



### Sen. Paul visits today

Crittenden County is one of the stops of a fly-around by U.S. Sen. Rand Paul today (Thursday). He will be arriving at 2 p.m., at Marion-Crittenden County Airport, where he will discuss issues of local concern with Crittenden County officials.

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### Marion flushing its water lines this week

Some Marion water customers may notice some abnormalities from the tap this week, but it is routine according to Utilities Director Brian Thomas.

Thomas said city utility workers are systematically flushing water lines across the whole system. The work started earlier this week, taking place at sporadic locations each day from 9 p.m. and continuing into the early morning hours. A slight discoloration of the water or air in the lines may be noticed.

The City of Marion periodically flushes its hydrants to maintain the quality of water. Water main flushing routinely result in discolored water. This condition is not harmful and should not last very long. Briefly running the cold water tap may help to clear discolored water.



## Council rethinks city street closure

By DARYL K. TABOR  
PRESS EDITOR

Only a week after a controversial move to dead-end a critical city street, Marion City Council reversed course. On Tuesday, council members voted 4-2 to keep Country Club Drive a through street once repairs are completed at section where the pavement is failing.

For more than an hour, councilmen Darrin Tabor and Donnie Arflack led a spirited debate to keep the street closed at the Chapel Hill Road junction in order to eliminate heavy trucks that use Country Club and Industrial drives

as a cut-off between U.S. 60 and U.S. 641. Despite dire warnings of imminent failures in the pavement if the industrial traffic continues, councilwomen Phyllis Sykes and D'Anna Sallin changed their votes from a 4-2 July 31 decision to indefinitely put an end to all through traffic.

Currently, Country Club Drive remains closed at its midpoint for major repairs to a 275-foot section where the asphalt had become a hazard. The \$86,000 project is expected to be completed before school starts next Wednesday, and

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**Reconstruction of a 275-foot segment of Country Club Drive began in earnest Monday morning by ripping up the failing pavement down to the dirt. The city street was closed at the site of the repairs Friday and remains so this week. It is expected to reopen to traffic by the start of school next Wednesday.**

### Shopko property auction has ended

The online bidding for the former Shopko building on Sturgis Road in Marion ended Wednesday. At press time Tuesday, the top bid in the absolute auction was \$50,000, according to the auction website, AMCBid.com. Only four bids had been submitted on the 36,700-square-foot building and paved parking lot sitting on 3.7 acres.

### Glenn's on Main gets new, local ownership

Less than a week after Glenn's on Main, new buyers have surfaced and plan to reopen the Marion restaurant in a few weeks, possibly under a new name.

Stephen and Stacey McKinney, of Marion, along with other members of their family, will open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Stacey McKinney is the granddaughter of the late J.W. and Anna Mae Davis who operated the 88 Dip throughout the 1980s.

The restaurant will have many of the same menu items, plus new ones, including homemade pies. The McKinneys plan to continue operating their auto detailing business on South Main.

### Public meetings

- **Crittenden County Democratic Committee** will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) in the fiscal court room at the courthouse.
- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) to set a date for a special election to decide the fate of a 5.9-cent school tax increase and approve ballot wording.
- **Crittenden County Election Commission** will meet at 9 a.m. Friday in the county clerk's office.
- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday at the courthouse.



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## It's a smash!

Some last-minute tweaks under the hood before Saturday's demolition derby at the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair allowed Jake Tinsley (right) to compete in the big finale of the fair. Helping Tinsley with the work on his entry are Rodney Travis (left) and Tyler Mathew. All three men are from Crittenden County. The derby, as usual, drew the biggest crowd of the eight-day fair. For more pictures from the fair, see Page 3. For results from 4-H exhibits and shows, see Page 4.

## Students at middle, high schools to get early starts

STAFF REPORT

When students return to class next Wednesday, half of them will be in the classroom a bit earlier.

### Clark welcomes new school year

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According to a news release from Crittenden County Schools, both middle and high school students will start their day at 7:58 a.m., two minutes earlier than

the traditional start time. Meantime, elementary school students will remain on an 8 a.m. start. All schools will continue to dismiss at 3 p.m.

Superintendent Vince Clark said the slightly earlier start is to allow time for Care

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### Back to school events

#### CCES Sneak-A-Peek

**Tonight (Thursday) at the school**  
Last names A-G, 5 p.m.; H-Z, 6:30 p.m.

#### CCMS Back to School Bash

**Monday at the school**  
All students meet 4:30 to 6 p.m.

#### CCHS Mission Launch

**Monday at Rocket Arena**  
Last names A-K, 5:30 p.m. L-Z, 6:30 p.m.

## Petition to recall school tax OK'd

By DARYL K. TABOR  
PRESS EDITOR

Anyone wanting to weigh in at the polls on a school tax increase might want to finalize their voter registration by the end of the week.

On Monday, Crittenden County Board of Education accepted the county clerk's certification of a petition to recall a 5.9-cent property tax increase for new school construction. And it appears as if an election is imminent, because also Monday, the elected body set another special meeting for 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at Rocket Arena to consider a date for a vote and approve the wording of the ballot question.

If the board chooses a countywide election to decide the fate of the tax bump, it will have to be either the second or third Tuesday in September – Sept. 12 or 19 – based on the 35- to 45-day window from certification as prescribed by statute. Should it choose the earlier date, voter rolls will close Friday, according to County Clerk Carolyn Byford. And because rolls must be closed no fewer than 30 days prior to an election, Friday, Aug. 18 would be the last day for voters to register or update their registration for a Sept. 19 vote.

The five-member board on June 1 voted 4-1 – Bill Asbridge voted against the levy – to approve a so-called "equivalent nickel" for school construction. The term, and rate, is set by the

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### 2017 tax rates set

Crittenden County Board of Education on Monday set its tax rates for the 2017 tax year slightly higher than last year's. Rates below are expressed as cents per \$100 valuation. Motor vehicles tax is set by the state.

	2016	2017
<b>Real property</b>	46.3	46.4
<b>Tangible assets</b>	47.8	48.2
<b>Motor vehicles</b>	54.1	54.1
<b>Utilities</b>	3.0	3.0

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### Eclipse viewing, shooting tips

- **Use protective eyewear**, such as NASA-approved solar eclipse glasses with "ISO 12312-2" printed on them. Eyewear distributed by the public library and local school system are safe. **Sunglasses offer no protection** and even welding shields are not recommended. Improper viewing can damage your eyes.
- **Use a solar filter** to protect your DSLR camera sensor. Without it, you can destroy the sensor.
- **Do not look through your camera's viewfinder.** Use the LCD screen to protect your eyes.
- **Smartphones will offer subpar images** and require a solar filter.
- **Use a tripod and manually focus** to avoid a blurry photo.
- Adjust your camera settings before the solar eclipse, and **test settings on a non-eclipse day.**
- **Use a high ISO setting and high resolution** to keep exposures very short and prevent blurring from vibrations.

STAFF REPORT

On Aug. 21, as many as 20 million people are expected to gaze toward the heavens as the skies grow dark from the first ever all-American total solar eclipse. And about 9,200 of those live right here in Crittenden County.

But before gazing up or capturing the moment forever, preparation for the rare celestial event may save your eyes, money and lots of headaches.

While protective eyewear has been available

for months from a variety of outlets, NASA recommends using only eclipse glasses with "ISO 12312-2" printed on them. Without the designation, there is no guarantee the specially-shaded glasses can protect eyes from the harmful effects of gazing directly at the sun. Crittenden County Public Library has NASA-approved glasses, and those to be handed out to staff and students of Crittenden County Schools during the Great American Eclipse are

safe.

Solar eyewear that is wrinkled or scratched is not safe to wear, and even welding shields are not recommended. Sunglasses offer no protection to direct exposure.

It's not just the human senses that can be damaged by the sun's rays. Cameras, including those on smartphones, without a solar filter are susceptible to sensor damage. Proper filters can be found online

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# School year great time to #bethedifference

Welcome back to school, students and staff. We are excited to get this school year started and implement our "Launch, Lead, Learn! #bethedifference" theme for the 2017-18 academic year.

Our painters are completing their summer projects, the custodians have the floors and buildings ready and our maintenance team has completed an LED lighting project that will reduce our energy consumption by 25 percent. Teachers have spent countless hours preparing rooms for their students. Our administrative teams have been busy hiring new staff and training their teams to lead our students. Our football, soccer, volleyball, golf, band, cheer and cross country teams have been working hard this summer for their upcoming seasons.



Vince CLARK  
Schools superintendent  
*Super News*

The extra time this summer break has been nice to get things ready for an outstanding school year full of opportunities to "Empower and engage, every student every day!"

