where you live influences how well and how long you live. The local level data makes it clear that good health is influenced by many factors beyond healthcare, including housing, education, jobs, access to healthy foods and more.

According to the 2017 Rankings, Oldham, Boone, Spencer, Shelby and Woodford – all in central Kentucky – are among the state's counties with the best health outcomes, while Breathitt, Wolfe, Owsley, Knott and Harlan – all in eastern Kentucky – are among the counties with the worst health outcomes.



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# Man, 33, arrested for rape of girl, 13

STAFF REPORT

A Marion man is being held at the Crittenden County Detention Center on \$100,000 cash bond, charged with first-degree rape of a 13-year old female.

Marion Police Department is investigating the alleged crime. Officer George Foster filed the complaint and arrested Donald James Morris, 33, on Monday at a residence on Cherry Street.

The police report claims that Morris forced the girl to smoke

marijuana, threatening her if she didn't, then tied her to a metal bed, took off her clothes and raped her in August of last year.

He is charged with first-degree rape of a person incapable of consent-physically helpless, a Class B felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Morris has an extensive criminal record that includes convictions

in Crittenden and Hopkins counties for disorderly conduct, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence), trespassing and three arrests for alcohol intoxication.

When police arrived to arrest Morris on Monday, they found pot in a nightstand in his bedroom, charging him with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.



Morris

## Musical mixing pot



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Marion native Corey Crider (right), a professional opera singer, is experimenting with a mix of classic opera and rock and roll. He plans to take the tour on the road.

## Crittenden native taking his operatic voice to new levels by blending in rock

STAFF REPORT

Corey Crider has a new mission and it's something akin to blending strawberry and jalepeno into an eclectic cocktail that might just appeal to those tired of the same old flavor.

For Crider, a 40-year-old professional opera singer, it's an exciting opportunity to whisk classical music and rock into the same mixing bowl. The musical dish, he thinks, will appeal to a broad range of art aficionados. Teens to geriatrics might find value in the

mix, he said. Crider admits that opera and hard rock don't generally go together, but that's what makes this project appealing, too.

"We're interweaving different genres of music and it's very complicated at times," says Crider, who was between opera gigs last week in Virginia and Mississippi when he took time to explain his latest enterprise.

He and a college buddy from Hopkinsville, Scott Hamrick, started The Tapestry as an entrepreneurial business ven-

ture. The performers for their current project, entitled "Remove the Veil!" are Crider and three other professional opera singers who have appeared on stages the likes of the Metropolitan Opera in New York and La Fenice in Italy, as well as five instrumentalists who've played venues like the Opry, the Ryman, The Palace at Auburn Hills and Oracle Arena. The Tapestry played in Evansville recently and has other engagements booked for this

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# EMS bleeds red ink

## Fiscal court forewarned about losses

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County leaders can consider themselves forewarned that the ambulance service is still gushing red ink and there's no guarantee that Baptist Health will continue operating the service.

At least that's a concern for Lea Ann Klarner, the new CEO at Crittenden Health Systems. (CHS).

Over the last few weeks, Baptist Health has laid off about 1 percent of its workforce across eight markets in Kentucky and southern Indiana.

Local officials say the volatile nature of the healthcare sector has them on edge with regard to the future of the ambulance service.

CHS operated the ambulance for many years before Baptist began managing it just over a year ago with guaranteed supplements from the county and the hospital. According to a report provided to county magistrates last week, Baptist lost almost \$470,000 in its first 12 months of running the ambulance service. The county pitched in \$150,000 and the hospital will pay \$100,000, bringing the deficit back to

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### In the red

EMS loss\* .....\$467K

### Share of loss

Baptist .....\$217K

County .....\$150K

CHS .....\$100K

\*After 12 months under Baptist management

# Quilters welcomed to county

By **MIMI BYRNS**  
PRESS CONTRIBUTOR

The Backroads Quilt Show is opening the doors for quilt lovers and visitors at the Marion City Hall Council Chambers on Saturday. The event, part of the larger Amish Tour & Backroads Festival that begins Friday, has become a traditional opportunity for the public to view works of art made by the crafty hands of local quilters.

Anyone can display quilts, quilt tops and baby quilts of any size, and they don't have to be made by the exhibitor. The quilts this year can be entered from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday. After this, the spec-

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# Community mourns Perryman family's loss

STAFF REPORT

Friends from near and far surrounded a young Crittenden County couple and their families Saturday as they laid to rest their 7-month-old son.

People from the couple's hometowns of Marion and Tolu have followed the story of Travis and Ali Perryman's son Adler and his journey

after being born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome. The defect in the structure of Adler's heart resulted in several surgeries, including a heart transplant in early March, but he died April 19 at Monroe Carell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. His was one of very few funerals to be held at Rocket

Arena on the Crittenden County High School campus, and evidence of the large number of supporters who have followed the Perryman's social media posts throughout the last year.

The Perrymans, 27 and 28 years old, were married less than a year when Adler was born and knew just a few

months into the pregnancy that there were complications. By the time Adler was a couple months old, more than 11,000 people were following his story via an online blog for Team Adler, which the couple used to update friends and family about his condition. It was a roller coaster of emotions as up-

dates reported positive improvements, concerns, problems and encouraging signs from the team of physicians at the Vanderbilt hospital. Supporters – which stretched far beyond Crittenden County's borders – rallied around the Perrymans

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# HOME & GARDEN GUIDE INSIDE



# Revolving loan fund economic starter for 30 years

**STAFF REPORT**

Thirty years ago this month, Marion forged a valuable economic development tool and helped a local entrepreneur get his feet on the ground with a mining bolt company. The dividends from that arrangement have triggered a number of projects that have buoyed the economic climate of this community for decades.

The City of Marion, driven by the experience and leadership of the late Royce Downey, who was city administrator at the time, purchased on April 14, 1987 what was the former Moore Business Forms building in what is now Industrial Park

South. The city used a Kentucky Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to buy the former printing plant for \$450,000, then sold it to local businessman John Newcom, financing the deal and creating what would become the City of Marion Revolving Loan Fund (RLF).

The RLF has turned that initial grant over multiple times, making about \$2 million in small business loans and building what is now a roughly \$1 million asset fund.

Since 1987, the fund has been used as economic incentive for growing or starting companies like Par 4 Plastics, Vibra Finish, Riley

Tool and Machine, Henry and Henry, Mining and Minerals Services Inc., Crittenden Coal, D&D Automation, CeraTech, Siemens, Midwest Trucking, Safetran and Invensys.

Although the revolving loan fund, which is today managed by a volunteer board of directors, has been a fruitful instrument for growth, the original plan was met with a great deal of skepticism. Heated debates were routine when the idea was first formulated in the late 1980s. There was a misconception about how the grant would work that fueled much of the arguments. In hindsight, most now agree that

the incentive program has been key to Marion's economic development strategy.

"I don't think anyone understood economic development back then," Newcom recalls. "Royce Downey did because he'd been other places and knew how it worked."

Tragically, Downey had a heart attack and died at a Chamber of Commerce event in August 1988 and never got see his vision become a tangible piece of success.

"(The revolving loan fund) has continued to morph into prosperity with jobs and growth," said Joe Yarbrough, chairman of the Farmers Bank board of directors and

a fund director for the RLF.

Marion Mining Bolts was in business in Marion for about 18 years before closing in 2005. Newcom retired that original loan for the manufacturing building and has since used the RLF for other projects. He still owns the real estate where Siemens and Midwest Trucking are located and owns another company across the highway, Bluegrass Vinyl Products, which employs a dozen and creates and sells roofing and siding materials.

New Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford said the RLF allows this small community to get into the game when it comes to incentiviz-

ing small business startups and growth. To qualify for a loan, the beneficiary must guarantee jobs creation.

"It is one of the strongest tools to encourage local economic growth. Without it, we wouldn't have a half million dollars to offer," Ledford added.

The fund currently has four outstanding loans. Newcom still has one and the others are to Riley Tool and Machine, Crittenden County Health Department and Mining and Minerals Inc. The outstanding balance is about \$785,000 and there is more than \$200,000 available right now for other qualifying applicants.

# Suspected burglar nabbed

**STAFF REPORT**

Local police think they may have cleared up a number of burglary cases with the arrest of 20-year-old Coy McDowell of Marion last week.

McDowell is lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center on two counts of third-degree burglary and one count of theft by unlawful taking (over \$500 but less than \$10,000). All three charges are Class D felonies.

Marion Police Chief said McDowell was arrested last Wednesday, April 19 and initially charged with stealing a 2002 Honda 250EX four-wheeler from a home on Arleen Street.

Police found the ATV in the bed of a vehicle it stopped on U.S. 641 last week and de-

spite being repainted a different color were able to positively identify the four-wheeler. The person told authorities that he got it from McDowell.

Investigators say that while following up leads in the ATV case, they also found other stolen items from a burglary on North Maple Street and a couple of burglaries at the storage units on Cherry Street.

Chief O'Neal said the investigation is not over and other charges are pending. He also said others may be charged in connection to the burglaries.

McDowell is on pre-trial diversion on another felony



McDowell

case. It's likely that Circuit Judge Rene Williams will hold a revocation hearing next month now that McDowell is a defendant in this case.

Last fall, McDowell pleaded guilty to a felony count of theft of property either lost, mislaid or delivered by mistake. According to court records, McDowell obtained \$550 from a Farmers Bank ATM machine in Marion by manipulating the machine into crediting his account with non-existent deposits and then immediately withdrawing the exact amounts. He was given a three-year sentence, diverted for a period of five years.



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## LETTERS

**Conrad's, many volunteers help 'Lock up Rx'**

To the editor

Many of you may have noticed signs around town supporting a "Lock up Rx" campaign. This campaign is one of the education projects of the Crittenden County Drug-free Coalition. Last weekend, the Coalition held a fundraiser to bag and carryout groceries at Conrad's Harvest Foods. The fundraiser also gave the Coalition the opportunity to distribute to mem-

bers of our community several dozen prescription lock boxes at no charge.

Prescription medicines that are kept within reach of small children and not properly safeguarded pose a very serious risk of harm to the most vulnerable members of our community. According to the Centers for Disease Control, each year accidental prescription drug overdoses send thousands of children under the age of 6 to the hospital-- oftentimes with fatal results. These accidents are entirely preventable by the use of safeguarding procedures such

as lockboxes.

Thank you to Larry Escue, the Owner of Conrad's Harvest Foods, for providing a great location for our fundraiser and thank you to each member of our community who donated to the Coalition. Finally we recognize all the volunteers who made this fundraiser possible: Judge Brandi Rogers, Rebecca Woodall, Linda Schumann, Cheryl Burks, Heath Martin, James Crider, David Combs, Emily Combs, Paul Combs and Staci Blackburn.

**Starla Breuer**  
Marion, Ky.

## GUEST OPINION

# Investment in our students, schools is investment in our community

**By VINCE CLARK**  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The second Crittenden County Board of Education facility forum was well attended last week with folks expressing support and opposition for the proposed "second recallable nickel" tax to fund the replacement of our 67-year-old middle school with a new high school. It was important that our BOE hear from our community, the taxpayers who fund educational opportunities for our students.



Clark



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

**Crittenden County farmer Anthony Easley speaks with Crittenden County Board of Education Chairman Chris Cook last Thursday evening looking for answers he feels have not been addressed in the school district's drive to inform the community on a proposal to tack on a "recallable nickel" to the school tax. The levy of 5.8 cents per \$100 of assessed property could appear on this fall's tax bills if the board of education decides to opt for the tax. But residents of the county would have the opportunity to petition for a recall vote at the ballot box.**

Currently, there are 52 school districts (out of 173) that are receiving additional funding from the state for adopting the second nickel. This funding will help address some of the \$31 million in facility needs identified by the Local Planning Committee which developed our District Facility Plan last year.

It is more important than ever that our students are getting a 21st century education so they can compete for high

in demand jobs and careers. This is a difficult decision for our BOE to consider, and we appreciate the feedback and support given at our forums.

Educating students is complex and intense work. With increased accountability that includes graduation rate, Novice reduction, response to intervention and preparing students to be College and Career Ready, it is important to make sure our students are

getting the best education possible so they can compete for the best paying jobs.

An investment in our students and schools is also an investment in our community. An educated community is connected to economic development and ensures that we can provide community services like health care, government and commerce which play a vital role in our quality of life for all citizens.

# Ky. jobless rate remains at 5 percent in March

**STAFF REPORT**

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary March unemployment rate remained unchanged from February at 5 percent, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET).

The preliminary March 2017 jobless rate was 0.1 percentage points lower than the 5.1 percent rate recorded for the state in March 2016.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for March 2017 was 4.5 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

"The stable unemployment rate at both the fed-

eral and state level indicates a strong economy approaching full employment," said Kentucky Labor Market Information Director Kate Shirley Akers, Ph.D.

Kentucky's manufacturing sector had the largest month-to-month expansion in March 2017, growing by 2,800 positions or 1.1 percent from a month ago.

"The increase in manufacturing employment reflects growing demand for durable goods produced by Kentucky firms," said Akers. "The continued steady manufacturing growth is a positive sign for the broader state economy."

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# County prepares for budget; jail staying full

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) to discuss the Fiscal Year 2018 budget which goes into effect on July 1.

The court held its regular monthly meeting last week and took care of its routine business in order to free up more time to work on the budget at this week's session.

County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom anticipates a considerable savings on the worker's compensation insurance premium in the coming year although he doesn't yet know how great those savings will be. He pointed out that through a number safety measures and educational programs, the county has cut its worker's comp claims drastically since 2013 when they were at \$225,000. Claims have gone down each of the last three years and were less than \$3,000 last year, Newcom said.

The county paid \$125,000 for its worker's compensation insurance last year.

"Everyone has done a good job of communicating our need to lower our claims," he said.

In addition to raising awareness, he said the county has undertaken a fairly extensive safety improvement program that in-

cluded flashing lights on county vehicles, high-visibility uniforms for workers, back-up beepers on heavy equipment and improved First-Aid kits.

"It's all paying off," he said.

In other business:

- Road Supervisor Audie Maraman said his crews have been busy this spring doing mostly routine maintenance work. Some FEMA work has been done on Bells Mines Road and a tile was replaced on Nelson Road that had been a trouble spot for a long time.
- Maraman said a dozen roads in the county will be getting a fresh surface in the coming days and the patching machine is making its rounds through the community.
- All or portions of the following roads will be getting chip and seal in the coming days: Deer Trace, Long Branch, Donald Winders, Maynard, Sisco Cemetery, Dameron, Eagle Mine, Dawn Drive, Paddy's Bluff, Lily Dale, Hunt and Lloyd.
- Jailer Robbie Kirk reported another month of high capacity at the jail. Since the restricted custody (RC) center opened last fall next door to the jail, Kirk said the average daily inmate population has been close to 200. The

jail and RC center together were designed to hold 172 inmates, but Kirk says the facility needs to keep more than that.

The state pays the county \$31.34 per day to keep Class D inmates. On average, only about 25 beds or fewer at the local jail are taken by non-revenue-generating county inmates.

"We have to entertain the idea of operating just above capacity if we are going to pay the bills," he told the fiscal court.

The jail is starting to house more inmates from nearby counties, and even allowing some to be in the work release program. Kirk said he previously didn't allow inmates from Crittenden or other nearby counties to be outside the jail on work crews because of problems it can create.

"We have seen an uptick in contraband since we've been doing this," Kirk said.

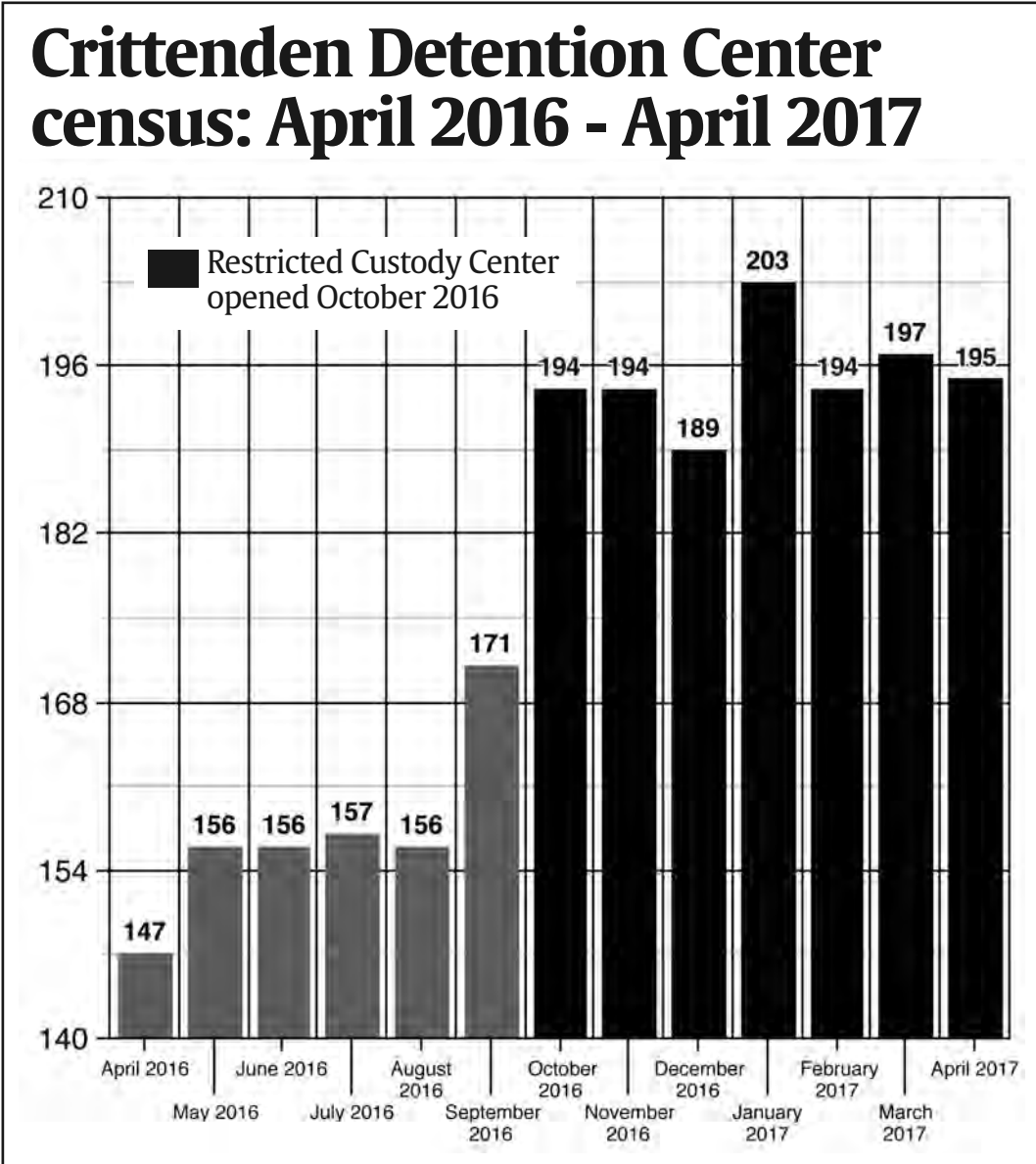
He pointed out that taking inmates within a closer proximity has its rewards. It cuts transportation costs.

"We don't use too much gas and it lowers our liability from being out there on long trips transporting inmates," the jailer said.

For now, the benefits are outweighing the negatives, Kirk explained.



Kirk



## QUILTWEEK

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tators will vote for their favorite, called The People's Choice Award and Favorite Baby Quilt. The winner will be announced at 3 p.m. and will receive a plaque and a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Quilts can be picked up from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Sarah Ford from the Extension Homemakers says they asked people to bring heritage quilts done in this area or any other quilts, and they had a really good response so far.

"Approximately 30 quilts will be on display and they are going to be different types," she said. "Last year, we opened the Backroads Quilt Show to baby quilts and had a good response to that."

Each quilt needs an information card listing the owner, the pattern or any other information that may be of interest to the public. Information cards will be available at the show or can be picked up in advance at Crittenden County Extension office located at 1534 U.S. 60 East.

"People just go in and look at the quilts," added Ford. "We have them numbered so that visitors can vote. We have people who come and bring quilts every year, and we encourage that because we have different visitors every year."

The quilt show has been a long time attraction in Crittenden County getting the attention of visitors from all around the world who converge on western Kentucky for the American Quilter's Society QuiltWeek in Paducah.

"The show started in the late 70s and early 80s when they started having the quilt show in Paducah, and we started having it here in Marion," Ford explained. "People would come with buses to the Amish community, and it was just a wonderful experience to see that many visitors. Later on, in 2001, we moved the quilt show to the city hall. We have had visitors from 10-12 states to visit, but also people from Japan, Canada and England.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view the featured display by Crittenden County quilter Mary LeFan in the city hall lobby.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Visitors to the 2016 Backroads Quilt Show survey the quilts inside Marion City Hall.

LeFan has been a longtime quilter, and she is going to exhibit nine of them at the Backroads Quilt Show Saturday.

She got into this hobby very spontaneously. After she retired, she started helping her neighbor who was an experienced quilter, and the story started from there. She gives most of her works as gifts to members of her family. The motifs that are dominant in her works are flowers, windmills and state flowers, but she also uses special patterns. Sometimes the work she does is so spontaneous that she does it while watching TV.

"I have sold only five quilts so far because I don't do them for sale. I love to do it," LeFan said. "Sometimes I do raised quilts; sometimes I quilt on a machine. I only quilt 1-2 hours a day. I quilted a baby quilt while watching TV."

"Lots of people come to my house to see my work."

Speaking about whether the younger generation is interested in taking over the tradition of quilting, LeFan remembers that her granddaughter asked her to show her how to quilt when she was in high school for a school project. LeFan also points out that there are women in the

western Kentucky area who quilt amazing pieces, and she admires them.

**QUILTWEEK**

QuiltWeek has arrived, and a slew of events tied to the annual celebration of a uniquely-American tradition are scheduled for the coming days.

The spring Paducah QuiltWeek event will run Wednesday to Saturday at the Schroeder Expo Center on Park Avenue. More than 30,000 people from around the world are expected to converge on western Kentucky to enjoy four days of the best in international quilt and textile artistry. Close to 700 quilts will be on display at the exposition center with \$125,000 in prizes to be awarded for quilting excellence at the event. In addition, American Quilter's Society QuiltWeek will be hosting a series of workshops with some of the top talent in the quilt industry and an extensive Merchant Mall comprised of both local and national vendors.

But it's not just Paducah catering to the thousands of visitors to the area. Events in Crittenden and Livingston counties are also planned for Friday and Saturday.

In Marion, the Amish Tour and Backroads Festival kicks off Friday with multiple quilt shows, Amish vendors, concessions and self-guided tours through the local Amish community. The festivities continue Saturday with much of the same.

Smithland is inviting quilters and history buffs to several Saturday happenings, including a quilt show and the Battle of Smithland Civil War re-enactment. The re-enactment concludes Sunday morning with a battlefield church service.

All events in both counties are free to the public.

### MARION

- Marion Welcome Center will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days for information,

Amish tour maps and the Welcome Center Quilt Show featuring antique and collector's quilts.

- The Woman's Club Quilt Show and Bake Sale is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday only at club headquarters on East Carlisle Street.
- Both the Ben E. Clement Mineral and Crittenden County Historical museums will be open for tours.
- The Christian Church Quilt Show will be both Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the sanctuary at 211 W. Bellville St.
- The Amish Market and Craft Bazaar at Marion Commons will also be both days.
- Food concessions at Marion Commons Friday and Saturday will benefit local animal shelters.
- Friends of Crittenden County Public Library will host a book sale at the library Friday and Saturday during regular business hours, which are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., respectively.

### SMITHLAND

- A quilt display will be located inside the old Livingston County Courthouse from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.
- Livingston County Public Library will have Spencer Brewer's collection of Civil War flags on display all day.
- Paducah historian and author John Cashon will be at the library at 9 a.m. Saturday to review his new book, "Paducah and the Civil War," which includes Smithland's role.
- At 1 p.m. Saturday at the library, Linda Brewer will tell the story of Bettie Taylor Phillips, heroine of the 4th Kentucky Infantry Regiment.
- The Battle of Smithland re-enactment begins at 2 p.m. Saturday following a ladies' tea at 11 a.m. An evening social with music from Red River Breeze will run from 7 to 10 p.m.

## EMS

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around \$217,000, but Klarner said that may be too much red ink for the operator.

Attempts to reach Baptist officials by phone last week for comment were unsuccessful.

County leaders are bracing for feedback from Baptist, but so far no word, says Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

If Baptist finds the losses too great and vacates the contract, Klarner is indicating that the county will have to take the ambulance itself.

"It will not surprise me if we get a call about their huge loss," said Klarner, who has been on the job for only a few months. "I can tell you that



Klarner

Crittenden Health Systems cannot financially manage it,"

Newcom said that if the current deal falls through, all options will be on the table because the county cannot afford to not have an ambulance service.

A countywide occupational and net profits tax was created in 2012, in part, to help supplement the ambulance service.

Baptist officials had told local leaders a year and half ago they believed they save money based on their experience in operating ambulance services and the company's buying power for supplies and equipment. However, the losses reported for the past 12 months are greater than those incurred by the hospital when it operated the service.

## OPEROCK

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summer.

Crider says long-range plans are to tour this show, as well as to produce more like it in the future that will feature original music.

"In the show we're playing now, we're kind of a glorified cover band playing other artists' music, but arranged and interwoven together in an original way. Eventually we plan to produce shows that will feature our own music; we have one in the works that will be a full-blown opera with sets and a plot, but with an orchestra that primarily features a mixture of rock and bluegrass instruments,"

For more on The Tapestry, go to [TapestryOperock.com](http://TapestryOperock.com)

# THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their love and prayers during the illness and loss of our loved one, John F. Collyer.

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, brought food, sent flowers and made monetary gifts. A special thanks to everyone who made donations to the University of Chicago Medicine, University of Chicago Gift Administration and Business Data, John Collyer Memorial, 5235 S. Harper Court 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615.

Thanks to the staff of Livingston Hospital and Healthcare and the staff of Centennial Medical Center in Nashville and thanks to Gilbert Funeral Home.

*The John F. Collyer Family*

## 2 Senators' wives greet quilters, offer tours

STAFF REPORT

The wives of two senators will be greeting quilters and giving tours of Marion United Methodist Church on Friday.

Some of the church members will be dressed in period attire, portraying Mrs. Ollie M. James and Mrs. William J. Deboe, two early 1900s senators who hailed from Marion.

Phyllis Sykes and Rita Watson will be those characters and Becky Tyner-Belt

will have a supporting role, also in costume.

"It's going to be fun," Sykes said. "We have one of the most beautiful churches in the community and many of the tourists will be passing right by it. So we wanted to open it up as an outreach project."

The church will be displaying quilts and giving guests a first-hand look at the architecture of the church, built in 1912.



# Toppled tree



PHOTOS BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Bernadine and Richard Maxfield (above) lost a vehicle and some sleep last week when a monster-sized red oak fell across the street in front of their house. The tree blocked Old Shady Grove Road for the entire day on Friday and crushed the Maxfield's 2011 Nissan Sentra. Bernadine said the police came to her door about 5:30 a.m., Friday and told her what had happened. It was a good thing it fell at that time of the morning and not during a busy traffic period on the road to Marion-Crittenden County Park, she said. City Utilities Director Brian Thomas said it's the largest tree he's ever seen fall inside the city. "Had it not been hollow we would have been here two or three days cleaning this thing up," he said. As it was, a three-man crew with saws and a loader spent several hours cleaning the roadway.

# No public pool this summer, but facility open to members

STAFF REPORT

The swimming pool at the Heritage at Marion Country Club will not be open to the public this summer.

Only members of the private club and members of the Marion Stingrays swim team will have access to the facility, which traditionally opens on Memorial Day weekend. Swim memberships may be purchased independent of full club memberships which include access to the nine-hole golf course and clubhouse.

Representatives from the country club and the City of Marion discussed late this winter ways the two entities could partner to keep the pool open to the public; however, when mutual terms were not reached, the Heritage and its directors decided to return the pool to private status.

In years past, the pool hosted public days, and last summer, it was fully open to the public.

Heritage president Nathan King said the country club pool will be used for practices and meets by the Marion Stingrays; however, team members will be required to be members of the club. The club does offer an annual swim membership and members of the swim team will be offered a reduced family membership rate for a swim membership.

Swim coach Patti Merrill is hosting public meetings for potential swim team members, outlining the costs and practice schedule. The meetings will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Marion-Crittenden County Park and Sunday, May 7 at the country club pool.

Heritage membership applications may be obtained inside the clubhouse lobby, located off Blackburn Street near Crittenden County Health and Rehab. Membership application forms may also be requested by emailing [nathantheheritage@gmail.com](mailto:nathantheheritage@gmail.com).

All applications are subject to standard membership approval process. It is recommended that the applicant has an endorsement from a current member in good standing, however it is not required.

Several repairs are ongoing as the country club prepares the pool for its summer opening. As always, members will be welcome to bring guests on a limited basis outlined in their membership guidelines.



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# Honoring Earth Day

Crittenden County Middle School students observed a belated Earth Day on Monday, spending a good portion of the day cleaning up roadways and creeks near the school. Here students pick up trash in what is commonly known as Rocket Creek which flows through the school's campus. Earth Day was Saturday.

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# NRSC tax possible if county balks

**STAFF REPORT**

Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) has asked the Crittenden County government to either increase its budget or find another way to financially support the program.

The county has been providing \$15,000 annually to the NRCS, which has an office building on East Bellville Street. The group's board of directors submitted a request for \$50,000 from the Crittenden Fiscal Court's upcoming 2017-18 budget, which it will be proposing today (Thursday) during a

special meeting at 8:30 a.m.

During its regular meeting last Thursday, the fiscal court reviewed the NRCS proposal, but took no action on increasing its funding.

Formerly known as the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), the NRCS is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It provides technical assistance to farmers and other private landowners and managers for a number of farming and ranching operations and helps promote conservation through waterways projects and more.

Over the years, the staff has been trimmed considerably at the Marion office. No longer does the NRCS keep a district conservationist on staff here. One from Hopkinsville is used to handle projects in Crittenden County.

Larry Duvall, chairman of the local NRCS board of directors, said the agency facilitates state and federal funds through a variety of its services. Over the last four years, NRCS has brought more than \$500,000 in outside government funding for community projects, Duvall

said.

If the county will not concede to meeting the NRCS's budget request, Duvall said the agency wants the county to grant it permission to collect a tax, which he says the NRCS has the statutory authority to do.

In 2016, residents of 73 of Kentucky's 120 counties, including Livingston County, paid a soil conservation tax. Most of the rates were below 2 cents per \$100 of assessed property, but they range as high as 5.6 cents. In neighboring Livingston County, levy is 1.56 cents.

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# Conservation awards



The Crittenden County Conservation District hosted its annual awards banquet last month. More than 70 guests were treated to a meal at the Ed-Tech Center catered by Tony's Main Street Italian Grill. The program provided information on conservation professionals available through the Marion office and recognized individuals involved with conservation efforts and the youth who participated in conservation contests during 2016. Hodge Farms was named 2016 Master Conservationist, the top award of the night. Pictured at right receiving the award are (from left) Keith and Chris Hodge and their daughter-in-law, Shannon Hodge. Also honored was Margaret Parish, shown at above right (right), receiving a certificate and 25-year pin for her years as supervisor for the District. Above, Zoe Foster (left) earned first place in the county and state in the K-1 division for the annual National Association of Conservation District poster contest and Andrea Federico took first place in the county and second in the state in the Grades 2-3 division.



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# USDA Ledbetter weigh-out sale | April 25, 2017

# LIVESTOCK REPORT

Receipts: 621 Last Week: 521 Last Year: 598

**Compared to last week:** Feeder steers traded steady to 6.00 higher. Feeder heifers unevenly steady. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady.

Sale consisted of 30 stock cattle, 70 slaughter, and 521 feeders. Feeders consisted of 32% feeder steers, 31% feeder heifers, 21% feeders bulls and 14% of feeders were over 600 pounds.