I am happy to report that many initiatives that we launched last year will be sustained this school year. Free breakfast and lunch for every student will be available again, and we encourage everyone to participate in these meals every day. Participation is key and critical to keeping this program available to our students.

Our Chromebook initiative will continue at the high and middle schools and will be expanded to fifth-graders this school year. Fifth-graders will be day users only and will not be allowed to take the devices home, but we were able to add 60 more Chromebooks for the

third- and fourth-grade teams to use for daily learning activities directed by their teachers. All our district's iPads were pushed down to the early elementary grades to promote technology learning opportunities for all students. We will keep the \$20 tech fee for middle and high school students, but this year, there will be a \$5 reduction for each additional student from a household at either of the two schools. No tech fee will be implemented for elementary students.

Other initiatives that we are proud to offer are the Rocket-Way Snow Day learn from home initiative, Crosswalk/Bridgeway Learning centers, Mountain Comprehensive Care, Pathway Academy through Virtual Education and school nurses. It's worth noting that our district will be launching all-day preschool for our students this year. This is a great opportunity for our students to get a head start on learning and prepare them for kindergarten.

I am pleased to share that

our leadership teams are making significant impact on learning opportunities for our students. Our Student Energy Leadership teams at each school have helped our district reduce our energy consumption, #ChromeConnect Leadership team helped us roll out 700 Chromebooks at the high and middle schools in January, and now, we are adding 150 devices at CCES.

We were able to recognize 17 high school students in May for Work Ready Ethic Certification, which was a huge collaboration among our local community members. We were able to expand dual credit credentials from 22 students in 2016 to 47 students in 2017 that completed more than 100 dual credit courses. Anyone wishing to make a difference (#bethedifference) can donate to this initiative because our students get a discounted rate of \$54 per credit hour. This is a great way to help a student get a head start on college.

Our middle school Light-

house Academy Leadership team is making a difference with their community service leadership projects.

All of these initiatives and projects impact learning opportunities for our students.

I want to mention a few more learning initiatives that we are especially excited about. Our Medical/Health Occupations pathway/shadowing will allow our high school students a chance to explore careers related to health care. We appreciate the collaboration with the good folks at Crittenden Health Systems who are allowing our students to shadow them and learn more about occupations connected to a hospital.

The Google Tools that we are using with our Chromebook initiative are making us more efficient and less dependent on paper, and we continue to move to a more paperless work environment. Our board of education is making courageous steps to improve our district facilities. We just completed a high school

library remodel that will allow us to serve middle and high school students in one library while creating much needed space in the middle school.

We are working hard for our students, they deserve our best effort every day. Nelson Mandela once said, "It always seems impossible until it's done."

We look to improve our 0.9 percent dropout rate and our 95.13 percent attendance rate. Even though this is our best rate in 12 years, we still had 25.11 percent of our students miss 10 or more days of school this past school year.

Our Rocket Leadership Team is working hard to provide our 1,300 students the best education possible. We look forward to seeing you at our CCES Sneak-A-Peek from 5 to 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday), CCMS Back To School Bash from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday and the CCHS Mission Launch from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday.

This is going to be a great year to #bethedifference!

# County website will help offer transparency, information

It is my pleasure to again provide an update for the citizens of Crittenden County regarding several items of business within your county government.

It seems impossible that it is time once again for school to begin and the end of summer to be near. In consideration of the fact that school will be starting next week, I would be remiss if I did not ask each of you to be more cautious on our rural roads during the early morning hours and mid-afternoon as our buses will once again be sharing our roads. The county road crews have made numerous efforts to keep weed growth under control, roads patched or rebuilt in some cases and signage maintained to provide for our safety.

As we continue to feel the affects of reduced funding for road maintenance, your fiscal court is doing all we can to continue a satisfactory level of safety. When I was first given the opportunity to serve our community as judge-executive in 2011, we were receiving just fewer than \$1.3 million to provide road maintenance on our 390 plus miles of county roads. This year, we will receive just more than \$930,000



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for the same.

This funding is provided for all operational needs of the road department including payroll, equipment, fuels and lubricants, road construction, road maintenance, equipment maintenance, signage and various other necessities. The adage of doing more with less is definitely being implemented within our county regarding roads, yet at some point, this will become an impossible task should this trend continue.

One area that may be of some help is being discussed at the state legislative level. If given the opportunity, I would encourage everyone to express the concern for our road maintenance funding and the need for massive amounts of improvements that cannot be accomplished if funding continues to decline and costs continue to rise.

While on the subject of infrastructure needs, I will mention that many of our bridges continue to have weight limit reductions put in place by the state bridge inspector. The result of these reductions is having a dramatic impact on emergency response efforts for some areas of our community as well as an economic impact due to the inability of

commercial vehicles to travel some roads. Much has been said recently about the county exploring the possibility of adopting an ordinance to require permitting of heavy load traffic on our county roads to protect our investment in paving and other improvements. I would suggest that if the state continues to reduce limits on the bridges in our community, your county officials would not have a need to require permitting. However, should such an effort present itself at the county level, the public will be involved in a solution that will have little to no effect on the ability of businesses to continue ordinary practices.

We continue to work with a few grants that have been awarded to the county for various projects. The mineral museum building was the benefactor of a grant that is providing funds for a new roof and renovation work to become ADA compliant. Riverview Park has an opportunity for improvement with a much needed boat dock, and we are currently working toward obtaining a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers so that work can proceed. The courthouse has recently had new doors installed at all entrances so you will notice that there is no gap between the doors which has improved efficiency and ease of access. This same grant that provided

the funds for the new doors will also pay to have the canvas awnings removed at the south and west entrances and replaced with a new structure to protect against the elements of weather as one enters the courthouse.

We have made numerous appointments to various boards recently, including the park board and the aging council at the senior citizens center. I want to thank those of you who volunteer your time and resources to provide assistance to these and other entities within our community that benefit those that use these facilities.

I encourage anyone who has an interest in serving one of our court-appointed boards of directors to please contact my office for consideration. Your time and effort will be rewarded through the work done to assist various entities that support and provide services to our community. Without the many volunteers in our community, it would be impossible to provide many of the services that are made available.

In an effort to become more efficient in the operations of your county government, we have recently begun the process of providing greater transparency to the public as well as improving communications between the fiscal court and the road department.

In an effort to provide greater transparency and contact with the public that we serve, we will soon launch a dedicated website for Crittenden County's local government. This site will provide information regarding ordinances that are in place and that will be considered. The site will make available a means to contact each of our elected officials. It will be an avenue to provide public informational messages such as meeting times and dates, emergency warnings and other pertinent information.

The second effort to improve efficiencies involves the use of available technology to locate, track and complete various road improvement projects. The technology utilizes a GPS-based information system and electronic communications to track all aspects of the repair process. This will allow the fiscal court to know the exact cost of repair and time taken to complete the task.

Before closing, I want to take just a moment of time to discuss the county business license, occupational tax and net profits tax ordinance. If anyone would like to have a complete copy of the ordinance, it can be found on The Crittenden Press' website. It is a requirement that everyone doing business at any location within Crittenden County is to have a business license and

comply with the entire ordinance. Licenses and information are available by contacting the county tax administrator at (270) 965-5251.

If you are someone who is hiring work to be done, please ensure that the business you are hiring is aware of the need to have a current business license. This applies to any business regardless of size or type.

Each of us within our community has a vested interest in ensuring all businesses in our community or those doing work in our community comply with this ordinance. Funds generated through this ordinance are used to maintain operations of the ambulance service, park, senior citizens center, emergency response agencies and various other public support programs.

As always, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our community as your judge-executive. I continue to ensure the greatest level of stewardship for your tax dollar is provided as we attempt to serve the needs of our entire community with the limited resources we have available.

Please feel free to contact me at any time should you have a question, and I will do all I can to provide an answer.

In closing, I ask that you continue to pray for all local, state and federal elected officials.

## STREET

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then traffic flow should return to normal.

Country Club Drive is perhaps the most critical city-maintained street in the 39-mile system. Just short of a mile, it allows the only access to Crittenden County Elementary School (CCES), where 700 students attend nine months of the year. That is the reason, argue Arflack and Tabor, the heavy trucks blamed for destroying a street designed for passenger vehicles need to be removed.

"When the next blowout happens, we'll have to close it," Tabor warned. "And we won't have money to fix it."

Earlier Tuesday evening, the city amended an emergency order to fix the current failure, adding \$12,800 to the cost to satisfy engineering recommendations. The finished project will consume just more than half of the city's municipal aid fund for all street maintenance. A second failure of the same magnitude on the deteriorating street would leave the fund depleted.

"If the next blowout is as bad as this one," Tabor explained, "We're in the hole."