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	250-300	275	185.00-190.00	187.32
7	300-350	336	181.00-185.00	183.27
15	350-400	369	173.00-182.50	178.27
30	400-450	427	166.00-171.00	168.92
20	450-500	480	165.00-168.00	166.13
34	500-550	505	157.00-163.00	162.18
18	550-600	562	152.00-161.00	155.97
3	600-650	613	150.00	150.00
2	650-700	650	140.00	140.00
2	800-950	820	118.00	118.00
2	900-950	922	116.00	116.00
1	1050-1100	1080	116.00	116.00

**Groups:** 22 head 501 lbs 163.00 blk

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	250-300	290	174.00-177.00	176.05
1	300-350	330	178.00	178.00
1	350-400	385	162.00	162.00
1	400-450	440	165.00	165.00
1	450-500	485	140.00	140.00
4	500-550	515	156.00	156.00
6	550-600	585	151.00	151.00
5	600-650	626	143.00	143.00
1	800-850	845	111.00	111.00

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	150-200	185	200.00-215.00	207.97
2	200-250	218	190.00-210.00	199.43
2	250-300	290	160.00-165.00	162.54
4	300-350	326	164.00-167.00	165.96
23	350-400	376	151.00-161.00	159.09
11	400-450	426	147.00-152.00	149.19
34	450-500	460	145.00-152.50	150.00
16	500-550	519	138.00-149.00	142.68
4	550-600	561	130.00-132.00	130.49
15	600-650	633	123.00-129.00	126.07
2	650-700	668	119.00-124.00	121.47
2	700-750	717	118.00	118.00
1	750-800	755	113.00	113.00
5	800-850	805	108.00-109.00	108.40

## Ky. crop progress, condition

**STAFF REPORT**

About half of Kentucky's winter wheat crop has headed and nearly a third of the corn crop was in the ground to start the week, according to the USDA's weekly "Crop Progress and Condition" report released Monday by the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Additionally, 10 percent of the 2017 corn crop had emerged. Only 2 percent of anticipated soybeans have been planted.

All stats are on par with the 5-year average, save winter wheat heading, which is double the average percent headed.

Eight-one percent of wheat crops were in fair to excellent condition, while 94 percent of pastureland was rated the same.

Temperatures and rainfall across Kentucky were above normal last week. Corn producers are showing planting restraint to avoid soil compaction due to excess precipitation. Wheat growers are in need of favorable weather conditions to spray fungicides, particularly for scab and stripe rust.

Peach and apple crops reported severe frost damage of 10 and 2 percent, respectively.

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	150-200	185	180.00	180.00
1	200-250	245	177.50	177.50
1	250-300	295	158.00	158.00
6	300-350	326	150.00-160.00	155.57
1	350-400	370	151.00	151.00
4	400-450	414	137.00-141.00	138.01
4	450-500	470	141.00-142.00	141.51
4	500-550	530	132.00-137.00	135.77
2	600-650	638	110.00-120.00	115.06
1	650-700	675	114.00	114.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	318	165.00-170.00	167.40
6	350-400	392	162.00-169.00	164.85
3	400-450	435	155.00-159.00	157.31
7	450-500	479	145.00-152.00	147.98
7	500-550	534	143.00-149.00	147.86
1	550-600	555	129.00	129.00
3	600-650	638	110.00-114.00	112.67
1	650-700	655	116.00	116.00
2	750-800	790	104.00	104.00

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	800-1200	1112	58.00	58.00
12	1200-1600	1444	54.00-58.00	56.05
2	1600-2000	1752	58.00	58.00

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	800-1200	1082	57.00-62.00	59.68
8	1200-1600	1327	57.00-66.00	60.78

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	795	60.00	60.00
17	800-1200	1047	55.00-62.00	58.38
1	800-1200	1030	65.00	65.00

1	800-1200	835	52.00	52.00	LD
10	1200-1600	1272	56.00-60.00	58.18	
1	1200-1600	1280	53.00	53.00	LD

**Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1000-1500	1425	80.00	80.00
2	1000-1500	1448	72.00-74.00	73.02
4	1500-3000	1720	77.00-82.00	79.04

**Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Young**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	940	100.00	100.00

1-3 Mos Bred

**Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	800-1200	1028	710.00-875.00	793.10

1-3 Mos Bred

4-6 Mos Bred

2	1200-1600	1248	810.00-825.00	817.21
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1-3 Mos Bred

3	1200-1600	1390	900.00-1075.00	1015.50
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4-6 Mos Bred

1	1200-1600	1300	1225.00	1225.00
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7-9 Mos Bred

**Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Aged**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1095	600.00	600.00

4-6 Mos Bred

2	1200-1600	1255	660.00-730.00	696.53
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4-6 Mos Bred

**Bred Cows Medium and Large 2 Young**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	780	700.00	700.00

4-6 Mos Bred

**Stock Cows and Calves:** Cows 4 to 9 years old with 100-285 lb calves at side 1100.00-1525.00 per pair.

**Baby Calves:** No test.

**Legend:** VA=Value Added. LD=Low Dressing. LD-High dressing. BX=Brachman X.

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# The first lie: You won't really die

Once again I take the God-given opportunity to remind people their eternal destiny is the most important thing they can ever spend time on.

The only reason I spend my time on this is to remind all to read the words of God for themselves, and not trust their eternally-bound soul on anything except all that God says.

That lie Satan told Eve not only ruined her life, but the lives of the human race.

God told Adam and Eve if they disobeyed Him, they would die.

Satan put the words 'won't really die' to soften God's hard-hitting truth to Eve, and has been doing it ever since. As we know, millions are fooled and destroyed by it.

The whole Western World is being lied to by purveyors of such watering down of God's truths. All of it to appeal to the sinful mind.

When a so-called Christian doctrine tells people once they profess Jesus as their Savior they can never be lost, millions continue in

sin or backslide and are convinced they are eternally safe.

Look at millions in leadership, and various positions around America who say they are Christians and support and commit all kinds of evil sin.

Yet Jesus said: "Verily, verily (to make the truth thoroughly understood) I say unto you, whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin, and the servant abides not in the house forever." John 8:34.

I wonder if any of them are ever told: "If you have not the Spirit of Christ, you are none of His?"

How very simple God's words are when we are told "the soul that sinneth it shall die." Ezek 18:4

How simple is the Word of God that says: "If anyone have not the Spirit of Christ,

he is none of His." Rom. 8:9.

Would Jesus disobey God and commit sin?

Would Jesus support a doctrine His word says is false?

Another simple warning from God: "If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live." Ezek 33:10.

Added to these false claims by so many followers of John Calvin's teachings is that once your name is in the book of life it can never be taken out.

Yet listen to these words: "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the holy city and from the things which are written in this book." Rev. 22:19.

Another so-call Christian doctrine tells people they can die in sin and be prayed out of the place of departed spirits. This is a direct false teaching of God's word, yet millions have died believing it.

That doctrine was started

by John Tetzel in 1517, selling indulgence for monetary gain for the Roman Church that would reduce punishment for sins after death.

That doctrine is still practiced but mostly by requiring penitents of some sort.

Jesus made it very clear in the situation of the rich man in flames, looking up at Lazars in Paradise, asking him to go back and tell his brothers to not come to that awful place of torment, that once anyone is out of this world, their fate is sealed.

"Oh what weeping and wailing, as the loss were told of their fate, they cried for the rocks and the mountains, they prayed, but their prayers were too late."

Jesus doesn't want that for any one, and gave His life to keep it from happening to all. And, His Words are left for all to read and obey.

Editor's note: Rev. Lucy Tedrick shares her views periodically in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.

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**Church:**  
10:45 a.m.

**Afternoon Singing:**  
1:30 p.m.

**Featured Singers:**  
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**Pastor: Bro. Mike Jacobs**

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OUTREACH

- Enon General Baptist Church is hosting a Fifth Sunday Singing Sunday starting with meal at 5 p.m., and local talent will perform at 6 p.m. Bro. David Perryman and congregation invite everyone.
- A free family movie night featuring the film *Soul Surfer* will be held at 5 p.m., Sunday at Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Snacks and drinks will be provided.
- Barnett Chapel Church will hosts its homecoming on May 7. Featured singers are Mission of Love Quartet from Elkton, Ky. Lunch will be served at noon following the 10:45 a.m., worship service led by Bro. Mike Jacobs. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m.
- Pleasant Hill Church of Regular Baptist will hold its 116th annual May Meeting with services at 7 p.m., May 5-6 and concluding with Sunday school and church at 10 a.m.-noon, May 7. The community is invited to attend the services, which include traditional songs and hymns. There will be special music for each service.



## 24-7 Blessing Box feeds residents

STAFF REPORT

From Isaiah to Luke, books of the Old and New Testaments are filled with commandments for Christians to feed and care for those in need.

Cave Springs Baptist with only about a dozen regular worshipers is heeding the call round the clock with its new Blessing Box in front of the rural church in northern Livingston County.

Mary Love is one of six members of the Women's Sunday School Auxiliary that spearheaded the project. They've taken a China cabinet and repurposed it for outside use and keeping it full on non-perishable food. It's there for the taking 24 hours a day, she said.

"We will keep it stocked and it will be with different things," Love said. "For in-

stance we might put a box pancake mix in there with syrup - just food that families need."

The box went up on April 17 and the church wants to spread the word that food is available anytime it's needed. The church is located on Cave Springs Church Road just south of Joy off of Ky. 133.

## PLEASANT HILL Church of Regular Baptist

will hold its

### 116th Annual May Meeting

beginning with evening services at 7 p.m., May 5 and May 6 and concluding with Sunday School and Church 10 a.m.- noon on May 7, 2017.

The community is invited to attend the services. Traditional songs and hymns will be sung. There will be special music for each service along with congregational hymns.

Dinner will follow the Sunday Service.

Elder H. Wade Paris, D.M. of Missouri will be speaker for the services.

Dr. Paris has conducted services for the past thirteen years at the May meeting.

**Pleasant Hill Church is located east of Marion off of Ky. 120 on Pleasant Hill Church Road.**

# WORSHIP

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### Marion Baptist Church

College and Depot streets, Marion • 270.965.5232  
Dr. Mike Jones, pastor

Early worship service 8:15 am  
Life groups/Sunday school 9:30 am  
Late worship service 10:45 am  
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Limitless worship 6:00 pm  
Discipleship class 8:30 pm  
Wednesday nursery, preschool, Centershot and youth 5:45 pm  
Wednesday prayer service 6:15 pm

### SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday Worship: 11 am, 6 pm • Wednesday: 7 pm

Dr. Bobby Garland, pastor

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### Mexico Baptist Church

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**Pastor Tim Burdon**

Sunday worship services: 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday Bible study: 9 am

Sunday discipleship training: 6 pm

Wednesday worship service: 7 pm

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Marty Brown, Pastor

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Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 pm

Curtis Prewitt, pastor

### Crooked Creek Baptist Church

261 Crooked Creek Church Road, Marion, Ky.

Sunday school, 10 am

Sunday morning worship, 11 am

Sunday evening worship, 6 pm

Wednesday evening worship, 6 pm

Pastor Bro. Mark Girten

### PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church

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True Candace, pastor

### Unity General Baptist Church

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Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

### Barnett Chapel General Baptist

Barnett Chapel Road, Marion, Ky.

Mike Jacobs, pastor

Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Sunday evening: 6 p.m.

Wednesday night Bible study: 6 p.m.

Barnett Chapel, where everyone is welcome.

### Marion General Baptist Church

341 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.

Bro. Wesley Lynn, pastor

Sunday School / 10 am

Sunday Morning Worship / 11 am

Sunday Evening Worship / 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study / 7 pm

### First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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### Hurricane Church

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Bro. John Robertson, Pastor

Sunday school, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.

Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.



Perryman

Atler Bunk Perryman, seven month old son of Ali and Travis Perryman of Marion, died Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Also surviving are grandparents, Donna Perryman of Tolu and Donna and Doug Shewcraft of Marion; and great-grandmother, Linda Perryman of Marion.

Preceding him in death was his grandfather, Ted Perryman.

Services were Saturday, April 22 at Rocket Arena on the high school campus in Marion. Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements

Memorials may be made to the Tolu Community Center, 6238 SR 135, Marion, KY 42064 or Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, VUMC Gift and Donor Services, 2525 West End Avenue, Suite 450, Nashville, TN 37203-1761.

Pritchett

Janice J. Pritchett, 70, of Calvert City died Monday, April 17, 2017 at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Paducah.

She was formerly the librarian at the Crittenden County Public Library. She was of the Church of Christ faith.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Pritchett (Becky) of Calvert City; a brother, Gene Jourden of Murray; a niece, Stacy Vincenti; a nephew, Robert Jourden; and four grandchildren, Ashley Dowdy, Shelby Pritchett, Brandon Dowdy and Hannah Pritchett.

She was preceded in death by parents, Ray Jour-



Area Deaths

den and Johnnie Farley Jourden; and a sister, Marjorie Hall.

Services were Thursday, April 20 at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory in Murray with Brett Miles officiating. Burial was at Spring Creek Cemetery.

Vinson

Billy G. Vinson, 82, of Marion died Friday, April 21, 2017 at Crittenden Hospital.

He was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Joyce Vinson of Marion; children, David (Harriette) Vinson of Apex, N.C. and Cindy (Phil) Grasty of Elizabeth City, N.C.; grandchildren, Amy Grasty, Sara (Joe) Bukowski, Will Vinson and Nick Vinson; great-grandchild, Phillip Bukowski; sisters, Dorothy Peterson of Evansville, Barbara Wagner of Hopkinsville, and Wanda Lovejoy of Henryville, Tenn.; and a brother, Don Vinson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Fredia Vinson; and son, Steven Ray Vinson.

Services were Tuesday, April 25 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Veteran's Cemetery West in Hopkinsville.

Memorials may be made to Mexico Baptist Church, 175 Mexico Road, Marion, KY 42064 or American Diabetes Association, 220 Great Circle Road Unit 134, Nashville, TN 37228.

Cosbey

Elsie Cosbey, 91, of Salem died Thursday, April 20, 2017 at Salem Springlake Care and Rehabilitation.

She was a self-employed

beautician for many years in Marion.

Surviving are her son, Wm. Jerry Deatherage (Phyllis) of Salem; granddaughter, Jacinda Campbell of Salem; great-granddaughter, Jacey Campbell of Salem; stepsons, Bobby Deatherage and Jimmy Deatherage both of Florida; and a nephew, Mike James of Hopkinsville.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, Robert Deatherage, Blaine Gass and Harold Cosbey; a brother, Charlie James; and her parents, Edgar James and Ruth Hunt Champion.

Graveside services were Monday, April 24 at Salem Cemetery.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem was in charge of arrangements.

Nelson

Linda "Jo" Nelson, 72, of Marion died Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at Continue Care in Paducah.

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle (Ty) Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son, Russell Nelson of Marion; two stepsons, Barry (Beth) Nelson of Nashville and Scott Nelson of Nashville; a sister, Henrietta Warren of Seabee; and a brother, Tommy Baird of Paducah.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Nelson; and parents, Henry and Ruth Baird.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Marion and a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Services are at 11 a.m., Friday, April 28 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Friends may call Thursday April 27 from 5-8 p.m., at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial will be at Crayne Cemetery.



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ASK THE DIRECTOR

What do I need to know about funeral costs?



Andrew S. Fox, Vice President  
Funeral Director and Embalmer  
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We are often asked “How much should a funeral cost?” and the answer can vary greatly depending on a number of factors which include the customs of your family, the type of services chosen, the method of disposition, and the types of casket, urn or other merchandise selected.

Because the price varies from funeral home to funeral home, the part of the country you live in and the factors mentioned above, it is almost impossible to quote a real dollar amount for a “typical” funeral. It is important to explore options with your funeral director, who will be able to help you create a dignified and meaningful service that suits your budget. This is a good reason to pre-plan or to contact your funeral home for a cost estimate before the need arises, as this will give you the time to make sure you are considering the most cost-effective options to meet your needs.

In some cases, you or your loved one may be eligible for life insurance benefits, a Social Security Death Benefit, or Veteran's benefits, which may help offset some of the funeral costs. Your funeral director will help you determine your eligibility and will also assist with completing any related paperwork.

Funeral costs can be divided into the following categories, which help to explain how funeral expenses are figured. The combination of services or merchandise from these categories determines the total funeral cost:

- Services of Funeral Home Staff/Use of Facilities**

Fees in this category cover the costs of the funeral or memorial services performed by funeral home staff. This also includes fees for such services as transferring your loved one to the funeral home, cemetery, and/or crematory, as well as the use of funeral home facilities and vehicles.
- Casket or Cremation Vessel and Urn**

Caskets and cremation vessels or urns come in a wide range of prices and styles.
- Burial Vault or Urn Vault**

If burial has been selected, many cemeteries require that the casket be placed in a burial vault and the urn to be placed in an urn vault. A burial vault prevents a grave from sinking, whereas an urn vault protects the urn from becoming damaged by the weight of the earth and cemetery maintenance equipment.
- Other Services/Merchandise**

Families often wish to purchase additional services or merchandise, such as those that add personal touches to a loved ones funeral service. These may include memorial packages, special floral arrangements, tribute services, register books, flag cases and prayer cards.
- Third-Party**

As a courtesy and convenience to families they serve, most funeral homes offer to pay third-party expenses up front, then later bill for all the expenses in a lump sum. Families are billed for the actual cost of the third-party items—there are no additional fees added. Examples include: church and cemetery fees, newspaper notices, crematory charges, postage, certified copies of death certificates, out-of-town funeral home charges, monuments and markers and the cost of catered meals served at the funeral home.
- Funeral homes are required to provide you with a list of prices for their services and merchandise upfront upon request. While cost is certainly an important consideration, there are other criteria you may want to keep in mind when trying to find the funeral home that is right for your family. A funeral home's reputation, its investment in the community, the appearance of its facilities and amenities, and whether or not you feel a connection to the staff, are also very important things to keep in mind. Please feel free to contact us for a free funeral planning guide as well as a cost estimate at any time.



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STAFF REPORT

Several area youngsters participated Sunday in the Ohio River Baptist Association's Bible Drill competition.

Contestants quoted memorized scripture based on reference and completion of partial scriptures.

The other two parts of the four-part drill were taking a Bible and turning to the book called within 10 seconds, then quoting the book before and the book after and turning to key passages of the Bible within 10 seconds then quoting the chapter and verses of the key scripture.

Several area churches



Contestants pictured are (from left to right), Maddie Norton of Ohio Valley Baptist Church, Kaylor Goodaker of Ohio Valley Baptist Church, Alex Parks of Ohio Valley Baptist Church, Dougie Smith of Mexico Baptist Church, Riley Kirby of Mexico Baptist Church, Hannah Mott of Mexico Baptist Church and Gabe Keller representing Salem Baptist Church.

were represented by students, including Ohio Valley Baptist, Mexico Baptist and Salem Baptist.



Crittenden Elementary students got a tour of downtown Marion Tuesday, complete with close up looks at fire trucks, police cars, the post office and banks. Pictured is Crittenden County Fire Chief Chris Cooksey showing kindergartener Tristen Belt, 6, hose operation.

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## Aldridge earns online degree

Terry Aldridge of Fredonia recently graduated from Grantham University with an online degree in AA Multidisciplinary Studies. Grantham University was founded in 1951 by Donald Grantham, a World War II veteran with a vision to make education achievable for military service members and veterans. Over the past 66 years, Grantham's commitment to serving those who serve with affordable, accessible higher education has evolved into a culture of service that extends to all adult learners, as well as those in need.

## Calendar

— **Crittenden County Retired Teachers** will meet at noon Tuesday at the Marion United Methodist Church for its annual luncheon.

— Marion United Methodist Church will host a **quilt display** inside the main sanctuary Friday during the Backroads Tour. Stop by between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and view quilts members have loaned for the display.

— The Woman's Club of Marion **Bake Sale and Quilt Show** will be Saturday at the clubhouse on East Carlisle Street. Enter quilts 9-10 a.m. Quilt viewing is between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilts do not have to be made by the exhibitor. For further information call (270) 704-0057.

## Extension events

— **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., Thursday (today) at the Extension Office.

— Final day to register for the spring **Sew Simple Seminar** is Friday. 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 pre-register by calling (270) 965-5236. Class will be held at the Extension Office, 10 a.m., Friday.

— Enter your quilts for a **Backroads quilt display** from 8:30-9:30 a.m., Friday 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.

## 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 pork roast, baked sweet potato, black-eyed peas, carrot raisin salad and cornbread.

— Friday: Menu is chicken and rice casserole, buttered spinach, banana pudding, whole wheat roll and margarine. Bingo hosted by Penny with Humana will begin at 10:30 a.m. Birthday cake will be served for April birthdays.

Menus for May were not available at press time Tuesday.

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.

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



Members of the Challengers Homemakers Club celebrated a long tradition with an annual tea. Participating (above from left) are Carolyn Cannon, Nancy Lanham, Laurel Diaz, Roberta Shewmaker, Susan Crase, JoAnn Winn, Sarah Ford, Janet Stevens, Micki Crider, Rebecca Zahrtre, Sue Parrent, Linda Morris, Norma Hunt, Olarhea Crider and Elaine Shinall. At right are Stevens, Winn and Morris.

# Tea time for Challengers

On an otherwise normal day in April, members and guests of the Challengers Extension Homemakers met for an extraordinary time. The Challengers Club formed in 1990 with the late Francis Turley as club president. She and club member Micki Crider hosted the very

first "Tea Party" for members and guests in 1996, when their lesson of the month was "Time for Tea." Each spring Crider continues to champion this annual event. Community and club members look forward to enjoying the beautifully decorated tables complete



with colorful tablecloths, cloth napkins, traditional tea cups, formal table settings and fresh flowers, said Becky Zahrtre.

"Crider puts together delicious refreshments fit for any fine tea, and all in attendance enjoy the food and fellowship," Zahrtre said. This

year's Challengers Club tea this year was held April 12 at the Marion United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

# Making bed installs sense of pride

"Make your bed!" We all heard it a million times during our formative years. Back then, I couldn't seem to make sense of it. Waking up before school early enough to make my bed was not possible. Besides, why would making my bed be so important? I could always shut my bedroom door and no one would ever know. Except Mom.

The old saying, "Like mother, like daughter," definitely applied to me. As a result, my two children heard the same thing, over and over, only with a little more punch. "Make your bed or no allowance this week!" If I had to do it, so did they.

As an adult, I have finally discovered what all the fuss is about. Surprisingly, it has less to do with making our beds than the effect such a simple task has on us as a person. Teresa LaSala, Positive Discipline Association, says to ask ourselves what our goal is when trying to teach our children to make their bed? Do we want to simply have a pretty bed or is it a learning moment? Done right, making the bed can be an opportunity to bond and learn such things as negotiation, communication, organization, and the importance of routines.

In Admiral William H. McRaven's book, "Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life . . . And Maybe The World," he explains why the daily task plays such a vital role in our day. Although, it can seem mundane, he says it helps start our day off on the right foot. Once our beds are neatly made, our heads clear, bringing about a sense of organization to our day.

In the admiral's case, it started when he joined the navy as a SEAL trainee. The first task of his day was to make his bed. Every sheet had to be smooth and

tucked tightly with hospital corners; blankets and pillow properly aligned. Along with that, his uniform had to be pristine and his area clean and organized. It was a scrutinizing inspection and, if it didn't pass, it had to be redone. "It was expected of me," he said. "It demonstrated my discipline. It showed attention to detail . . . it would be a reminder that I had done something well, something to be proud of, no matter how small the task." As time went by, he found out that cleanliness and order applied to every aspect of military life.

Nursing schools follow a similar, less rigid plan. Right after breakfast, nurses help able patients into a chair and proceed to change their sheets, all part of daily procedure. Not only does the bed look neat and tidy, most nurses say they feel a sense of pride that the bed is made right. When asked if nurses still adhere to a strict bed-making protocol, the RN's on Allnurses.com, said, "I think it is not a top priority, but it is a visual that shows pride, organization, cleanliness and comfort," and, another, "I took a lot of pride in doing well those things hardly anybody cares about anymore." As a patient a few times myself, I can testify to how good it felt to get back into a clean, well-made bed. An atmosphere of healing is created when the bed is made.

Furniture stores know their business when it comes to beds. Who would buy them if their linens on bed displays were rumpled and in disarray? Instead, customers visit a showroom depicting a beautiful bedroom, with bedspread or comforter in place, along with pillows in shams and coordinating throw pillows. A mental picture of how it

will look in our own bedroom comes to life. Once delivered, we want it to have that same look of comfort and beauty.

Today, I'm passing the same words on down to my grandchildren, using a kinder, less commanding voice. "Don't forget to make your bed, honey." I've learned that nobody, regardless of age, wants to be commanded to do a job. However, praise for a job done right is appreciated at any age. Children will cooperate better without using a demanding tone of voice. Instilling the motivation to make their bed is the secret. Hopefully, they will feel a small sense of pride and self-esteem that will encourage them to do multiple tasks throughout their day. Once the habit is developed, it can lead to many successes in life.

Last month, my husband finished the log bed he had started in January. It was something I had wanted for a long time. All the cedar came from dead cedars on our farm which fell during the 2009 ice storm. When I get up in the morning, after thanking God for the new day, I make my bed. It starts my day off on a positive note and keeps me moving in the right direction.

So, if your life feels out of control, follow my advice: Make your bed!



Linda DEFEW  
Guest columnist  
Defew's Views



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## Scout project

Piper Certain, Lucy Haire and Kayleigh Weathers – with assistance from their Girl Scout leaders Patricia Vied and Nancy Hodge – planted flowers at Marion United Methodist Church in honor of Thinking Day. Thinking Day is an annual outreach project for Girl Scouts.

ATTENTION  
Quilt Owners  
Display your quilts for the  
Backroads Festival at the  
Woman's Club Quilt Show  
Friday, April 28  
126 E. Carlisle Street (Beside Post Office)  
Quilts do not have to be made by the exhibitor.  
Any size, quilt tops, items made from quilts.  
Enter 9-10 a.m.  
Viewing 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
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Sat. 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20  
Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7  
Mon.-Wed. 6:30  
PG-13  
Boss Baby  
Fri. 3:40, 6:30, 9:20  
Sat. 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20  
Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7  
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PG  
Fate of the Furious  
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# CCHA FBLA performance best ever; 1st Who's Who selected

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School FBLA had a great year at the State Leadership Conference recently. This year, the chapter made district history with the most qualifications for Nationals ever and its first Who's Who recipient.

Brennan Jones received the honor of being selected as Who's Who in Kentucky FBLA. Each year one member is selected to represent the state chapter at the National Level and be recognized. Emily Tinsley and Jones have achieved three of four Business Achievement Awards and will be the first to receive the fourth at National Convention.

- FIRST PLACE**
- Jones, Cassidy Moss and Emily Tinsley in Digital Video Production.
  - Hannah Hardin in Job Interview.
  - Lauryn Faulkner in Local Chapter Newsletter.

- SECOND PLACE**
- Tinsley in Sales Presentation.
  - Mauri Collins in Public Speaking II.
  - John Duvall in Agribusiness.
  - Madison O'Dell in Local Chapter Scrapbook.

- THIRD PLACE**
- Amanda Lynch in E-Business.

- FOURTH PLACE**
- Ellie McGowan, Jenna Potter, Hannah Bell,



FACEBOOK IMAGE

Crittenden County High School's FBLA club had its best competition ever recently and will be sending more participants to nationals than ever before. It's first Who's Who was also selected.

- Shelby Cooper, & Shelby Brown in Parliamentary Procedure.

**FIFTH PLACES**

  - Jones in Word Processing.
- Lauryn Faulkner in Electronic Career Portfolio.

**OTHER COMPETITORS**

Kaylee Graham, Kiana Nesbitt, Meredith Evans, Landry McKinney, Logan
- Belt, Harley Wesley, Lauren Gilchrist, Skylar James, Emma Atchison, Jayden Carlson, Amy Mosley, Ashley Wheeler and Trinity Hayes represented the high school.



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## Special Olympians move ahead

Mason Ryan, Elizabeth Davies, Brittany Lemon, Destiny Suggs and other members of the Crittenden County Rockets Special Olympics track and field team show their excitement during a break in the action at the rainy Area 1 Games held at Murray State University on Saturday. Despite the bad weather, the following Crittenden athletes qualified for state competition to be held June 2-4 at Eastern Kentucky University: Aarin Tinsley, Brittany Lemon, Mandy McConnell, Elizabeth Davies, Katie Head, Amber Notestine, Jason Price, Sarah Valle, Cheyenne Ward, Justis Duncan, Mason Ryan, Wesley Cox, Katie Curnel, Austin Hazel, Andrew Holt, Alex Maynard, Caleb Perry, Chelsea Perry, Destiny Suggs, Tahla Trail, David Walker and Jessica Hunter.



## Having an FFA field day

Last Wednesday, 30 FFA members from Crittenden County High School traveled to Murray State University to compete in the 2017 Murray Ag Field Day at the William "Bill" Cherry Exposition Center. Students competed in various agriculture related contests.

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**3 p.m.** Blue Terror Time - Reconnect and Tall Tales, Embellished Stories from *Back When!!*  
**5 p.m.** Dinner (Catered by Glenn's on Main)  
**6 p.m.** Entertainment (Nashville Sounds performed by Cutter and Cash Singleton)  
**6:30 p.m.** Roll Call plus ??  
  
**Email:** marionkyschoolreunion@gmail.com  
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SCHEDULES

Spring Sports Events

**THURSDAY**  
Baseball hosts Livingston Central  
Softball hosts Livingston Central  
Track hosts Tri-Meet

**FRIDAY**  
Baseball hosts Hopkins Central  
Freshman baseball at McCracken

**SATURDAY**  
Softball at Class A State Tournament

**SUNDAY**  
Softball at Class A State Tournament

**MONDAY**  
Baseball at Union County  
Softball hosts Paducah Tilghman

**TUESDAY**  
Track at Marshall County  
Baseball at Livingston Central  
Softball at Ballard Memorial  
Freshman baseball hosts Hardin

#	Roster	GP	PA	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	AVG
43	Cassidy Moss	16	54	47	29	12	12	2	3	16	21	.617
1	Ashlyn Hicks	17	54	50	22	17	4	0	1	7	26	.440
13	Brandy Book	17	53	48	18	5	5	3	5	34	18	.375
16	Jenna Potter	10	18	14	5	5	0	0	0	3	5	.357
00	Chaylee Wolf	14	37	29	10	10	0	0	0	4	7	.345
37	Courtney Beverly	17	51	47	16	10	5	0	1	13	8	.340
35	Matthia Long	8	12	12	4	2	2	0	0	3	2	.333
20	Ellie Smith	17	51	42	13	9	4	0	0	7	6	.310
10	Kaitlyn Hicks	17	52	45	13	11	1	1	0	8	8	.289
3	Jada Hayes	12	14	12	3	3	0	0	0	2	9	.250
11	Jessi Brewer	15	30	24	4	3	1	0	0	2	2	.167
24	Chandler Moss	10	25	22	3	2	1	0	0	1	6	.136
34	Emmie Smith	17	30	25	2	2	0	0	0	5	7	.080
31	Kalli Champion	11	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	.000
Totals		17	489	421	142	91	35	6	10	105	134	.337



First baseman Brandy Book is leading the team in homers.

OUTDOORS

Gobbler count is 224

Crittenden County hunters bagged about 120 more turkeys over the first full week and second weekend of spring hunting season. The total harvest for the general spring season was 224 as of Monday. Hunters took 371 all of last year. The season runs through May 7.