City Utilities Director Brian Thomas said the street is about 4-5 months from failing

at the next problem area. He said there are at least two more spots where the road base is similarly compromised.

In the current fiscal year, City Administrator Adam Ledford expects to add \$62,000 in state aid back into the municipal aid fund for street work. But that may not be enough to meet the needs on Country Club Drive alone.

Watching a section of the street be ripped up Monday morning for replacement, Thomas pointed out only an inch or so of base gravel under the asphalt. Atop a clay substrate, he said it should be many times that. In fact, the additional cost for repairs at the trouble spot is for adding even more base and a protective geotextile to the 8 inches of gravel and 8 inches of concrete that was initially to replace the soft asphalt.

Thomas said the entire street, a gravel road until just before the time CCES was built in the early 1980s, was constructed with only passenger vehicles and buses in mind. When Industrial Drive later that decade finished the connection between U.S. 641 and U.S. 60, the two city streets became a de facto bypass for heavy trucks avoiding a cumbersome stoplight where the two highways join.

Forcing that industrial traffic back to the stoplight is a

move Arflack and Tabor hoped would get the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's attention, coaxing them to either take over maintenance of Country Club Drive or add turning lanes at the U.S. 60/U.S. 641 signal to make the turn more manageable for tractor-trailers.

But Ledford told the council to not expect either for several years at best.

Because of the potential traffic flow issues at the stoplight and congestion from funneling all school traffic to only one intersection, councilmen Dwight Sherer and Mike Byford never wanted to see Country Club Drive become a dead end. Those also appear to be the reasons Sykes and Sallin changed their minds.

Sykes, a former teacher at CCES, said rethinking her vote to dead-end the street was based on conversations since the July 31 vote. She introduced the action Tuesday to keep the street open to through traffic, adding that her vote last week was made in the heat of the moment.

"It was very emotional last week talking about a child getting hurt on that road," Sykes said, referring to the dangers the failing pavement presents. But since then, "I've heard just as many reasons to keep it open as closed. I guess I got carried away."

# Foresight immeasurable gift

Hindsight may be 20/20, but foresight is immeasurable.

Last week, the condition of Country Club Drive in Marion became so bad that the city council voted to close the road and make emergency repairs. ("Emergency" is a relative term, seeing as the body has debated the street's degradation the last few years.) The cost for the fix sits around \$86,000.

That's a lot of money.

But it is less money than the council has put toward subsidizing social welfare programs since 2012. In the last six budgets, the City of Marion has set aside a collective \$99,000 for Crittenden County Food Bank, the senior center's home-delivered meals program and Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community.

All three are worthy causes...for private contributors. However, none are where a cash-strapped local government should be spending its



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*My 2¢ Worth*

capital, especially when its infrastructure is in disrepair.

Of course, one could argue the same about \$72,000 to the airport, \$39,000 to Marion Main Street, \$2,800 for "community decorations" or any of the \$270,000 in line item appropriations since 2012.

Should any of those rank higher than our most basic infrastructure, particularly a street like Country Club Drive that handles school traffic for 700-plus students and staff nine months each year?

Taxpayers expect a certain return on their investment – passable sidewalks, unbroken streets, police and fire protection, dependable water and sewer, etc. But aside from public protection provided by the city, Marion is not doing a very well at delivering the goods.

Anyone at Tuesday's meeting heard multiple times that the city cannot afford to rebuild Country Club Drive. The council – all versions past and present – has become a victim

of itself. It cannot afford the future because it has not seemed to look beyond today.

Another part of that myopia is not taking a tiny tax increase each year to offset the rising cost of governing. Despite all of its mounting woes, the city's current operating general fund of \$1.3 million is \$40,000 less than it was in 2012-13. With costs rising each year, the city today would need \$1.44 million to equal the purchasing power of six years ago.

No one likes a tax increase, but everyone likes city services. Until the local economy undergoes some sort of miraculous revival, bumping the levy to match revenue with inflation is the only way to keep up. We may not be an affluent community, but duct tape and bailing wire aren't a permanent solution.

But wait! The City of Marion is not the only guilty party in spending where it cannot afford and turning away revenue when it needs it most. The fiscal court and school board have similar histories.

Tax and spend. That's what government does. But with clearer vision, it might do better at both.





# Fair-ly fun!

Crittenden County Lions Club wrapped up its 2017 version of the Crittenden County Fair with Saturday's demolition derby, but that wasn't the only fun being had Saturday. Clockwise from top left, Hurst Miniard, 11, takes his turn at throwing darts for a prize at one of the midway games while Keira Chaney, 11, awaits her turn. Both children are from Crittenden County. Clockwise from top right, honored contestants in the Miss Crittenden County pageant were (from left) Bailey Barnes, Miss Crittenden County; and Alex Houseman; state contestant qualifier from Crittenden County who will represent this county at the statewide pageant in Louisville in January. Mike Travis, a local man and 27-year veteran of the demolition derby, climbs in his 1978 Lincoln Mark V. Ethan Thomas of Marion braces himself Saturday in the Silver Streak rollercoaster at the midway. Local teen Jada Hayes takes a swing with a sledgehammer Saturday at a car taking a beating to benefit Celebrate Recovery. Honored contestants in the Miss Teen division were (from left) Mallory Lynn, second-runner-up; Ashlyn Hicks, first runner-up; Kate Keller, winner; and Shelby Brown, third-runner-up. Honored contestants in the Miss PreTeen division were (from left) Keira Elizabeth Chaney, second runner-up; Kylie Bloodworth, first runner-up and Most Photogenic; Rachel Mundy, winner; and Cheyenne Nikole Camp, third runner-up.



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# 2017 Crittenden County Fair

# 4-H Winners

## Exhibit and show entries

■ Blue ribbon winner ■ Champion ■ Department Champion

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	Aria Kirk	■ ■
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	Kailyn Stokes	■
	Emily Adams	■
	Aria Kirk	■
	Mya Moore	■
	Abby Swinford	■ ■
Senior Water Color .....	Morgan Barnes	■
	Emmalea Barnes	■ ■
Junior Abstract .....	Mya Moore	■
	Kailyn Stokes	■
	Abby Swinford	■
	Hayley Belt	■
	Aria Kirk	■ ■
Senior Abstract .....	Morgan Barnes	■ ■
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One type of Embroidery Stitch .....	Hayley Belt	■ ■
Multiple types of Embroidery Stitches .....	Emily Henderson	■ ■
Item of Crewel Embroidery .....	Emmalea Barnes	■ ■ ■

<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>		
Fun With Shadows .....	McKenna Myers	■
	Aria Kirk	■ ■
What Do You See? .....	Kate Keller	■
	Gabe Keller	■ ■
Birds Eye View .....	McKenna Myers	■
	Aria Kirk	■ ■
Hat Tricks and Magic .....	Gabe Keller	■ ■
Photos Tell A Story .....	Kate Keller	■ ■
Black and White .....	Kate Keller	■ ■ ■

<b>TRENDS</b>		
Senior Clover Photography .....	Morgan Barnes	■ ■
Junior 4: H Cake Decorating .....	Hayley McCann	■ ■
Senior 4: H Cake Decorating .....	Morgan Barnes	■ ■
Senior General Cake Decorating .....	Emmalea Barnes	■ ■ ■
Senior 4: H Cup Cake Decorating .....	Morgan Barnes	■ ■
Senior General Cup Cake Decorating .....	Emmalea Barnes	■ ■

<b>WOOD SCIENCE</b>		
Level 1: Non Kit .....	Kailyn Stokes	■ ■
Level 2: Non Kit .....	Morgan Barnes	■ ■

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Several Crittenden County youth left this year's Crittenden County Fair with ribbons, trophies and memories to share through entries in numerous 4-H exhibits and shows. At top left, Brynn Porter and her dog Max earned several ribbons at Saturday's pet show. At top right, Addison Kough leads her goat during last Thursday's goat show at the fairgrounds. Above, 4-H sweepstakes winners for having at least 12 entries in the Crittenden County Fair were (back, from left) Pate Robinson, Jessi Brewer, Mauri Collins, Emmalea Barnes, (front) Kailynn Stokes, Aria Kirk, Hayley McCann, Morgan Barnes and Crittenden County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development Leslea Barnes.

Level 2: Made from Kit .....	Mya Moore	■
	Hayley McCann	■ ■
Level 3: Non Kit .....	Emmalea Barnes	■ ■ ■

<b>GOAT SHOW (1st place)</b>	
<b>MARKET GOATS</b>	
Market Goat: Light Weight .....	Jessi Brewer
Market Goat: Medium Weight .....	Johnathon Kough
Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat .....	Jessi Brewer
Grand Champion Market Goat .....	Johnathon Kough

<b>MEAT GOATS</b>	
Buck 12 Month, Over .....	Pate Robinson
Grand Champion Breeding Meat Buck .....	Pate Robinson
Doe Over 24 Months .....	Jessi Brewer
Doe Yearling .....	Jessi Brewer
Junior Doe .....	Addison Kough
Doe Under 6 Months .....	Jessi Brewer
Reserve Grand Champion Meat Doe .....	Addison Kough
Grand Champion Meat Doe .....	Jessi Brewer

<b>DAIRY GOATS</b>	
Buck 1 Year, Older .....	Pate Robinson
Reserve Grand Champion Buck .....	Jessi Brewer
Grand Champion Buck .....	Pate Robinson
Doe 3 Years, Over .....	Jessi Brewer
Doe 2 Years, Over .....	Pate Robinson
Doe 12-24 Months .....	Jessi Brewer
Doe Under 6 Months .....	Jessi Brewer
Doe 6-12 Months - No Milk .....	Johnathon Kough
Reserve Grand Champion Doe .....	Pate Robinson
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<b>SHOWMANSHIP</b>	
Novice 3-8 .....	Karoline White
Junior 9-13 .....	Addison Kough
Senior 14-19 .....	Jessi Brewer
Supreme Champion .....	Jessi Brewer

<b>POULTRY/RABBIT SHOW</b>	
<b>CHICKENS, OTHER POULTRY</b>	
Pure Breed Hens .....	Logan Young ■
	Pate Robinson ■ ■
Pure Breed Roosters .....	Pate Robinson 4
	Austin Martin ■ ■
Mixed Breed Roosters .....	Pate Robinson ■ ■
Pure Breed Female: Other Poultry .....	Pate Robinson 2 ■ ■
Pure Breed Male: Other Poultry .....	Pate Robinson 2 ■ ■
Mixed Breed Female: Other Poultry .....	Pate Robinson 2 ■ ■
Mixed Breed Male: Other Poultry .....	Pate Robinson ■ ■

<b>RABBITS</b>	
Pure Breed: Doe .....	Pate Robinson 3 ■ ■

<b>PET SHOW (Dog)</b>	
Smallest .....	Aria Kirk
Largest .....	Brynn Porter
Smallest Tail .....	Aria Kirk
Largest Tail .....	Brynn Porter
Most Obedient .....	Brynn Porter
Best Costume .....	Aria Kirk and Brynn Porter
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# Eclipse, Kelly ‘Little Green Men’ incident have local connection

STAFF REPORT

No doubt, the solar eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21 will be a fascinating experience for all who witness the once-in-a-lifetime event. But one Marion woman is commemorating another fascinating event while opening up her property to eclipse spectators.

The date of the eclipse is very familiar to Marion businesswoman Barbara Wheeler, but for a strangely unique experience she recalls from 1955 – coincidentally, also on Aug. 21.

Wheeler’s husband, the late Floyd “Rip” Wheeler, was a game warden in Christian County in 1955 when a family in the community of Kelly near Hopkinsville reported what they could only describe as a UFO sighting.

The Kelly “Little Green Men” incident is world-renowned and well documented, but Barbara Wheeler shares the story from a book called “Alien Legacy,” by Geraldine Sutton Stith and published by AuthorHouse in 2007. Based on the events reported at the time, Stith tells Elmer “Lucky” and Vera Sutton’s story about an encounter with “something out of this

world.”

Stith writes about a gun battle the Suttons had on their rural property with clawed little men that fell to the ground when shot but floated up and ran unfazed by the blast from a .12-gauge shotgun. After a three-hour battle, the family reported the incident to the police in Hopkinsville, who summoned Rip Wheeler, the game warden, in hope the little silver men with a greenish glow and big, gleaming eyes were some type of wild animal.

Hopkinsville Police Chief Russell Greenwell is reported in Stith’s book as seeing motorists stopped in the road observing an oval-shaped spacecraft in the air.

A crafter and antique collector, Barbara Wheeler has made white alien dolls and hung them around her cabin on Forest Grove Road in rural Crittenden County to commemorate the Aug. 21, 1955, sighting on the day of the Great American Eclipse.

Wheeler’s log cabin will be open on Aug. 21 for people to view the eclipse in the Crittenden County countryside. Families are invited to pack a lunch and view the rare astronomical event.



Wheeler



PHOTO BY ALLISON EVANS, THE PRESS  
Local woman Barbara Wheeler will be marking the Great American Eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21 with a viewing at her rural log cabin and souvenirs tied to the Aug. 21, 1955, Kelly “Little Green Men” incident that her late husband was called to help investigate in rural Christian County.

# Ky. organ donor program 25 years old

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill and the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks’ Trust for Life, the commonwealth’s organ and tissue donation awareness program, will soon celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Twenty-five years ago today (Thursday), the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks created the Trust for Life (TFL) to educate Kentuckians about the life-saving mission of organ donation. The late Arthur M. “Whitey” Walson, was a leader throughout the creation the Circuit Clerks’ Trust for Life program in 1992. At the time he was the Circuit Court Clerk in Clark County. He lost a family member waiting for a heart transplant. The circuit court

clerks worked together in hopes that no one would lose a loved one waiting for a transplant. They knew that more education about organ donation was vital to saving lives.

“We’ve come a long way since 1992, but with nearly 117,000 people awaiting a life-saving transplant in the U.S., including the 1,000 patients in Kentucky, our work to encourage Kentuckians to register as donors is still so important,” Guill said. “Today, and every day, 22 people will die waiting for their gift of life. I am honored to work alongside my fellow circuit clerks and our hard-working deputies in this effort to save and heal lives.”

When the program went into effect, Mary Evelyn Fritts held the circuit clerk’s office



Guill

## Guill: Circuit clerk closed for eclipse

Judge Rene Williams, 5th Judicial Circuit justice, has ordered the circuit court clerk offices in the counties she serves closed on Monday, Aug. 21, the date of the Great American Eclipse. Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk Melissa Guill said that affects her office as well as those in Union and Webster counties.

Currently, 54 percent of Kentuckians, or over 1.8 million people, have joined the Kentucky Donor Registry. All Kentuckians obtaining a license or ID at their circuit court clerk’s office are asked about joining the Registry and donating \$1 for public education about organ donation through TFL. Also, people may join online at DonateLifeKy.org.

Founded as a service project of the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks, since 1992 more than \$9 million has been raised for organ and tissue donation awareness programs in Kentucky. This includes the dollars raised at the circuit court clerk’s offices, grants from partners Kosair Charities and Kentucky organ donor affiliates and individual contributions

Snyder said she is grateful for the circuit clerk’s efforts in creating programs that answer questions, dispel myths, and empower Kentuckians to be hope by registering as a potential donor. “The circuit clerks are trailblazers and lifesavers. Kentucky was recently given a national award for Registry growth, and it is only possible because of the circuit clerk’s unwavering support for this mission,” she said. “I can’t begin to count how many lives have been changed and saved because of their efforts.”

## SCHOOL

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Connect (CC), a new initiative at both the middle and high schools that affords teachers time in the day to “connect” with students and build personal relationships among small, collaborative groups. Care Connect lasts seven minutes, 7:58 to 8:05 a.m. on Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, both schools have designated 30 minutes for Care Connect (CC) time.

Curtis Brown, the fourth-year principal of Crittenden County High School, believes devoting time for this initiative during the day will pay great dividends in the school’s culture. He believes the multi-grade level, gender-based groups will forge mentoring opportunities, ease underclassman transition into high school and strengthen relationships among both students and staff.

“CC time allows staff time to interact with students in their groups, providing a level of accountability and support to students who may otherwise find it difficult to develop such positive relationships,” said Brown

The extended CC time on Fridays, adds the principal, is ideal for deepening the mentoring relationships, as well as useful for assemblies, house competitions and team-building activities and meetings on school-related needs, such as scholarships and college/career readiness.

Tom Radivonyk, middle school principal, said Care Connect at CCMS will be primarily a time for students to retrieve their Chromebooks for the day and check in with their CC teacher. During extended CC time on Fridays, students will participate in club meetings, have behavior reward time and participate in team-building exercises.

In its third year of being a Leader in Me school, students also will participate in lessons centered around the seven habits of highly effective people, a process developed from author Stephen Covey’s best-selling book, “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.”

“It’s about character development,” said the second-year principal. “From lessons directly related to the habits to celebrating individual and team successes, Care Connect allows us to further our mission of empowering tomorrow’s leaders, together.”

Clark said students riding buses will continue to arrive at school in advance of the 7:58 a.m. start time. Only those students driving or riding to school need to be conscious of the two-minute earlier start to the day in order to avoid tardies.

“It’s a minimal change to our traditional bell schedule,” said Clark, “but one that we feel will reap great rewards as we continue to work to enhance the culture in our buildings.”