GOLF



Myers and Shoulders

Results from 2-Man MCC

The Heritage at Marion Country Club hosted its 2-Man Tournament last weekend. Local golfers Jeremy Shoulders and Kyle Myers won the event at 17-under par. Here are the two-day scores:

**Championship Flight**

Shoulders, Myers	64-63-127
Lancaster, Whaley	66,64-130
Brown, Brown	67-64-131
Martin, Butler	66-68-134
Fraliex, Boyd	67-68-135
King, Heaton	66-70-136
Phelps, Phelps	67-71-138

First Flight

Day, Ogletree	69-61-130
Plunkette, Scholl	68-65-133
Cash, Bugg	68-67-135
Swanne, Jackson	68-69-137
Robert, Flahardy	68-71-139
Blythe, Ort	70-68-138
Lundy, Davis	70-72-142

Second Flight

Hughes, Walker	71-71-142
Myers, Perryman	72-70-142
Forrester, Hughes	74-69-143
Galusha, Lutz	74-70-144
Holmes, Bradley	74-73-147
Galusha, Williams	75-72-147
McConnell, Wright	78-75-153

RUNNING

Races Saturday at park

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 Saturday morning. There will be three races, a 5K, 2.5K and 1K. The 5K starts first at 8:15 a.m., and the others will follow in short order. 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 \$75 for all.

FOOTBALL

Alumni Friday lights

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. 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.

BASKETBALL

Post-season banquet

Crittenden County High School's boys' basketball team will host its annual awards ceremony at 1 p.m., Sunday at the home of Coach Denis Hodge.

Girls gear up for state tournament

STAFF REPORT

It is certainly a season to remember for the Lady Rocket fast-pitch softball team. The girls are ranked 37th in the state, according to the latest coaches association poll, and they're headed to the All A Classic State Tournament for the first time ever.

The significance of the girls' success is not lost on first-year coach Stephen Smith.

"We're still talking about changing the culture," he said. "We have the horses and these girls are starting to believe they can go to a state tournament, be there on Sunday and compete with anybody."

Crittenden had never won a game in the All A Classic before capturing the regional championship last week. It was no surprise

All A Classic

to observers who track area softball, but for the Lady Rockets it's an exciting first. Crittenden has been improving the last few years, but could not break the barriers it needed to earn real respect from around the Second Region. That's changed this spring as the girls have won more than 80 percent of their games and had the second best record in the region when the week started.

The problem is that the best team in the All A Classic is in Crittenden's pool. Holy Cross is the defending small school champion and currently ranked 16th in Kentucky. The Lady Cougars are the highest ranked team in the tournament and

the only Top 25 team playing in the Classic, which opens Saturday with pool play. The top two teams from the four four-team pools advance to Sunday's single-elimination tournament.

"We're going to see how far we've come when we go up there (to the state tournament at Jack Fisher Park in Owensboro) this weekend," Smith said. "If Cassidy is on, we can play with anybody."

Moss, a senior who has signed to play collegiate softball and basketball at Brescia, is a bulldog on the rubber. She's unhittable at times and at the plate, she's just as determined, leading the team in hitting and extra-base hits.

Smith says the offense has been incredible at times, but there have

been a few lulls. He's hoping to refine the power that helped the girls win a tournament two weekends ago at Clarksville, Tenn., when they hit seven home runs.

Brandy Book, just a sophomore, is leading the club in home runs and RBIs. She's among eight players batting over .300. Half of those leading hitters are freshmen or middle schoolers.

"We have some great young talent," Smith said. "It's going to be interesting around here for a while."

The team will be leaving school early Friday, doing a walk through at the high school so students can give them a proper sendoff. Then their bus will circle through the elementary school parking lot for another student-style pep rally.

Beating Lyon key win for Lady Rockets

STAFF REPORT

Senior Cassidy Moss pitched a gem and the Lady Rockets won a gigantic victory 4-0 at Lyon County Tuesday, besting the Lady Lyons for the first time since 2015.

Crittenden had started a marathon week of softball with a disappointing one-run loss to Webster County Monday.

"She was the normal Cassidy and we played defense behind her and hit the ball," said coach Stephen Smith about the victory

over Lyon. "It was a huge win."

Crittenden (15-4) is now 1-1 in the district and was scheduled to play at Trigg County in a makeup game on Wednesday. The Lady Wildcats upset Crittenden last week and had won nine straight after beating Livingston Tuesday.

Crittenden plays Livingston Thursday in another district showdown before leaving for the Class A

State Tournament on Friday.

Ashlyn Hicks and Jenna Potter hit the ball hard against Lyon (13-5) and Moss had a key hit.

Moss worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the first that was a key moment in the game. She struck out two and got a grounder to end the inning.

CCHS lost 4-3 to Webster at home. The girls fell behind early but managed to tie the game at three in the fourth inning. The Lady Trojans (10-5-1) scored the winning run in

the top of the seventh despite being outthit 8-5 by the Rocket girls. Crittenden stranded 11 runners and as a team and struck out 11 times.

Moss pitched seven innings, striking out seven and walking five. It was the first time she'd pitched while wearing a protective facemask. With so many injuries recently to pitchers, Moss has been encouraged to wear a mask.

At the plate, Brandy Book went 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Potter had two hits and scored twice.



Ethan Dossett picked up the win Monday.

Softball

STAFF REPORT

After a two-game skid, the Rockets (4-12) recovered with a strong defensive effort Monday, beating Webster County 6-2 in Marion.

Sophomore hurler Ethan Dossett held the Trojans (5-11) scoreless through six innings of work, allowing five hits and striking out two.

"Ethan was great tonight," CCHS skipper Donnie Phillips said. "When he fell behind in the count, he battled back and the defense behind him was solid."

Crittenden played errorless baseball and won for the third time in five games. The boys host Livingston Central in a Fifth District matchup Thursday. The Rockets are 0-3 in league play and Livingston (4-6) has a loss in its only district matchup against

Rockets on roll, win three of last five

STAFF REPORT

Trigg County.

Ethan Hunt led the Rockets with two hits against Webster. He drove in a run and scored once. Cody Belt, Paxton Riley and Dossett collected an RBI apiece. Six individual runners scored in the game for the Rockets, despite being outthit by the Trojans 6-5.

In relief, sophomore Payton Riley allowed two runs and a hit.

The Rockets took a lashing on the road last Thursday at Calloway County, losing by run-rule 18-2. The Lakers put up 12 in the first inning and CCHS never recovered. Rocket pitchers Pate Robinson, Maeson Myers and Shelby Robinson allowed a total of 13 earned runs and 10 hits. Shelby Robinson pitched 3⅓ in-

nings, striking out six Laker batters, but walking five.

Cody Belt drove in a run off one hit and Hunt knocked in a run. The Rockets managed only four hits in the contest.

CCHS was unable to overcome an early eight-run deficit and was defeated by Trigg County 10-4 last Wednesday in Cadiz.

The Wildcats put up 15 hits against a struggling Rocket defense, scoring all 10 of its runs in the first three innings.

Payton Riley had a tough outing on the mound, allowing eight runs on eight hits. Kyle Castiller fared better, giving up only two runs, but allowing seven hits. Dossett pitched one inning in relief.

At the plate, Hunt drove in three on two hits. Dossett, Myers and Paxton Riley each had a hit.

CCHS Track & Field Results

**Senior Night Meet  
April 10 at Marion  
Girls results**

**Team Totals:** Webster 82, Crittenden 75, Union 46, Caldwell 28

**100 hurdles** 3. Jessie Potter (19.54)

**300 hurdles** 1. Jessie Potter (1:03.64), 2. Kenlee Perryman (1:03.65)

**100 meters** 7. Ryleigh Tabor (15.12)

**200 meters** 4. Trinity Hayes (33.37), 7. Abby Kirk (35.19)

**400 meters** 1. Cortne Curnel (1:13.25), 6. Hailey Matheiu (1:25.63), 7. Emma Herrin (1:29.79)

**800 meters** 4. Kate Keller (2:55), 8. Cameron Howard (3:27)

**1600 meters** 2. Kate Keller (6:11), 5. Jaeylin Duncan (7:22)

**3200 meters** 1. Kate Keller (13:51), 5. Jaeylin Duncan (16:44)

**400 relay** 4. Crittenden (Jessie Potter, Cortne Curnel, Kenlee Perryman, Ryleigh Tabor) 1:00.66, 5. Crittenden (Emma Herrin, Lauren Gilchrist, Abby Kirk, Katie Mathieu) 1:09

**800 relay** 1. Crittenden (Ryleigh Tabor, Ally Newman, Trinity Hayes, Cortne Curnel) 2:16.63, 2. Crittenden (Hailey Matheiu, Briana McDonald, Audrey Croft, Katie Mathieu) 2:30

**1600 relay** 2. Crittenden (Jessie Potter, Cortne Curnel, Ryleigh Tabor, Kenlee Perryman) 4:59, 3. Crittenden (Anzie Gobin, Lauren Gilchrist,

Emma Herrin, Ally Newman) 5:57, 4. Crittenden (Abby Kirk, Haley Matheiu, Audrey Croft, Briana McDonald) 6:10

**3200 relay** 2. Crittenden (Kate Keller, Jaeylin Duncan, Ashley Wheeler, Cameron Howard) 12:47

**Long Jump** 2. Trinity Hayes 12-2

**Triple Jump** 1. Kenlee Perryman 26-10, 4. Trinity Hayes 25-0, 5. Southern Pate 22-6

**Shot Put** 2. Alexis Tabor 22-7, 4. Lauren Gilchrist 20-9, 5. Abby Kirk 14-8

**Discus** 1. Alexis Tabor 74-6, 4. Lauren Gilchrist 48-10

**Boys results**

**Team Totals:** Crittenden 113, Webster 52, Caldwell 41, Union 35

**110 hurdles** 1. Will Perkins (17.65)

**300 hurdles** 1. Will Perkins (46.80), 2. Tyson Steele (52.36), 4. Zack Weathers (54.59)

**100 meters** 1. Branen Lamey (11.71), 6. T. Davidson (13.40)

**200 meters** 1. Gavin Davidson (24.07), 5. Eli Moss (25.88)

**400 meters** 1. Will Tolley (56.28), 7. Joseph Estes (1:09.56)

**800 meters** 1. Aaron Lucas (2:15), 5. Chris Perez (2:35)

**1600 meters** 1. Branen Lamey (4:53), 5. Chris Perez (5:49)

**3200 meters** 1. Aaron Lucas (11:13)

**400 relay** 1. Crittenden (Devon Nesbitt, Gavin Davidson, Will Tolley, Branen Lamey) 46.91

**800 relay** 2. Crittenden (Will Perkins, Zack Weathers, Adam Beavers, Eli Moss) 1:46.45

**1600 relay** 1. Crittenden (Devon Nesbitt, Gavin Davidson, Branen Lamey, Will Tolley) 3:56, 3. Crittenden (Zack Weathers, Xander Tabor, Nick Perkins, T. Davidson) 4:29

**3200 relay** 1. Crittenden (Will Tolley, Sawyer Towery, Tyson Steele, Aaron Lucas) 9:18

**Long Jump** 2. Tyson Steele 15-18, 5. Gavin Davidson 14-5, 8. Nick Perkins 11-4

**High Jump** 1. Will Perkins 5-6, 3. Chris Perez 5-0, 3. Sawyer Towery 5-0, 4. T. Davidson 4-8

**Triple Jump** 2. Branen Lamey 34-3, 3. Tyson Steele 34-0, 4. Adam Beavers 32-2

**Shot Put** 2. Adam Beavers 31-2, 3. Ross Crider 27-55, 4. Dalton Wood 18-9.5

**Discus** 2. Ross Crider 88-10.5, 3. Adam Beavers 82-4.5, 4. Dalton Wood 48

**Madisonville Quad Meet  
April 18  
Girls results**

**Team Totals:** Hopkins Central 85, Crittenden 75, Caldwell 33, Ohio 33

**100 meter hurdles** 1. Jessie Potter (19.3)

**300 hurdles** 2. Jessie Potter (1:05.88), 3. Kenlee Perryman (1:05.92)

**100 meters** 3. Shelby Wallace (14.5), 7. Emma Herrin (16.6), 8. Ally Newman (16.7)

**200 meters** 4. Shelby Wallace (31.39), 5. Ryleigh Tabor (33.51), 8. Abby Kirk (36.09)

**400 meters** 3. Cortne Curnel (1:15.20), 7. Emma Herrin (1:30.07)

**800 meters** 2. Kate Keller (2:54.30), 7. Cameron Howard (3:32.62), 8. Southern Pate (3:43.42)

**1600 meters** 1. Kate Keller (6:24), 2. Jaelyn Duncan (7:13.21), 5. Cameron Howard (8:04.87), 6. Anzie Gobin (8:26.65)

**3200 meters** 1. Kate Keller (13:53.12), 2. Jaelyn Duncan (16:19.34)

**400 relay** 1. Crittenden County A (46.90), 4. Crittenden County B (57.09)

**800 relay** 3. Crittenden County A (2:15.72), 4. Crittenden County B (2:35.76)

**1600 relay** 1. Crittenden County A (5:12.34), 2. Crittenden County B (6:10.12), 3. Crittenden County C (6:37.45)

**3200 relay** 1. Crittenden County (14:28)

**Long Jump** 7. Ryleigh Tabor 9-10, 8. Audrey Croft 6-0

**Triple Jump** 1. Kenlee Perryman 27-06, 5. Southern Pate 22-02

**Shot Put** 4. Alexis Tabor 23-01

**Discus** 3. Alexis Tabor 70-03

**Boys results**

**Team Totals:** Crittenden 99.5, Ohio 54, Hopkins Central 51.5, Caldwell 34

**110 hurdles** 2. Will Perkins (18.3)

**300 hurdles** 1. Will Perkins (47.17), 3. Tyson Steele (53.96), 4. Zac Weathers (55.97)

**100 meters** 4. Branen Lamey (11.6), 7. Devon Nesbitt (11.8)

**200 meters** 1. Sawyer Towery (24.43), 4. Gavin Davidson (24.76), 8. Eli Moss (26.56)

**400 meters** 1. Will Tolley (54.94), 4. Eli Moss (1:04.44), 5. Joseph Estes (1:08.28)

**800 meters** 1. Aaron Lucas (2:16.23), 4. Chris Perez (2:37.10), 7. Jordan Long (3:04.32), 8. Lance Kayse (3:06.84)

**1600 meters** 1. Aaron Lucas (4:50.12), 4. Sawyer Towery (5:15.65), 5. Chris Perez (5:47.32)

**3200 meters** 1. Aaron Lucas (12:33.21), 2. Sawyer Towery (12:38.43)

**400 relay** 1. Crittenden County A (4:31.36), 4. Crittenden County B (57.09)

**800 relay** 3. Crittenden County A (1:48.16), 5. Crittenden County B (2:13.53)

**1600 relay** 2. Crittenden County A (4:31.36), 4. Crittenden County B (5:11.42)

**3200 relay** 1. Crittenden County A (9:58), 2. Crittenden County B (11:12)

**Long Jump** 2. Branen Lamey 18-02, 4. Gavin Davidson 15-09, 5. Tyson Steele 14-05

**Triple Jump** 2. Branen Lamey 34-10, 3. Tyson Steele 33-10

**High Jump** 2. Will Perkins 5-02, 3. Chris Perez 4-10, 3. Sawyer Towery 4-10, 6. Tristan Davidson 4-06

**Shot Put** 8. Adam Beavers 30-02

**Discus** 3. Adam Beavers 100-06, 4. Ross Crider 88-08, 5. Xander Tabor 87-00





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# Baker great fit for Kentucky basketball

It was not a surprise to Justin Downer when California guard Jemarl Baker got a scholarship offer from Kentucky earlier this month — or that he accepted it. “He is a kid that is very confident in his abilities,” said Downer.

Downer is an assistant coach on for Earl Watson Elite — the team Baker played for on the Under Armor circuit last summer and made a league-best 41 3-pointers.

Earl Watson Elite head coach George Zedan and Downer, an assistant coach, met with Calipari at the Final Four in Phoenix and heard what the UK coach was looking for from Baker.

“It is such a great fit,” Downer said. “With Kentucky basketball, you need a kid with a special mentality. That’s why he improved so much and why this is such a great opportunity for him. He averaged 17 points per game for us and led us in 3’s. Those are absurd numbers on a team that’s really good. He can really score it. He’s going to surprise a lot of people.”

Calipari reminded the two coaches that no one expected Devin Booker to be a one-and-done lottery pick and NBA star as a rookie when he got to UK.

“Cal kind of referred to Jemarl the same way,” Downer said. “I am not saying he is a one-and-done player, but you are going to be impressed.”