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## No Heaven? No Hell? But what if...?

Soon after I was born again, one of my clients became very ill and I went to pray with her, and God was merciful and healed her.

Her young son and some of his young friends had accepted Jesus as their Savior, and she was elated.

Soon after their decision for Jesus, a young, successful business acquaintance began to try to undermine their decision.

His pitch was that if they wanted to be successful as he was they were going to have to give up the silly notion of there being a God. This was so upsetting to the mother, especially as she had just been raised up by God and was still very weak.

She came to me with her heartache and asked if I would talk to the boys. Assuring her I would, I invited the young businessman along with the boys to my

home. This was all arranged. As he and I talked with the young men listening, his argument was that no one could prove there was a God.

He tried to show the young men how they were wasting their young lives, and how it would hinder their business opportunities after they finished their education. He was very adamant that people who believed the Bible are on the lower realms of society.

He had seen my business and my home, and I asked him if it looked like I was financially on one of those lower realms?



**Rev. Lucy Tedrick**  
Guest columnist  
*Religious and Political Views*

His answer was, "You had all of this before you accepted your faith."

My answer was, "Then you have to admit that someone can be successful and still be a Christian."

Of course this undermined his reasoning that successful people don't believe the Bible and become a Christian.

He then said: "I just cannot believe there is a God. I never have believed it."

I gave him my testimony of how it all happened to me, and it seemed to cause him some pause. Finally, I said to him, you and these boys all will one day die. If there isn't a God, they won't lose a thing, but if there is a God they will be the smart ones.

Looking in his sad face, I said to him: "But what if there is a God, a Heaven and a Hell, what about you?"

The sorrow that crossed

his face and his drooping shoulders made my heart ache for him as he answered: "I would lose all. I would be the ignorant one."

He apologized to the young men, but did not make a profession of faith before he left, yet he went away with God's word, and many facts to ponder in his heart.

My comfort was the words in Ecc. 11:6: "In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening withhold not your hand; for thou know not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

And Paul's reiterating it: "Some sow, some water, but God gives the increase."

*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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- The annual meeting for Hurricane Camp Board of Directors will be held at 7 p.m., Aug. 18 in the dining hall at the campgrounds. Anyone interested in helping further the camp's mission is encouraged to attend.

- The Community Singing will be at 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 19 at Maranatha Baptist Church at 1442 Cedar Grove Road in Salem. Refreshments will be served. We are trying to get surrounding churches to join us every month for a community singing. Please come out for singing, food and fellowship. For more information, call (270) 704-9558 or (270) 719-2510.

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## Weekly Devotion

By **JOEY DURHAM**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I want look today at the church in Smyrna and my text is Revelation 2:8-11, but I'll use verse 8. "And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;" (KJV) The name "Smyrna" means "myrrh" and speaks of suffering and persecution. The great Christian Polycarp was the pastor of this church and was martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ. Polycarp said, "86 years have I served Him and He has done me no harm. How can I blaspheme my king who saved me? Come, do what ye will." And with that, this man of God, instead of recanting, was burned at a Roman stake, which you will find to be an incident of historical record.

In verse 8, the Lord Jesus reminds the Church in Smyrna that He is the first and the last, and that He is the one who arose victorious from the grave in spite of Rome's demands that He remain in that tomb. This brings out the authority of the Savior to the church! Even though there's suffering and persecution, Jesus Christ knows all about it and is still in control. In verses 9-10, the Lord consoles His children by letting them know that He knows every heartache, every tear, every pain, and every burden. The Lord Jesus commends them for their faithful service, even though persecuted. History tells us that at this time, the population of the city of Smyrna was around 250,000 people, and history also declares that one-third of this city was born-again believers in Jesus

Christ. This means that approximately 65,000 people were won to Christ because a persecuted people kept on being faithful and witnessing of Calvary's victory! In verse 10, the Lord Jesus warns them of continuing troubles, but we have His promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us! It may be a hard area that you serve in. People may be satisfied with their religion or their sinful pleasures, but keep on being faithful to God and honor the Lord Jesus Christ with all you have and all you are! It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus!

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

## STEPPING STONES



Youth from Marion Baptist Church took their faith outside the church Sunday. Here a group of youngsters install new plants to help spruce up the city's welcome sign on the south side of town. Among the group were (from left) Holden Cooksey, Lance Case, Hunter Holeman and Tucker Sharp. The project was part of the church's Faith in Action program.

## WORSHIP with us this week

**FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM.**

— MATTHEW 18:20

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Marion, Ky.  
965-2477

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MexicoBaptist.org  
Minister of Youth Robert Kirby | Minister of Music Mike Crabtree  
**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

**DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Interim Pastor: Larry Davidson  
Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
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Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 pm  
Curtis Prewitz, 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

*growing in grace* 2 Peter 3:18  
**PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church**  
Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem  
Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.  
True Gandee, pastor

**Unity General Baptist Church**  
4601 U.S. 641 • Crayne, Ky.  
Barry Hix, pastor • 365-5836 or 625-1248  
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

**Marion Baptist Church**  
College and Depot streets, Marion • 270.965.5232  
Dr. Mike Jones, pastor  
Early worship service 8:15 pm  
Life groups/Sunday school 9:30 pm  
Late worship service 10:45 pm  
AWANA 5:45 pm  
Limitless worship 6:00 pm  
Discipleship class 6:30 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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— Matthew 18:20

**FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Dee Ann Thompson, pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship Service 6 p.m.

**Piney Fork**  
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Pastor Junior Martin  
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Worship 11 am  
Bible study 6 pm  
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Wednesday Bible Study - 7 pm

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Crayne Cemetery Road  
Crayne, Ky.  
Bro. Tommy Hodge, pastor  
Sunday school 10 am | Sunday worship 11 am

**Frances Community Church**  
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Sunday school - 10 am • Worship service - 11 am

**Hurricane Church**  
Hurricane Church Road off Ky. 135 West  
Bro. John Robertson, Pastor  
Sunday school, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.



# Blackford Camp Meetings stirred soul, community

Come August 1917 or 1918 or earlier, families in the states of Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin would start their packing for a journey to northern Crittenden County. It was time for the yearly camp meeting at the Blackford Church of God. Blackford Church of God was located about 11 miles from Marion on U.S. 60 West, turn right on Blackburn Church Road, then go about two miles. It was also located across the Tradewater River from the community of Blackford in Webster County.

When the camp meetings first began, they were held under a tent that was located closer to U.S. 60, about a half-mile from the highway next to the wooded area. In April of 1922, the trustees of the Church of God, Clarence B. Jeffrey, George W. Ford, Robert G. Ford, Manson Clark and Wm. C. Hughes, bought land for \$1 from Mr. Barnabus B. and Fannie Thurmond to build the church and campground. This land was located about 2 miles further down the road from where the tent meetings were held. Trustee Clarence B. Jeffrey also helped with the building of the church after the land was obtained.

Families came by car and truck to the church and campground, many others rode the train to the community of Blackford and walked from there up the railroad track to the church grounds. Many of the local community folks came by wagon.

Here on the lovely wooded hillside, the people gathered and prepared for their stay. Some visitors were able to stay with friends that lived in the surrounding vicinity, many others camped on the church grounds and others stayed in what facilities were available. This would be their home for a week to have fellowship and listen to the word of God preached by several different preachers from different states.

The campground consisted of the church, a two-story dining hall, the large open-air shed and in later years, two two-room cabins. The small one-room wooden cabins were built on each side of the dining hall. The roughly made cabins were sparsely furnished, all that each little room contained was a makeshift bed attached to one wall, which you would use fresh straw for your mattress, some kind of a wooden chair, and of course there was an outhouse for the ladies and one for the men located at separate ends of the cabins.

The church had two front doors, and in the early

years, the men went in one door and the women went in the other door, therefore, the men sat on one side of the church and the women sat on the opposite side of the church. The church had ceilings that were 20 feet tall, and gasoline lanterns were used for light in the church and dining hall before it had electricity.

The dining hall had two long wooden tables, but this was still not enough to seat everyone at one time, so there were two settings to feed everyone. There was a long front porch that extended the full length of the building, and folks would sit and visit and wait their turn to eat. Each meal was set with dishes, glasses and silverware. (There were no paper plates or cups or plastic spoons and forks available then.)

Meals at the camp meeting were delicious, for they were prepared and served as they would have been at home. The many ladies that prepared the meals would share their home recipes and ways they prepared their meals. Breakfast and noon meals were cooked daily, with leftovers being the nighttime meal. Neighbors would bring in supplies that they were able to share, such as vegetables from their farm crops, canned fruits from their orchards, chickens and pork, if it was available. A favorite meal recalled was chicken and dumplings. There was also the Blackford grocery store where you could walk down the railroad tracks to purchase supplies and also return by way of the railroad tracks.

The men drew the water from the well by the church and carried it to the dining hall for cooking and for washing dishes, which there was a lot of after feeding that many people each day with no disposable paper products.

The men were also in charge of seeing that the gasoline lamps were filled and ready for use each evening before dark, for at these first meetings there was no electricity and lamps were needed in the dining room and for nightly gatherings at the shed.

In the year 1963, Mr. Wayne Butler from Oklahoma put electric lights on the outside of the dining room building and the cabins. This was a welcome convenience for the campers.

During the early camp meetings the seats from the church were moved out to the shed and the church building became housing for the women and children. The men would sleep in the long room above the dining room. Sheets would be room dividers, and beds would be mattress ticks stuffed with straw. Approximately 100 families would gather here for these meetings each Au-



gust. The camp meeting shed was made out of wood. The sides were open and the roof was made out of wood and was covered with rolled roofing. It was approximately 50-60 feet long and 20-30 feet wide.

The meetings were always held in August when the moon was full, and the nights were bright by the light of the moon. When the evening meetings were over late at night, the night would be light enough for you to see how to get to your cabin, and the people that had walked by the railroad tracks from Blackford could see how to walk back home from the light of the moon. These meetings were attended regularly by many of the families that lived just across the Tradewater River in the village of Blackford. It was an easy walk by the old railroad bridge that connected the two counties.

Preachers, both men and women as many as a half-dozen would be present at these meetings. They would be from different states, such as Tennessee, North Carolina, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio and Oklahoma. The meetings during the day were at 7 a.m., 10 a.m. afternoon service at 2:30 p.m. and then the nightly meeting at 7. The nightly meetings would not be just 30 or 40 minutes, these would go for several hours, with as many as two or three preachers each night, until late in the night. Not every preacher would preach every night, but as they felt called they would deliver their message to the people.

In 1936 the church had a bell tower. It was rung to designate time for church or time to go to meals at the dining hall. It is also remembered at one time when one of the visiting preachers was



Above, Blackford Church as it stood in 1999. The old Church of God was a special place to many people, and the annual camp meetings held here were looked forward to each year. Above left, these little one-room cabins with a bed of straw were quickly filled when the camp meeting folks started arriving at the campgrounds. Bottom left, the old dining hall sits empty now, but years ago, the porch would be full of hungry folks waiting their turn to go inside and eat a home-cooked meal. The old cistern in the foreground was used for water for cooking and washing dishes.

Crittenden County at the old Blackford Camp meetings.

Today this historic rural setting is the home of Mr. Brenton H. Witherspoon's Blackford Veterans Memorial and Walk of Honor. You have to see it to appreciate the labor of love that has gone into the creation of this Veterans Memorial. It is the home of a beautiful tribute to our Veterans, and a special memorial program is held the Saturday before Memorial Day each year. Truly one of Crittenden County's hidden treasures.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com.)

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## Multi-class reunion Sept. 16

In celebration of its 40-year reunion, Crittenden County High School Class of 1977 is organizing a multi-class reunion for the classes of 1975-1980 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 16 at Fohs Hall. Cost is \$20 per person payable at the door, which includes finger foods, soft drinks and music. Please RSVP for planning purposes by calling Phyllis O'Neal at (270) 556-3813 or Teena York at (270) 965-2749 by Sept. 5 or by posting on the Class of '77 Facebook page or the Multi-Class Reunion of '76, '77, '78, '79 and '80 Facebook page.

## Library waives fines this week

Crittenden County Public Library will continue Amnesty Week through Saturday. Amnesty allows anyone with overdue materials to return them without late fees, no questions asked. The library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

## Loftis reunion

John A. Logan Croft family reunion invites descendants of John and Ella Belt Croft Aug. 20 at New Union General Baptist Church (Ditney) at 1 p.m., for potluck lunch. Meat will be provided. Please bring drinks. Enjoy an afternoon of food, games and fellowship. For more information call Doris Belt (270) 210-3460.

## Calendar

- **American Legion & Post Auxiliary 111** will be hosting their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m., Friday with a meal and meeting to follow. We invite all members to come and be with us.
- **The American Legion Post 111** veterans will host the monthly all-you-can eat breakfast from 7 a.m.-10 a.m., Saturday. Cost of meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for those under 12.
- **The Crittenden County Genealogy Society** will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday in the library meeting room. The program will be a presentation on some early history of the community of Shady Grove.
- **Crittenden County Friends of the Library** will have its next regular meeting at 6 p.m., Aug. 17 in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library.
- **The CCHS Class of 1964** will have a reunion picnic Sept. 9 at Riverview Park (formerly Dam 50) beginning at 1 p.m. A barbecue dinner will be served at 5 p.m. The cost is \$40 per couple or \$20 per single. RSVP along with remittance no later than Sept. 1 to Fred Brown, 351 Briarwood Drive, Marion, KY 42064. Please contact Minnie Brown at (270-) 704-2132 or minnielou45@att.net or Sandra Belt at (270) 704-1122 should you have additional questions.
- The 61-year class reunion of the **Crittenden County High School Class of 1956** has been scheduled for Sept. 2 at the Marion Cumberland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 224 W. Bellville St., Marion. Doors open at 11 a.m. with a noon catered meal, cost \$20 per person. Please mail payment to Sarah Ford, 220 S. Weldon St. Marion, KY 42064. Deadline is Aug. 15.

## Clarification

Clarification: An error on Crittenden County Middle School's school supply list has created some confusion. The scientific calculator students need is a TI-30X IIS.

# Worm's life cycle affects catalpa tree

Overnight, the worms appeared like creatures from another planet, destroying every leaf on our beautiful catalpa tree. Even though it happened every year, I couldn't understand it. Green worms with black stripes, many five to six inches long, showed up every spring. Feeding like piranhas, they worked their way up and down our catalpa tree, completely stripping the tree of its foliage. Little did I know, what looked like the waste of a perfectly good tree, wasn't the case at all.

This year, the mild spring had delayed the catalpa blossoms, but when they appeared, they were even more gorgeous than previous years. It was mid-June when my husband reminded me, "Linda, your wedding tree is dropping its blooms."

I had called it that for a reason. When the last frost had passed, luscious green, heart-shaped leaves filled the old tree limbs, followed by lacy white blooms. In only a few days, they floated to the ground, like a circular path from a flower girl's basket. The next thing I knew, the blooms had dried up, seed pods had developed, and the worms had come to life. Unbeknownst to me, a strange metamorphosis was

transpiring, leaving a skeleton of the tree in its wake.

One day while a friend was visiting, we moved to stand beneath the tree for shade while we talked. Above our heads, the sound of cracking and crunching echoed from its gnarly boughs. Standing underneath, there was no question something overhead had come alive. We looked up to find worms traveling from leaf to leaf. Needless to say, our visit was cut short.

It took the worms less than a week to complete their demolition. Sensing the time had come, they fell to the ground, covering the area all around us. Some days, the ground was so thick with worms, it was hard to find a place to walk without stepping on one. One girlfriend shuttered at the thought of dodging them when she walked. She was flabbergasted. "Why is this happening?" she asked.

"Maybe because fishermen love them?" I suggested. I was trying to find anything positive to say at that point. But, by the end of the day, thanks to cyber space, I had

more answers than I could imagine.

First, I was reminded, as in all of nature, there was a circle. Unbelievably, the four stages of the sphinx moth revolved around one tree – the catalpa. Oddly enough, its leaves were their sole source of food. Last year's eggs, deposited on the underside by the moth, hatched as small yellowish-white caterpillars, but grew to a large plump green worm known as a catalpa worm. In turn, the worms ate the leaves and fell to the ground.

For days, I watched the events take place just like it was explained on-line. The ground appeared to move as the worms crawled, squirmed and flipped like fish out of water in search of a safe place to hibernate throughout fall and winter. The ones that survived buried themselves two to three inches in the ground and started the long ever-changing progression from pupae to moth. The following spring, they would emerge as adult moths with two to eight-inch wingspans, ready to mate and lay up to 1,000 eggs on the backside of the

garine, green beans, dreamsicle gelatin and wheat bread. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day.

Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center. The center is a service of Pennyryle Allied Community Services. Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call (270) 965-5229 for more information.



Linda DEFEW  
Guest columnist  
Defew's Views

catalpa leaves. The total length of the lifecycle lasted only about six weeks.

My research said the catalpa tree could live as long as a century. We had four on our property, but, luckily, only one close to our house. All of them looked old with hollow sections throughout, possibly planted over 100 years ago. Living only three miles from the Ohio River, we believe our catalpas were planted with the fishermen in mind. Some went so far as to call them a miracle worm, always the bait of choice for catching catfish, bluegill, and bass, dating back as far as the 1870s.