Downer actually coached against Baker in high school before coaching him on the Earl Watson Elite team. He coached against Baker the night after Baker got 27 points in a game against Chino Hills and brothers LiAngelo and LaMelo Ball, the younger brothers of UCLA star Lonzo Ball.

“Our game plan was totally centered around stopping him. We got him for a while but he kept his poise. He never got in a rush,” Downer said. “We denied him the ball. We used a box and one. But he never forced anything. He trusted his teammates. He knew with all the work and preparation he puts in that we could only contain him so long, and he was right.” Baker is a consensus four-star player and top 70 recruit. Yet not a lot was known about him until he signed with Kentucky because he committed to California before his junior season and no one paid a lot of attention to him.

“Up until two weeks ago he was listed as 6-2, 165 on some recruiting sites. He is 6-4, almost 6-5, with a long wing span,” Downer said. “He can create his shot. He’s not just a spot up shooter. He’s really good inside 12 feet with post moves but he also creates for others. He’s worked real hard at become a point guard and not just a shooting guard. He can give you different looks.

“To be at the next level, you have got to have that one great skill and his is shooting the ball. He’s arguably the best in his (recruiting) class. But he’s a total player. He competes every possession no matter who you are playing. He never takes a possession off. He’s always battling and competing on both ends. Kentucky fans are going to love that, too.”

**Hood’s thoughts confirmed**  
Former Eastern Kentucky head coach Dean Hood knew

about the Kentucky football program from “afar” and thought he saw coach Mark Stoops making improvements. Now that he’s on staff as special teams coordinator/outside linebackers coach everything he thought has been confirmed.

“I joked with coach Stoops before we played them two years ago that, ‘Coach you have a fan down in Richmond, Ky., and I am cheering for you. I see you getting better because as you are getting better, we are getting better transfers,’” Hood laughed and said.

“Before they were very good, we would get guys that were just okay. Then they started getting better and we got DeShawn Mobley and he was player of the year in our conference. So I said, ‘Coach I am cheering for you to get better because that means we will get better’ and I saw that.”

Hood thought the biggest thing Stoops did to change the program was making recruiting Ohio a priority from day one.

“It’s easy to say when you not sitting in that chair (as UK coach), but I always thought why would someone not go north to recruit. Why would everybody want to battle and try to beat all the SEC schools in Florida and Georgia when you are the northern most school in the SEC,” Hood said.

“When coach Stoops got here he did that right away. He went and started recruiting Ohio and I thought that is what needed to be done at Kentucky. Go up there and beat Purdue, Illinois and Northwestern rather than bang your heads against the wall down south and I saw that immediately when he got here. Now you see those players running around from Ohio and I know my thoughts were correct and they are making us better.”

**Fla. WR commits to UK**  
Kentucky picked up a verbal commitment from Florida receiver Shocky Jacques-Louis last week. He’s only rated as a three-star player and had just 20 catches for 308 yards and five scores last season.

However, Adam Regan, prep sports writer at The News-Press in Fort Myers, Fla. (news-press.com or @NP\_AdamRegan on Twitter), says not to underestimate the talent the 6-0, 170-pound player has. Regan says his numbers likely won’t be eye-popping this season, either.

“There are a few reasons for that, none being a reflection of his ability. First, quarterback play and blocking up front aren’t very consistent in Southwest Florida,” Regan said. “There isn’t a lot of time to throw the ball and most quarterbacks aren’t accurate when they’re being chased out of the pocket almost instantaneously, thus giving Shocky fewer opportunities.”

“Second, Shocky plays on a stacked offense at Fort Myers Dunbar where the running game was quite strong and he was sharing targets with two other Division I prospects.”

Regan says one other thing about Jacques-Louis stands out to him.

“Shocky has a serious drive to prove himself not just on the football field, but in life. He’s driven to be his best in the classroom because he



PHOTO PROVIDED (ABOVE), PHOTO COURTESY MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERISTY (BELOW, LEFT)



Above, Jemarl Baker's AAU coach believes he's going to surprise a lot of people with his play at Kentucky. Morehead coach Preston Spradlin, a former UK staff member, credits his success to his wife, Misty.

recognizes the value of education,” Regan said. “He has a good head on his shoulders and learns from his mistakes. I think that will make him coachable at the next level.”

Jacques-Louis said he was ready to commit to UK when he got an offer as a freshman but family members advised him to wait. He will attend team camps this summer, but doesn’t plan to attend any individual camps or take any college visits.

“I want for UK fans to know I am 100 percent committed to the Wildcats and have always been. We are going to win championships,” he said.

**Nothing like UK basketball**  
“One And Not Done” director Jonathon Hock of New York had heard plenty about Kentucky basketball fans, but that didn’t prepare him for what he learned during the 20 months he spent putting together the ESPN documentary on coach John Calipari.

“Nobody goes all in like that for any team. There is a commitment of the community to the team and program

and these guys that come from all over the country have no idea what it will be like and the intensity of it,” Hock said. “What Cal has to navigate each year and manage the kids and how they handle it is incredible. He has got to get them through that in a way ... it’s easy when it is going well but less so when things are not going well.

“I think Cal builds a cocoon around the players. I expected they would be involved in much more of a college experience. But they are highly, highly managed pretty much every minute of the day and they are pretty much treated like NBA players.”

Hock said there was a common theme from all of Calipari’s former players now playing in the NBA that he interviewed.

“Players all say the NBA experience is a cakewalk after playing for Cal and being in the Big Blue Nation. It takes a certain kind of player to play for him,” Hock said.

**Wife pushes coach’s dream**  
New Morehead State University men’s basketball

coach Preston Spradlin played at Betsy Layne High School and then went to Alice Lloyd College for four years to get his education and play basketball.

He thought he would be a high school coach, but his wife, Misty, pushed him to follow his dream of becoming a college coach.

“In the summers I would jump in my car and work basketball camps all over trying to network and getting to know people,” Spradlin said.

He got a “low level” spot on John Calipari’s staff at Kentucky as an intern/graduate student.

“I did not know anyone. I would show up early and stay

late to try and learn all I could,” Spradlin said. “After two years, I got to be assistant director of basketball operations for three years. I got to go to three Final Fours and meet so many great players and people. Then I was lucky enough for (Sean) Woods to hire me on his staff at Morehead.”

He credits his wife for most of his success. They are high school sweethearts who have known each other for 16 years — more than half their lives.

“She has had an unbelievable role in my career. It has been difficult for her and my 4-year-old son Bentley,” Spradlin said. “I have had my focus on this team at a high level. They have been kind of neglected. I hope I get the opportunity soon to reward them and go back and be a husband and father.

“Misty has great energy. She and I are very open about what I have going on. She is not afraid to give her opinion. Your spouse has to be all in with what you are doing. She knows all our players and she’s always in my corner, which is nice to have. We both learned at UK just how hard a coach has to work, and she understands that and I love her for that.”

**Quote of the Week**  
“Is he Tyler Ulis? I am not ready to go that far. He is 6-feet, which is small by Kentucky guard standards but he knows how to make plays. He’s a good team guy. There will be no issues with him,” veteran sports writer Dick “Hoops” Weiss on UK signee Quade Green.

**Quote of the Week 2**  
“I think the cheerleaders were the most athletic people on campus. They do things that I could never do, or want to do. I have attempted to do some things like they do, but no way could I do it,” former UK basketball player Marcus Lee on UK’s national championship cheerleading team.

**Quote of the Week 3**  
“I should be in high school right now, but to be here with dudes that are like three years older than me, two years older than me, it was fun. I messed up. I dropped a pass. Dropped a touchdown. But for the most part, I think I did well,” freshman receiver Clevon Thomas Jr. on the Blue-White Game.

(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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The traditional high school prom arrives in Crittenden County this weekend, but earlier this week, a group of local middle school students brought the experience to Crittenden County Health & and Rehabilitation in Marion. Above, middle-schooler Leah Fritts was one of several students who helped doll up the ladies at the nursing home. Here, she paints the nails of a resident. Below, Rowan Perkins and Phyllis Millikan enjoyed a dance while Ruth Robertson waited for the young man to move down the line for her turn.

# Middle-schoolers bring prom to local seniors

STAFF REPORT

As part of its community outreach, Crittenden County Middle School students last week produced a “Senior” Prom for ladies and gentlemen at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

It was a big hit with more than 30 women and a handful of men enjoying the dancing and festive atmosphere provided by students on the school’s Lighthouse Team.

Teachers Tiffany Blazina and Kara Turley are the group’s advisors, but they give all the credit to the students for dreaming up their outreach missions and making all the arrangements.

“They have it all under control,” said Blazina. “They’ve made all the phone calls to set it up and did their research to find music from the era these residents would be familiar with.”

Eighth-grader Lily Atchison was the project coordinator.

“We had so much fun coming out here at Christmas to read books that we wanted to do something else here,” she said. “At one of our meetings we were just bouncing ideas round and



Atchison



talked about having a dance. Mrs. Turley suggested we call it the Senior Prom.”

Girls from the middle school brought makeup and nail polish to get the gals in the nursing home dolled up for the dance and boys from the middle school helped set up the decorations and provided dancing dates for some ladies without partners.

“There are a lot more ladies who wanted to participate,” Blazina said. “So we asked to see if any boys would be interested in being dates and we had 21 apply. We interviewed them and asked them why they wanted to be part of it and picked the 10 best.”

Atchison said she asked teachers and her grandmother for music suggestions and she downloaded songs for the dance.

“I got some of the swing music from the 60s,” she said. “And “What a Wonderful World” by Louis Armstrong. That’s one of my favorites.”

Just to be part of the Lighthouse Team, students must apply and be hand picked. It’s an exclusive group that does a variety of interesting projects inside and outside the school.

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with fundraisers and prayers, and their faith turned out to be inspiring to many.

Ali Perryman’s pastor Tim Burdon said people tried to identify with the young couple and their situation, and admired the way they handled the situation with determination, faith and strength.

“People have been amazed at how young they are yet how they handled it seemingly older and wiser, it was a touching story,” said Burdon, pastor of Mexico Baptist Church, who traveled to Nashville to be with the couple and their families during all of Atler’s surgeries.

Burdon said their faith in God was planted in them at a young age, and it grew over time and was obvious when they needed it most.

“It was a touching story, they demonstrated their faith through a time of crisis, but it was what they lived all along,” Burdon said.

The family requests donations may be made to the Tolu Community Center, 6238 S.R. 135, Marion, KY 42064 or Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, VUMC Gift and Donor Services, 2525 W. End Ave., Suite 450, Nashville, TN 37203-1761.

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# Small change

Spring guide



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**P**atty Downey's vision to create her new home to look like a converted carriage house turned out just as she had hoped. Some would say even better. Rustic and charming yet colorful and inviting, the 600-square foot structure features exposed rafters, painted barn wood walls and a year's worth of treasures Downey picked up at antique stores. The mix of reclaimed wood and vibrant color - including turquoise kitchen cabinets with red accessories - are an interesting combination that take a while to absorb. Standing in one space, visitors can see nearly all of Downey's new home, save the bathroom, which also houses the washer and dryer. All of Downey's ideas were orchestrated by her son Tim Morris. The space is small but plenty for Downey, who created a play area in the loft for her four grandchildren.

More photos on Page 10B



## Downsizing right decision for local woman

**T**he dog path in the freshly seeded grass along the eastern side of the house indicates someone is settling into her new surroundings, but Susan Brown admits it will be a little while before her new house feels like home.

Both Brown and her West Highlands terrier Lilleth are getting used to their new surroundings a stone's throw away from the house Brown lived in for nearly 40 years.

"I love my little house, but it's just not home yet," said Brown, who moved into her new residence in November and hosted Thanksgiving dinner for her sons and their families.

She's happy she could build on the Seminary Loop property where she and her late husband Mickey raised their two sons, but it is an adjustment.

The move was a chance for her to downsize - and downsize she did when she picked out the plan for a 600 square foot cabin and cut her living space in half.

She has all the space she needs - a good size bathroom, plenty of room in the kitchen, living room and dining room and even has more counter space than she had



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Simple and full of memories, small but at the same time spacious is the best way to describe Susan Brown's new 600-square foot house. Clockwise from left, Brown stands behind a rocking chair that belonged to her father-in-law; antique chimney cabinets flank a window beside the dining table; the exterior of metal sided cabin; and a housewarming gift custom-made by Brown's friend Mary Jo Woodall placed in one of Brown's favorite things, her late husband Mickey's rocking chair.







At left, Susan Brown's West Highlands terrier Lillith oversees work last year during renovation of the woman's home on Seminary Loop on the same property where she and her late husband raised their children. The pieces that surround Susan Brown in her newly constructed cabin in rural Crittenden County are the things that make her house a home. Surrounded by things she loves, including an antique desk in the living room and an antique dresser in the home's bedroom. Though small, Brown has plenty of closet space and has made the most of the storage areas inside the 600-square foot home.



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before. Still she says in a 600 square foot house, everything has its place. "It feels good simplifying," she said. "I simplified, and the things I didn't use, I didn't bring." Surrounded by her favorite things – her grandmother Mary Hardin's wash stand, an antique dresser, her father-in-law's rocking chair and some pictures with sentimental meaning – Brown knows her house will

feel more like a home in time. On the wall above her dining table there is a phrase framed on an antique cabinet door she found at an antique store. 'If the cook don't like it, the cook don't cook it,' gets a chuckle out of Brown when telling the history behind the phrase, specifically her mother's distaste for fresh asparagus. "It was bittersweet leaving the place where Mickey and I raised our boys, but I am very proud of my little house. I am proud of the ac-

complishment of doing it on my own, but Mickey talked me through the construction process and warned me about so many things," Brown said. Mickey died of cancer not long after the project began, but even when he was so sick, he talked her through the process, teaching her from his experiences in construction. Though she simplified and downsized, Brown surrounded herself by her favorite pieces of furniture, antiques and memories with special memories of loved

ones. Today, she is making new memories with her sons Jason and Jared, grandson Davis and her cousin Anna Easley, who has provided decorating advice and company on the front porch swing. "It is so pleasant on the porch listening to turkeys gobbling," Brown said. "There are some mistakes that I made, but I love it here," she said. "There are still some things I want to do. The plan calls for a rock patio off the porch and I want to do something like that."

Aeration can keep lawn green

METRO SERVICES One of the ways homeowners can keep their lawns looking lush and green is to aerate the turf when the need arises. Aerators perforate the soil with small holes. These holes allow air, nutrients and water to penetrate all the way to the roots, helping them grow deep and strong. Deep, strong roots are essential to healthy, lush lawns. While aeration can help many lawns, not every lawn will necessarily need to be aerated. Lawns that get heavy use, such as those that are often played on by children or pets, will likely benefit from periodic aeration. Feeling the lawn also can help homeowners determine if it needs to be aerated. Lawns that dry out quickly or feel spongy may be overcome with thatch, which can prevent lawns from getting the

air, water and nutrients they need to thrive. Lawncare professionals recommend aerating lawns that contain thatch that is more than one-half inch. Thatch also can foster grub infestations, providing another benefit to removing it and aerating a lawn. When to aerate depends on the type of

grass. Homeowners should consult with a lawncare professional about the best time to aerate their particular lawns, but it's generally recommended that cool-season grasses be aerated in early spring or fall, while it's best to aerate warm season grasses in late spring.



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# Organized garage more functional

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Organization can help homeowners transform their homes into less cramped, more spacious oases without forcing them to finance potentially expensive expansion projects.

Homeowners who park in their driveways may find that their garages have become crowded, cluttered spaces in which searching for tools can feel like scouring a haystack in search of a needle. Organizing a garage can create extra room in a home while affording homeowners the chance to protect their vehicles from the elements. Homeowners who want to turn their garages into something more than cluttered storage units can employ the following strategies to transform these largely overlooked areas into more valuable spaces.

- Choose the right day. Garages tend to be separate from the rest of the homes they're a part of, meaning the only way to organize a garage is to first remove all items from the garage and into the driveway. Because items removed from the garage will be exposed to the elements, homeowners should choose a day

that's temperate and sunny to clean their garages. If possible, homeowners should opt to organize their garages in late spring, summer or early fall when there are additional hours of daylight. This protects homeowners from having to work in the dark should the job take longer than they initially anticipated.

- Discard or donate duplicate items. Duplicate items are some of the main culprits behind cluttered garages. As garages gradually become more cluttered, homeowners may buy tools they already have simply because they can't find their original tools. When organizing the garage, create separate piles for duplicate tools, placing still-useful items in a pile that can be donated to neighbors, local charities or organizations and another pile for old tools that are no longer useful.
- Host a garage sale. Homeowners who want to organize their garages and make a buck at the same time can host garage sales. Make only those items that are still functional available for purchase, and let neighbors and bargain hunters

do the bulk of your organization work for you.

- Designate areas of the garage for certain items. Once the items that won't be going back into the garage have been sold, donated or discarded, organize the garage by designating areas for certain items, making sure to separate items that can pose safety risks. For example, store kids' bicycles and outdoor toys in a corner of the garage that is opposite the corner where potentially dangerous items such as power tools and gas cans will be stored. Keep the center of the garage open for vehicles.
- Periodically park cars in the garage. Homeowners who are comfortable parking their vehicles in their driveways can improve their chances of maintaining organized garages over the long haul by periodically parking in the garage. Doing so not only prevents the gradual buildup of clutter that can slowly take over a garage, but also protects homeowners' automotive investments.

Maintaining an organized garage can help homeowners make more practical use of the space in their homes.

## Lofty goals best kept in check

**METRO SERVICES**

Many homeowners have lofty goals for their homes. Such plans may include extensive renovations or even additions. While many of these projects create beautiful changes in a home, it's important to consider the impact that renovations can have on property value before beginning a project.

Many home improvement projects do not add as much value as homeowners may think they do. In fact, some homeowners "overbuild" for their neighborhoods. To avoid overbuilding, homeowners can ask themselves several questions before beginning a renovation project.

- Will my house be the

largest house in the neighborhood? Larger homes tend to have a lower price per square foot, so you may not want to improve to this extent.

- Will the house blend with others in the area? If your house will stick out like a sore thumb, it will detract from its own value and could impact the value of other homes in the area.
- Have I examined the cost vs. value of the project? Many home improvement resources analyze the cost of a project versus the overall value of that project with regard to property value. For example, a \$50,000 basement remodel may not add \$100,000 to the value of the home in the event you choose to sell down the line. It's important to know which projects provide the best return on investment.

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# Close the gap

## Sticking doors increase with temps

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Nearly everyone has experienced a sticking door that just will not close properly. This problem may become more noticeable when temperatures rise and humidity contributes to the swelling of wood doors and frames.  
According to The Family Handyman, a home improvement resource, the standard remedy for alleviating a sticking door is to remove the door and pare down the edges that are rubbing so that the door will once again swing freely. While

this can solve the problem, it can be a hassle, as it requires refinishing the pared-down edge and rehanging the door. Try these shortcuts first before creating more work than might be necessary.  
- Identify the problem area and rub it with a dry bar of soap. This should reduce friction and allow the door to close more easily.  
- Remove humidity with a dehumidifier or by running an air conditioning unit.  
- Check for loose hinges or sagging around the hinge.

Tighten the fasteners to sure up the door and create better alignment.  
- Spray the hinges with lubricant if you suspect sticking is originating because of squeaky hinges.  
- Look for obstructions at the bottom of the door. Is the door dragging on carpeting or being caught on something on the floor? It may be a matter of simply clearing away the obstruction.



**METRO SERVICES**  
Backyard playgrounds should be built with safety in mind. Learn the rules of play equipment and yard safety.

# Backyard play area should be safe, enjoyable

**METRO SERVICES**  
Homeowners often aspire to have attractive backyards that look like they belong in a magazine. While these can be picturesque and functional for adults, they may not be entirely practical for homeowners who have young children, especially when the majority of the yard is covered with paving stones or concrete.  
When young children are part of a household, homeowners may benefit by designing yards that are both functional and fun. Incorporating safe play areas for kids is one way to unlock the potential of both big and small backyards.  
As children run off to enjoy a playground, safety is the last thing on their minds. Kids are most interested in scaling ladders to treehouses or coasting down slides. That's why adults must take it upon themselves to keep injury prevention in mind.  
SafestPlayground.com indicates that playground-related injuries routinely result in severe fractures, internal injuries, concussions, and dislocations. In the majority of playground injuries to children younger than age 5, the head and face are affected. Children between the ages of 5 and 9 experience more leg and arm injuries than younger kids. The Consumer Product Safety Commission states 70 percent of children's injuries occur on home playgrounds. More than 28,000 children are injured each year on playgrounds across Canada, according to Parachute, a national injury prevention organization.  
When considering playground equipment for the yard, parents need to make safety a priority. The Canada Safety Society advises parents to follow the "5 S's of Playground Safety": Surface, structures, site, supervision, and safety.

blow of falls, choose playground equipment with a perimeter of six feet of a softer surface, such as sand, pea gravel, rubber pieces or wood chips. This material should be between six and 12 inches deep.  
**STRUCTURE**  
The structure of the play equipment should be built from sturdy materials. Pressure-treated lumber was once the standard, but it's not advisable for kids' playgrounds, as the chemicals used in the lumber can leach and young children may actually bite or pick at the wood. Use cedar or another wood that resists decay. Once the structure is built, inspect it frequently for damage.  
**SITE**  
Look around the landscape for an ideal place to locate the playset. There should be no obstacles that children can hit while sliding or swinging. Avoid overhanging branches and do not place equipment too close to trees or fencing. Try to keep the set out of direct sunlight, which can make components heat up and scald young bodies.  
**SUPERVISION**  
Do not leave children alone while they are playing. Prevent children from using the playset in an incorrect manner.  
**SAFETY**  
Follow the directions for installation. Make sure all posts are anchored into the ground securely. Railings should be spaced so that children cannot get stuck between them. Check that metal components have not rusted and that there is no additional excessive wear. Be sure that no tools or other dangerous items are left around the yard.  
**SURFACE**  
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# Warm weather brings spring cleaning



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Warmer days are here and what better way to spend them than ... cleaning? Although enjoying the great outdoors is probably high on many a to-do list come spring, by the end of winter, homes can probably do with a much-needed overhaul. Owners and renters can rely on temperate days to throw open the windows and engage in some easy spring-cleaning projects. The earlier one begins spring cleaning, the more quickly he or she will be able to head outside and bask in the warm spring sun.

Spring cleaning tasks can be stretched out across several days to make the jobs more manageable. While certain spring cleaning tasks can be time-consuming, many projects can be started and completed in 30 minutes or less.

**LOOK UP**

Start by looking up at ceilings, molding and ceiling fans. Chances are strong that some cobwebs and dust have formed in these areas. Always begin cleaning by working from the top downward so you don't have to clean any tables countertops or floors twice. Static-charged dusting cloths work well to catch and contain dust. Use a pillowcase on ceiling fan blades to clear the dust and keep it from cascading to the floor.

**BLINDS AND CURTAINS**

Heavy window treatments can be removed and replaced with more gauzy fabrics. This lets in more light and warmth from the sun. Many curtains can be freshened up right in the laundry, but blinds may require a bit more effort. If the blinds can be snapped out of the brackets, place them in a tub full of vinegar, dish soap and water. Allow them to soak and then rinse with the shower nozzle. Stationary blinds can be cleaned with using an old sock over your hand dipped in a vinegar-and-water solution.

**CHANGE LINENS**

Remove and launder bed linens. While the linens are in the wash, thoroughly dust all

furniture and vacuum the carpets. Move furniture so you can reach areas where dust gathers, such as under the bed or dresser.

**GROUT CLEANER**

Grade school science lessons can be put to use as you look to remove stubborn dirt. Combining baking soda and vinegar produces a reaction that causes the formation of gassy bubbles. These bubbles can help to break up dirt that clings to crevices, such as grout between tiles. Some light scrubbing and then subsequent rinsing can rid surfaces of hard-to-remove dirt.

**VENT INTAKES**

Many houses are heated by forced-air systems. The air intake vents can become clogged with

dust and other debris. Vacuum these vents so that air flow is not impeded. Let the heat run for a few minutes to catch any small particles that become dislodged, and then change the furnace filter.

**REFRIGERATOR**

Now is a great time to remove any of those mystery containers growing fuzzy experiments in the back of the refrigerator. Take the food out of the refrigerator and use a food-safe cleaner to scour the shelves and inside of crisper drawers. Spring cleaning is a necessary task, but it doesn't have to be a headache. Break up the work into manageable chunks of time, and projects won't feel like such a hassle.

# Composite decking can mimic wood, reduce maintenance

**METRO SERVICES**

When the time comes to Decks add character and functionality to a home, increasing outdoor entertaining space and oftentimes improving the resale value of a home. Homeowners have various options when choosing decking materials, but one such option, composite decking, is growing in popularity.

Decks used to primarily be made from pressure-treated lumber. While lumber remains a popular material, more and more homeowners are opting for composite decking products. As anyone who has pressure-washed, stained and sealed wood decks can attest, such spaces require lots of upkeep to look new year after year. Composite decks require much less maintenance, making them highly attractive to homeowners who would rather spend time using their decks instead of maintaining them.

Composite decking is any type of decking material that is formulated from different recycled materials. The majority of these materials include hard plastic and wood shavings of pulp. Unlike wood, which can fade, crack and rot, composite decking, which has been available for roughly a decade, does not degrade quickly and requires very little upkeep.

Available in a variety of wood colors to match outdoor decor, composite decks also can feature artificial wood grains to make them look similar to wood planks. Although composite decks are not completely impervious to the elements, with some occasional washing to impede mold growth and new technology that has improved stain-resistance, many of the pitfalls of other materials can be avoided with composite decks.

Composite decking fits in with eco-friendly lifestyles. The planks are made from recycled materials that would normally end up in landfills. Products from Trex, a popular composite decking manufacturer, are made from 1.5 million shopping bags and wood mill waste. As composite decks do not rot away and are long-lasting, they will not need to be replaced frequently, which is another eco-friendly benefit.

When comparing composite decking brands, look mainly at the colors, materials used in the composition and the fastening systems. Many are fastened with regular deck screws, offers This Old House. The newer systems have channels for hidden fastening, and the composite deck tiles snap into place.

Composite decks do have a few drawbacks. They can be expensive — nearly double the initial cost of wood decks. And although they don't rot, composite planks can scratch. Without refinishing, damaged boards will need to be replaced. Harsh chemicals may fade color and damage the composite materials, so caution is needed.

Composite decking remains an in-demand choice for outdoor spaces. Low-maintenance and long-lasting, these decks have quickly become favorites among homeowners.

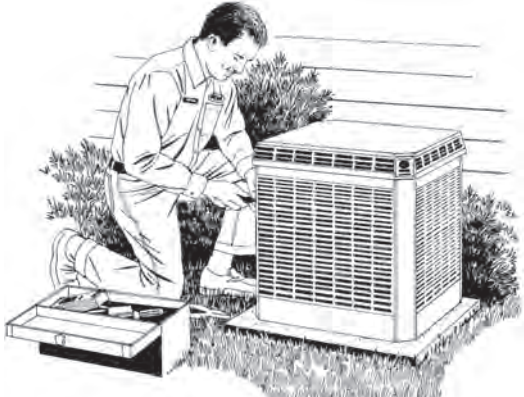


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# Replacing old windows worthwhile investment

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Replacing old windows is often a worthwhile investment for homeowners. Energy-efficient windows can prevent heating and cooling loss and keep homes more comfortable throughout the year. Such windows also can improve a home's resale value, proving a good return on investment for homeowners who want to upgrade their homes before putting them on the market.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, homeowners might find it more cost-effective to replace very old and/or inefficient windows to improve their energy efficiency. Such an upgrade can save homeowners substantial amounts of money on heating and cooling costs.

Window replacement projects can be costly, so it pays to get the job right the first time. Before beginning a window replacement project, homeowners should research which windows will meet their specific needs, learning the subtleties between finishes and features, as well as comparing prices for the windows and installation.

**TIMING**  
The best time of year to plan window replacement is

when the weather will be warm, ideally in the spring or early summer. However, homeowners do not want conditions to be too warm, as each room where new windows will be installed will temporarily be exposed to the elements. Furthermore, caulk adheres better in warmer weather and will dispense easily.

**FEATURES**  
When replacing windows, homeowners may want to install the same style windows they currently have. But the problems that led to the need to replace windows may still exist even when new windows are installed. When replacing windows, consider energy performance ratings based on the locations of the windows in the house. To make sure they make the most educated decision, homeowners can investigate the solar heat gain coefficient, U-factor, visible transmittance and light-to-solar gain. Explanations of these ratings are available at Energy.gov.

**MAINTENANCE**  
Maintenance costs involved with cleaning, repairs and painting can add up. When shopping for windows, con-

sider the amount of maintenance they will need. Wood-framed windows may require more upkeep than aluminum, fiberglass or vinyl. Also, consider if certain window types, such as double-hung windows, casement windows, awning windows, or slider windows, would be practical.

**STYLE**  
A poor match between windows and the style of the home can produce unwanted changes in the appearance of the home. Replacement windows should match the style and appearance desired.

**MINIMAL DISRUPTION**  
When homeowners hire professionals who are good at their craft, window replacement projects should not be a terrible inconvenience. According to American Window Products Inc., seasoned professionals will be able to complete a replacement window upgrade in a short amount of time depending on the size of the home and the number of windows being replaced.

Replacing windows can be a costly task, but one that will provide a more energy efficient home that can help homeowners save money in the long run.

# Numerous factors should be considered with carpet

**METRO SERVICES**  
When the time comes to choose flooring for their homes, homeowners may be overwhelmed by the vast array of options at their disposal. The choice between carpet and hardwood flooring, laminate or tile is a matter of personal preference. People have long extolled the virtues of hardwood flooring, but carpeting can be just as stylish and provides a host of other benefits as well.

Carpeting insulates rooms in the summer and winter, adding that extra level of protection against the elements. Carpeting also absorbs sound in a home. Many appreciate the warmth and cozy feeling of carpet, especially when stepping out of bed. Carpeting also can increase the level of safety at home. According to the Carpet and Rug Institute, carpeting makes areas of play safer and may also reduce the severity of an injury in the event of a fall.

Today, there are many different types of carpeting available. Selecting the right carpeting for a room comes down to identifying the level of traffic in a particular room, the attributes homeowners would like the carpet to have and any other needs that fit with their lifestyles. The following guidelines can make carpet shopping a bit easier.

**TYPE OF CARPETING**  
There are many different types of carpeting, some of which are best suited to certain situations. For example, plush and saxony carpets are better in low-traffic areas. These carpets



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may show footprints and also vacuum tracks and dirt, but they're higher on the comfort spectrum than other types of carpet. Berber, which is more flat and dense, helps mask stains and tracks. It is durable in high-traffic areas. Textured carpets like frieze are cut from fibers of different heights, so they mask stains and are also softer on the feet than berber.

**PADDING**  
Padding can impact the way carpeting feels and how long it lasts. It isn't always necessary to purchase the most expensive or thickest padding. However, it is wise to pick a pad that matches the type of carpeting you're selecting and one that aligns with how you plan to use the room. You may be able to go with a thinner pad in low-traffic rooms and beneath dense

carpeting like berber. In high-traffic rooms, choose a thicker, more durable padding. Padding prevents carpet backing and fibers from coming apart over time. It pays to invest in a padding that will last as well.

**INSTALLATION**  
Select a reliable carpet retailer and installer for your business. Competent installers will lay the carpeting in the correct manner so that it will look beautiful and maintain its durability for the life of the product. Shop around to find the right installer or even do the work yourself if you feel capable.

Take time when shopping for carpeting, which is a substantial investment that can last for many years if the right material is chosen and installed correctly.

# Five simple projects can help save property owners money

**METRO SERVICES**  
It's remodeling season, and with so many projects on the to-do list, which should you tackle first? While some projects provide great long-term return on investment, a few simple ones can provide instant savings. Here are the top home spring projects to help you save money:

- Caulk around windows and doors: Stop air leaks around your home by sealing existing gaps and cracks. Use caulking or weather stripping around doors and windows. Installing a door sweep is also a good idea.
- Insulate your home: Use insulation with a high R-value which can be used to top up

insulation in your attic. Aim for an R-value of 50 or a depth of 16 inches. For whole home efficiency, ensure other areas of your home, such as crawl spaces, basement headers, walls and ceilings, are well insulated. It will keep your house cool in the warm weather and take the stress off your air conditioning unit.