As amazing as it may seem, the catalpa tree is a hardy tree, surviving the onslaught of being eaten alive year after year. The leaves come back, as healthy as ever, and the process starts all over again, sometimes in the same season. Maybe it should be called the miracle

tree!

Yes, I agreed with my friend. They were creepy. On the other hand, I wondered how I had overlooked such a miraculous event, just a few yards from our backdoor.

An article from *Mother Earth News* reported that the catalpa tree and sphinx worm have co-existed for thousands of years. Some people look at the worms as pests, but one of their researchers, Stephen S. Peele, believes both the tree and worm are approaching the level of "endangered." I had to laugh. If he had been here a few weeks ago and had witnessed the army of worms covering our ground, I think he would change his mind!

*Editor's note: Linda DeFew is a freelance writer whose articles appear periodically in this publication. Much of my information was found at www.ag.auburn.edu.*



Crittenden County freshman James Crider participates in an activity while attending an academic camp on the campus of Western Kentucky University.

## Crider attends WKU academic camp

The 189 students, including James Crider of Crittenden County, participated in VAMPY at Western Kentucky University.

Crider, the son of Ken Crider and Rebecca Johnson, was selected for VAMPY, Verbally and Mathematically Precocious Youth, based on a qualifying score on the SAT or ACT.

VAMPY provides advanced learning opportunities for academically gifted students who have just completed the seventh through 10th grades.

VAMPY classes met daily for the three weeks, allowing gifted young people to study one topic in great depth. This year, students could pick from 14 classes such as ancient civilizations, DNA

and genetics, pop culture, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust and Arabic.

Crider chose presidential politics as his area of emphasis, allowing him to visit Washington, D.C., and to engage in one-on-one debates of the policies of the presidents and court cases involving the presidents.

Other opportunities available to participants of the rigorous and rewarding academic experience included a visit to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., and using engineering to create a large chain reaction machine.

VAMPY returns June 24-July 14, 2018, with application available in mid-January.

## Leadership breakfast Friday

A community leadership breakfast is scheduled for Friday morning in Marion. Last week's issue of The Press had an incorrect date.

Presented by Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and Crittenden County Economic Development Corp., doors to the Marion Ed-Tech Center open at 7 a.m. Friday with the program beginning at

7:30 a.m. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom will bring a state of the county report, and Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford will present similar information in his state of the city address.

Call the chamber of commerce at (270) 965-5015 for reservations. Tickets are \$7 each.

## Senior Menu

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

– Thursday (today): Menu is chicken and brown rice casserole, buttered spinach, baked apples with raisins and wheat roll. A nutrition lesson with Sue Parrent begins at 10:30 a.m.

– Friday: Menu is baked catfish, navy beans, cole slaw, ambrosia fruit salad, cornbread and margarine. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

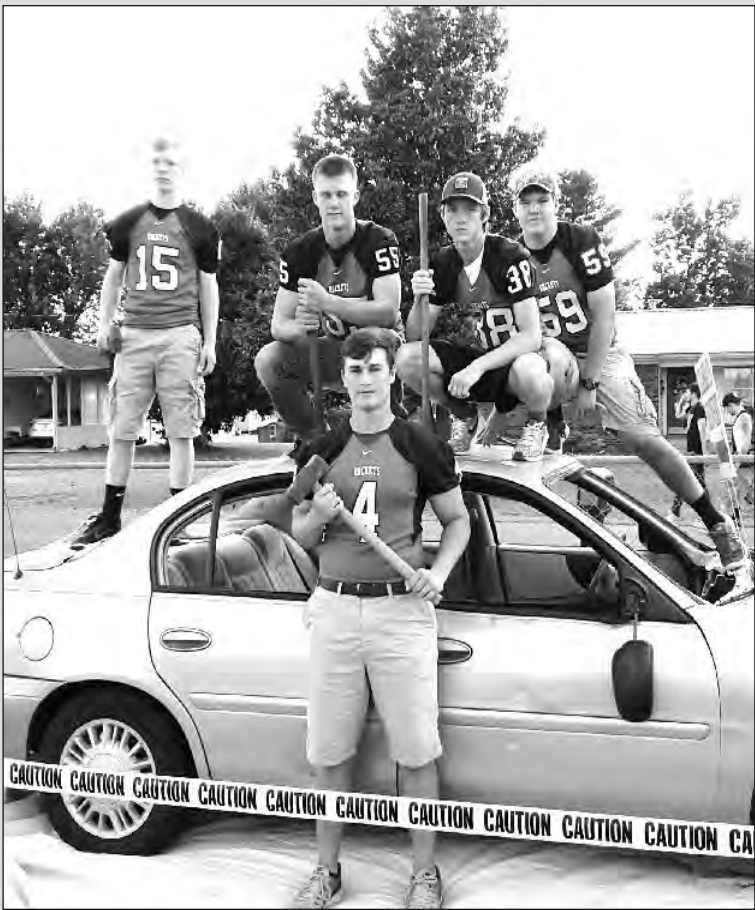
– Monday: Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli salad, garlic breadstick and apple crisp. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

– Tuesday: Menu is hash-brown ham casserole, lima beans, wheat roll and ambrosia fruit salad. Legal aid will be provided at 10 a.m.

– Aug. 16: Menu is chicken pot pie, twice baked potato with mar-

## Swing time

**Celebrate Recovery in Crittenden County** allowed folks to take out their frustration on a vehicle during the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair. The program sold swings for 25 cents apiece and estimates the vehicle was hit at least 1,000 times. Pictured here before the fair Saturday night are Rocket football players (standing center) Gavin Dickerson, (back from left) Kyle Castiller, Adam Beavers, Cody Belt and Jake Gibson.



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**Bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit on, and don't forget the sunscreen!!**



Area Deaths

Robinson

Franklin G. Croft, 80, of Evansville, Ind., died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017. He was born May 3, 1937, in Tolu to the late Roy and Ruby Croft.

Franklin was the owner of Nifty Plastics and commercial and residential owner of Frank Croft Rentals.

Surviving are his son, David Croft; his wife, Julie of Evansville; a daughter, Debbie (Kevin) Williamson of Evansville; three grandchildren, Colin, Amanda and Amy; great-grandchildren, Eddie, Kelsey, Katie and Lilly; a brother, Harold Keith Croft of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Neil Croft; and a sister, Helen Robinson.

Services were Friday, Aug. 4 at Ziemer Funeral Home East Chapel. in Evansville. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Park with Pastor Levon Dozier officiating.



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A searchable database of obituaries from 2008 to present is available online at the-press.com

Tabor

Robbie Maxine Tabor, 82, of Marion died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare.

She was a former dispatcher for E-911 and local law enforcement at Marion Police Department and she was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, James “Jat” Tabor of Marion, Marc Anthony Tabor of Marion and Holly Papineau of Marion; a sister, Norma Rouse of Newport, Ohio; brothers, Jerry Atwell of Amory, Miss., and Donnie Atwell of Marion; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Hollis Tabor; parents, Albert and Evelyn Atwell; daughter, Cathy Maxine Tabor; and a brother, Edgar Atwell.

Services were at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 9 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Asbridge Cemetery.

Perry

James Elmer Perry, 87, of Marion died Monday, Aug. 7, 2017 at Riverbend Retirement Community in Kuttawa.

Survivors include his children, Brenda (David) Ort of Marion, James Eugene (Carol) Perry of Marion and Donald W. Perry of Marion; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Perry; parents, Harve and Ollie Perry; a grandchild; five sisters; and a brother.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 10 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Asbridge Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time Thursday at the funeral home.



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Members of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce recognized the Marion Woman's Club as its Member of the Month recently. Pictured are (from left) Madison Qualls, chamber director; Susan Alexander, chamber executive director; Elizabeth Floyd, chamber director; Sandra Belt; Woman's Club past president; Nancy Hunt, club president; Randa Berry, chamber president; and Angel Henry, chamber director.

Originally a public restroom for women, Woman’s Club marking its 97th year

STAFF REPORT

It started out as a public restroom for women in the early part of the 20th century. Since then, the Woman’s Club of Marion has been an integral part of the community.

The club was honored recently by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce, recognized as its Member of the Month.

The Woman’s Club of Marion was an outgrowth of a small literary club, first forming in 1920. The original club building was built in 1926.

The Woman’s Club Building on East Carlisle Street is used for a number of community activities, perhaps most recognizably as the venue for an annual Cake Auction and Election Day

luncheons. The current clubhouse was constructed in the 1950s. Fire had destroyed the original building in 1947 and Ethel Tucker was president when a major fundraising effort was initiated to build the new clubhouse.