- Clean your AC unit: Come spring, it's not uncommon to find an air conditioner's condenser and compressor blocked up with dirt and debris. This can result in greater stress on the unit, causing it to work harder. Giving it a thorough cleaning is easy and can help maximize your AC unit's service life while mini-

mizing your energy bill.

- Plant trees: Direct sunlight can heat up surfaces and building materials, as well as the interior temperature of your home. Consider planting trees in strategic locations to provide shade and reduce cooling costs.
- Install a rain barrel: Water is an important, but costly resource. Installing a rain barrel is an easy and affordable measure to reduce your water consumption, while keeping your lawn and garden looking great.

These simple home maintenance tasks can be well worth the effort, potentially providing hundreds of dollars in annual savings.



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# Radon 2nd only to smoking in cause of Ky. lung cancer

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH), within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), is helping to spread the word about the important role the environment plays in your health. DPH encourages Kentuckians to learn more about the potential health effects of radon exposure and how to check your home for this potentially dangerous gas.

"Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer next to smoking and is prevalent in many areas of Kentucky," said CHFS Secretary Vickie Yates Brown Glisson. "It's time we all learned a little more about radon, how to detect it in our home and what can be done if levels are elevated."

Radon occurs naturally in the environment and can be found in rocks such as granite and limestone. An odorless, colorless, tasteless gas, radon produces radioactive energy when it decays.

Many Kentucky counties

contain radon levels in excess of what is considered by to be safe. In Jefferson County, for example, data indicate more than 49 percent of homes contain elevated radon levels and in Fayette County, more than 55 percent of homes contain elevated radon levels.

"There is no way to know if your house has high levels of radon unless you get your house tested," said Rebecca Gillis, director of the Division of Public Health Protection and Safety. "The good news is that radon levels in a home can be dramatically reduced or even eliminated."

More information about radon levels across the state is available at Kentucky EnviroHealthLink, a website designated to exploring how the environment affects health. The website includes a Radon Testing Map for the Commonwealth.

"Because of the ways that radon and tobacco smoke damage the lungs, high radon levels are especially danger-

ous for people who smoke," said Janie Cambron, program manager for Kentucky EnviorHelathLink. "Your environment matters, especially in the case of radon. Smokers who live in homes with high radon levels have a risk of lung cancer that's 10 times higher than nonsmokers who live in homes with high radon levels."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which supports DPH's Radon Program through a federal grant award, elevated radon levels in homes are common. In fact, an estimated 1 in 15 homes in the U.S. have high radon levels.

"Living in a home with high radon levels can be dangerous for your health. Radon is estimated to cause more than 20,000 deaths each year in the U.S.," said Clay Hardwick, coordinator for Kentucky's Radon Program.

Radon builds up in homes over time and cannot be seen, tasted, or smelled. The only way to know if radon levels are elevated is to test, which is simple to complete and inexpensive. Test kits are available

for free through several local health departments throughout the state, as well as through the Kentucky Radon program by calling (502) 564-4856.

Homeowners can test their homes with a simple kit. Radon reduction can be done with the help of a licensed radon mitigation contractor.

Getting your home tested and quitting smoking are key. Quit Now Kentucky (1-800-784-8669) is a free resource available to help citizens quit smoking or using tobacco products, with many personalized materials, including text messaging, online websites, and more.

For more information on radon, radon testing and mitigation or to order a test kit online, visit Kentucky's Radon Program website.

The Kentucky Radon Program focuses education efforts through a coalition of county health departments, universities, and non-profit organizations to increase awareness about radon testing and mitigation in efforts to reduce lung cancer incidence in Kentucky.



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# Mosquito control urged in Kentucky

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Health officials are calling on homeowners to help control mosquitoes by eliminating standing water from containers that can collect rainwater where insects breed.

"Everyone needs to do their part to help reduce the mosquito population," said Hiram Polk Jr., MD, Kentucky Department for Public Health commissioner. "As we are out in the garden getting ready for the growing season or after a rain shower, spend a moment or two thinking about other potential breeding areas for mosquitoes. Walk around your yard once a week or after a rain shower to see if there are any containers holding water and drain them."

Female mosquitoes need only a teaspoon of water in which to lay eggs; can become an adult mosquito in just seven days; and have a lifespan of about two weeks. Mosquitoes will lay eggs in almost anything such as a bottle cap, a candy wrapper, folds of a plastic tarp or downspout, discarded tires, children's toys or the seat of a riding lawn mower. Mosquitoes lay eggs on the walls of water-filled containers and the eggs stick like glue and remain attached until they are scrubbed off. The eggs can survive when

they dry out up to 8 months. Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover or throw out containers that can hold water.

Common household items that can be a home for mosquito larvae include buckets, garbage cans, tires, tarps, gutters and flexible downspout extensions, decks and porches, kiddie pools and pool covers, sand boxes, wagons and big plastic toys, planter saucers or planters without drainage holes, wheelbarrows, watering cans, bird baths, decorative ponds without fish and unscreened water barrels.

If you cannot eliminate or drain a breeding ground because it is too heavy to move, consider using a larvicide such as mosquito dunks containing a biological larvicide.

For more information about the mosquito proofing your yard to reduce mosquito populations, see this video featuring Dr. Anna Yaffee, CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, Kentucky Department for Public Health.

For further information visit the DPH website <http://healthalerts.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx> or the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika). Be sure to follow KY-HealthAlerts on Twitter and DPH's Zika mascot, Marty Mosquito, on Instagram, @martymosquito.

# Did you know?

## HELOC can offer credit options to owners with equity in home

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According to Bank of America, a home equity line of credit, or HELOC, is a line of credit secured by a homeowner's home.

The HELOC is a revolving credit line, which means it allows homeowners to borrow up to the credit limit amount and re-borrow in repeated transactions once the outstanding balance has been repaid. A HELOC may have a lower interest rate than other types of loans, and BoA notes that interest paid on a HELOC is often tax-deductible.

Not every homeowner is eligible for a HELOC. To be eligible, homeowners must have available equity in their homes. That means the amount they owe on their homes must be less than the value of the home. Before applying for a HELOC, homeowners should know that just because they were approved for a mortgage does not mean they will be approved for a HELOC. Lenders will examine many of the same variables, including credit score, monthly income and employment history, when weighing whether or not to approve a HELOC.

Homeowners whose employment situations have changed or whose credit scores have dipped may want to wait to apply for a HELOC until they can make their applications more attractive.



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# Good, bad and ugly

## Not all insects bad for your home, garden


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Although it's virtually impossible to count them, insects are the most diverse group of organisms on the planet. Nine hundred thousand different kinds of insects are known to exist. At any given time, it is estimated that there are around 10 quintillion individual insects living.


Gardeners grow frustrated when seeing their gardens infested with insects. In an effort to restore their gardens, homeowners might be tempted to eradicate any bug that moves in their yards. But gardeners would be wise to first learn which insects are hurting their gardens and which can actually help gardens in the long run.



Good



Bad



Ugly

**HARMFUL**

Certain insects can be dangerous to animals and plants. The following are a handful of insects that can threaten the vitality of gardens.

- Aphids: These insects suck on the juice needed to sustain plants, particularly when they congregate.
- Bald-faced hornet: Hornets tend to be an aggressive species that can sting repeatedly. Should you find a nest near an entertaining space or garden, it can cause trouble.
- Carpenter ants: These ants will burrow into wood causing damage. They may compromise any wooden structure in and around a home.
- Locusts: Various species

of locust can damage plants and crops due to their voracious appetites.

- Treehoppers: These small, green insects mimic the look of leaves, and their appetites can affect crops and gardens.
- Red pavement ant: As they feed on all manner of human food, these ants can quickly overtake areas with their staggering numbers and deliver painful bites.
- Grasshoppers: Certain grasshoppers, like the red-legged grasshopper, can decimate food crops and transfer parasites to birds when eaten as prey.
- Caterpillars: Many cater-

pillars, the precursor to adult moths, will feed constantly on leaves, stems and other parts of plants. The tobacco hornworm moth caterpillar can damage potato and tomato plants.

**HELPFUL**

Plants depend on insects to transfer pollen as they forage, and many insects are quite beneficial to have around. While some pollinate, others are predators of other pests.

- Antlion: A foe of ants, they'll help eat and control ant populations and pollinate flowers. They pose no threat to humans, either.
- Big dipper firefly: These colorful insects feast on earthworms, slugs and snails during the larval stage. Fireflies add drama to evening gardens with their twinkling lights.
- Garden spiders: Although some spiders can be venomous, many are quite handy to have around the garden. They'll help control pest populations that can damage plants and crops.
- Dragonflies: These arial artists that zip around the yard are consuming smaller insects that would otherwise pester plants and humans.
- Blue-winged wasp: This wasp attacks the larvae of Japanese beetles, helping to control beetle populations.
- Bees and butterflies: Butterflies and bees are some of the best pollinators out there, and each can add whimsy to gardens.

# Type of ant determines how to effectively treat for control


METRO SERVICES

The return of warm weather in the spring often marks the return of animals and insects as well. The spring season is a popular time for insects to mate and build nests. This also may be a time when homeowners see ant "swarms" in or around their homes.

Ants and termites are social creatures, and when their colonies become too large, flying ants will spread out in search of new territories and to establish new queens. This mobility may also be coupled with an increasing number of ants marching on the ground and scaling walls.

Although many species of ants are harmless, homeowners do not want to see ants inside their homes — especially in large numbers. The following strategies can help homeowners address ant infestations this spring.

- Identify the type of ant around your property. Consult with online guides or books to identify the species of ant on your property. Knowing which species of ant is in or around your home can help you address the problem



The fire ant's range is beginning to spread to Kentucky

more effectively.

- Create a food trap. Ants are attracted to various food sources, such as fats, sweets and proteins. Mixing a very small amount of a food with boric acid can help control ant populations. Ants will bring tainted food back to their colonies and perish.
- Keep a clean house. Use vinegar, soap and water to clean areas where ants are seen. Many leave a scent trail of pheromones to tell others where to go for a food source.
- Treat carpenter ants at the source. Carpenter ants will not bring back food to the nest. Instead, sprinkle diatomaceous earth, or DE, around outdoor nests to eradicate colonies.
- Work with an exterminator. If home remedies do not work, consult with a trained exterminator.

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# Small change

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Save for finishing touches to the yard and driveway, the exterior is complete, featuring two sets of double doors to give it the carriage house feel Patty Downey envisioned. Clockwise from above, this antique picture hanging inside the front door was the inspiration for the entire construction project; vintage license plates serve as a back splash to the the Wheeling wash tubs that serve as Downey's kitchen sinks; and an authentic barn door doubles as a feature wall between the living and bedrooms.



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# Shade-tolerant plants help complete landscapes

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Plants need sunlight to thrive and grow, but some need less sunlight than others. People who find their landscapes are less supportive to sun-loving plants can choose from a variety of shade-tolerant plants, shrubs and trees.

Shade tolerance refers to a plant's ability to withstand low levels of light. Certain plants have adapted this feature to survive in the wild. Plants that grow at the base of forest floors, for example, will get less sunlight than others outside of the tree canopy. Such adaptations enable a wide variety of foliage to grow even though they are not exposed to much sunlight.

While sun-loving plants often have broad leaves and expend significant energy to capture sunlight for photosynthesis, shade-tolerant plants expend less energy and tend to be more efficient consumers of soil nutrients and sunlight.

Penn State Extension's Plant and Pests division says the amount of shade a plant is growing under will directly affect the density of the foliage and the plant's flowering and fruiting characteristics. Blending shade-tolerant plants into the landscape can be an effective use of space. Before choosing plants for an existing landscape, it's important to assess the level of shade or sun the plants will receive.

- Heavy shade: Heavy shade is when no direct sunlight reaches a plant. This occurs at the base of northern-facing walls or beneath thick tree canopies.

- Full sun: Areas that receive full sun enjoy direct sunlight between six and eight hours per day.

- Moderate shade: These sites have reflected sunlight that may come off of water features.

- Light shade: Plants in



Shade-tolerant plants, such as coleus, can add color and appeal to shady areas of a landscape.

these areas will get partially filtered or dappled sunlight.

Once homeowners understand which type of shade they are dealing with, they can then visit plant nurseries and select their plants. Most greenery comes with care instructions that include recommendations regarding the amount of shade/sunlight the plant will need to do well. If further assistance is needed, a knowledgeable employee can make suggestions based on landscape needs.

Those who are looking for some preliminary guidance when it comes to selecting shade-tolerant shrubs, plants or trees can consult the following list.

- Bleeding heart: Bleeding heart, or Dicentra spectabilis, is typically found in woodlands. It's a perennial in the poppy family that produces mounded foliage and arching vine-like stems of heart-shaped flowers in the spring.

- Amethyst flower: Browallia hybrids offer star-shaped blooms of blue and violet.

These plants will billow out of hanging baskets or containers, and they prefer warm shade or filtered sunlight.

- Coleus: The coleus,

Solenostemon scutellarioides, is another perennial that can have a variety of different leaf colors and striations.

- Witch hazels: These are a genus in the family Hamamelidaceae, which has four different species in North America. This shrub or small tree features arching branches with dense, multi-stemmed clumps. Witch hazel produces flowers in the late autumn when most other plants are sparse.

- Bayberry: Myrica pensylvanica can grow in partial shade as a hedge or natural property divider. The leaves of this shrub are aromatic when crushed. The shrub will produce tiny, gray/white fruits in late summer.

- English Ivy: Also known as Hedera helix, this trailing plant is widely cultivated as an ornamental plant. It will spread easily and can become invasive.

Those searching for shade-tolerant trees can choose among Sugar maple, Black alder, Flowering dogwood, and White spruce, among others.

Shade-tolerant plants can make welcome additions to the landscape, offering greenery and color in the darker areas of a property.

# Many spring cleaning projects can be tackled in single weekend

METRO SERVICES

Spring cleaning is an annual rite of passage in many households. Because winter weather tends to encourage people to stay indoors more than they would during other times of the year, clutter can slowly but surely accumulate in a home over the course of a typical winter. That makes spring cleaning a necessity.

Few homeowners likely enjoy spring cleaning. The warm weather associated with the arrival of spring makes many people who have spent the previous months indoors less than enthusiastic about spending a spring weekend indoors cleaning and clearing away a season's worth of clutter. But homeowners who organize their spring cleaning projects can ensure such efforts take just a weekend or less.

## Enlist the whole family

Chances are everyone who lives in the home can lay claim to some of the dirt, grime and clutter that built up over the winter. So it only makes sense

that everyone then pitches in to clean the home come springtime. Parents and heads of household can delegate tasks to everyone, incentivizing cooperation with the promise of rewards if the cleaning is completed in a single weekend.

## Clear your schedule

Another way for homeowners to ensure their spring cleaning projects are started and finished in a single weekend is to clear their schedules for the entire weekend. Homeowners who expect to spend part of their day away from home and still finish their spring cleaning projects will likely find the job unfinished come Sunday night. When planning a spring cleaning weekend, schedule projects for a weekend when you have no prior commitments or plan far enough in advance that you can avoid making plans on a given weekend. While it might not make for the most eventful weekend, it will greatly increase your chances of getting everything cleaned and cleared out in two days.

## Do your homework

Homeowners who want to complete their spring cleaning in a single weekend should do their homework with regard to finding local recycling centers or charitable organizations to whom they intend to donate items. Many charitable organizations will come to private homes to pick up donations, but such pickups often must be arranged in advance rather than on the morning of the day homeowners want items to be taken away. In addition, if recycling will be a part of your spring cleaning efforts, familiarize yourself with the weekend hours of nearby recycling plants so you can drop items off on your cleaning weekend instead of leaving them lying around to be donated later.

Spring cleaning might not make for the most enjoyable way for homeowners to spend a weekend. But planning ahead and making efficient use of the time available to them can help homeowners tackle their spring cleaning projects in a single weekend.

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