“Just like club women before us, we are currently fundraising for the repairs to the building due to water damage from the roof,” said President Nancy Hunt.

In earlier days when women came to town on a horse-drawn buggy, they needed a place to change into more appropriate attire for Saturday shopping and visiting in town.

“So they built the Woman’s Club as a place for them to stop and change

into nicer clothes,” said Susan Alexander, a Woman’s Club member and president emeritus of the state federation for women’s clubs.

“And, originally it was a public restroom for women,” Alexander added.

Hunt said the club has about 26 members. At the highest enrollment, there were almost 70 several years ago. This is the 97th year of the Woman’s Club activity in Marion.

“We will be observing the anniversary of the club in September with a membership recruitment event called Wonder Woman was a Clubwoman,” Hunt said.

In addition to Woman’s Club events, the club can be rented for receptions, showers and reunions.

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Another important benefit to pre-planning is that you get to look at different alternatives and consider different pricing options. We are always happy to provide cost estimates so that you can consider all the facts. Some people do decide to pre-pay once they have decided on their arrangements and there are various reasons for doing so. Sometimes it is to relieve family members from the financial burden. Others find peace of mind in knowing that the appropriate funds are set aside and taken care of. At Boyd’s, we offer an option to lock-in today’s prices so that the costs will not continue to increase over time, and we guarantee to provide the selected funeral for the amount in the trust at the time of death. However, not all funeral homes provide such a guarantee, so check with your local funeral home. It is important to ask your funeral home about payment options so you can make the decisions that are best for you and your family.

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# Willis teaching hoops to his ancestral roots

Derek Willis has had a hectic summer that culminated with him signing a one-year free agent deal with the Detroit Pistons that will have him reporting to training camp Sept. 26.

However, this week he's doing something a bit different — he's holding basketball clinics on four Native American reservations in the Seattle area with help from his fiancée, Keely Potts.

Willis was one of only three Division-I basketball players last season who were Native American. His mother, Trudy, belongs to three tribes: Southern Arapahoe, Pawnee and Creek. Before his family moved back to Bullitt County, he lived for several years on the Wind River Indian Reservation in central Wyoming. He has a variety of Native American-themed tattoos to remind him of his heritage.

"Derek's grandma still lives on a reservation in Wyoming," said Potts. "He has a lot of extended family — second and third cousins — on reservations. They have been trying to get him out there for a while but with his schedule at UK it never worked out. Now he's finally able to do this. There's actually four tribes for us to see."

The couple spent the weekend in Seattle before embarking on the reservation circuit. Potts was especially excited because she had never been on a reservation.

"It's going to be a really good experience for us both. I have some Native American blood, some Blackfoot. That's why I get so tan," she said. "The whole culture, we get to experience it all. Neither of us has been in this area before."

"With so few Native Americans playing Division I basketball, they are kind of like gods out there. Derek has a lot of support there. It's crazy how many look up to him from the northwest states."

Willis planned a couple of hours of basic skills work each day on the reservations along with time to talk about his personal journey to show campers they should have dreams.

"He is a person they look up to, so he wants to interact with him and try to inspire them," Potts, a former UK dance team member who will oversee stretching drills at the camps for Willis, said.

Willis spent part of last week helping with basketball camps at UK and now faces a busy time before training camp starts. Potts said they will move to Michigan later this month and she's already heard from the wives and girlfriends of several players welcoming them into the Detroit family.

"I am really excited. I have heard there is a lot to do there and they



Larry Vaught  
UK Sports Columnist  
*Vaught's Views*



USC transfer E.J. Price greeted fans at UK's Fan Day and said he could tell UK players are happy with how the program is going. (Jeff Houchin Photo)

say it is pretty and beautiful. I keep hearing great things about Michigan," Potts said.

"I am just so proud of Derek. I wasn't shocked he got a contract. I realize how hard he works. It's nice to have people so happy for him. His old teammates have all been congratulating us. The support has just been out of this world."

He never played with quarterback Jarren Williams in high school, but Williams' father, Anthony, saw E.J. Price played when he was a Georgia prep star and knows how good he is.

"He played at Jarren's high school. This dude is physical and nasty. The best offensive tackle that I have seen in high school," Anthony Williams said after E.J. Price committed to Kentucky following his transfer from USC.

The 6-6, 320-pound price Price graduated from Archer High School in Lawrenceville, Ga., but before transferring to Archer as a senior he spent two years at Central Gwinnett High School. That's where UK commit Jarren Williams currently plays.

"It's an honor for Mr. Williams to say something like that about me," Price said. "I don't know him too well, but he has seen me develop and watch me play for a while. He had eyes on me. With his son as dominant as he is, that is high praise coming from a great father. I really commend all he has done with Jarren. Knowing people feel that way about me really makes me feel good. I just always competed and did my best. I didn't let anything go to my head. I just wanted to do my best."

He knew early during his freshman year at USC that he was going to transfer. Most consider South Carolina a "heavy favorite" for Price with Auburn next because he had relationships with players at both schools. However, Kentucky had a

scholarship open where he could take a visit and that was eye-opening for him.

Price was briefly committed to Georgia before going to USC. He also had scholarship offers from Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Florida State, LSU, Miami, Michigan and others coming out of high school.

During his visit to Kentucky, he was impressed by the emphasis the coaches put on the offensive line and that UK had two 1,000-yard rushers last season. One, Benny Snell, was only a freshman and that means he will still be at UK in 2018 when Price can play after sitting out this season as a transfer.

He also liked the connection with offensive line coach John Schlarman.

"I am a good at reading people. If kids are happy with the coaches, you can see it," Price said. "He has a great relationship with his players. I saw him talking to all of them at breakfast. He is always available. I thought that was pretty cool. I saw Drake Jackson, Landon Young going up and watching film and working on team chemistry in the summer."

"Just me seeing that type of stuff let me know those are the type guys I want to be around. They are really serious about what they are doing and perfecting their craft. That is my mindset and I want others around me with the same mindset. I just fell in love with the chemistry of this team. It's really good."

Kentucky women's basketball commits Blair Green of Harlan County and Emma King of Lincoln County both had busy summers.

Debbie Green, Blair's mother and high school coach, said her daughter played 63 games with the high school team and AAU team. At one point Debbie Green said her

daughter's "legs were shot" from playing so many games.

"Her (high school) coach is so thankful that is her last summer of travel ball," Debbie Green said.

Blair Green will be part of UK's 2018 recruiting class. So will Rhyan Howard, a four-star guard from Cleveland, Tenn. She picked UK over defending national champion South Carolina and Purdue in part because she was looking for a school with a strong engineering program.

Blair Green and Howard played against each other in one national tourney.

"They get along great," Debbie Green said. "She's a great girl and a beast on the court."

King will be part of Kentucky's 2019 recruiting class. She played about the same number of games as Green and hit about 40 percent overall from 3-point range.

"She had one bad shooting tournament in Chicago," her father, Eric King, said. "Kentucky coaches have told here they want her at 40 percent from 3-point range, so she is getting there."

In her final two tournaments, she shot 42 percent and 48 percent from 3-point range. Kentucky coach Matthew Mitchell watched her play in the final event at the Kentucky Basketball Academy in Lexington.

Randall Cobb's father was a Tennessee fan, which is not a big surprise since the family lived in Alcoa, Tenn., just a short distance from the UT campus.

"Randall went to some Tennessee games but I could see he was not excited about Tennessee," Melysha Cobb, his younger sister, said. "He visited Kentucky and was so excited. Everybody just treated us like family."

Cobb was a three-year standout at UK who will go into the Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame in September. He's now a big-time playmaker with the Green Bay Packers.

"Fans love him at Green Bay, but it's not Kentucky," Melysha Cobb said. "It's way bigger. There are so many stars on the team and everybody has a favorite player. But a lot of fans wear his jersey and that's kind of cool to see."

When Tyler Hicks was killed in an automobile accident in 2012, Scott County boys' basketball coach Billy Hicks knew he wanted to do something to honor his son's memory. Tyler Hicks was an all-state player at Scott and helped Scott reach the 2004 state tournament.

Billy Hicks came up with the Tyler Hicks Memorial Scholarship — a \$5,000 scholarship for four years to a Scott senior athlete or athletic support staff member. Coach Hicks uses money from his summer camps to help fund the scholarship honoring his son along with proceeds from an annual dinner/fundraiser.



Kentucky commits Blair Green, right, and Rhyan Howard played against each other in AAU play. Green's mother says Howard is a "beast" on the court. (Debbie Green Photo)

I'm thrilled to get to be part of the event Saturday, especially since this column appears in the Georgetown News-Graphic. Former Kentucky quarterbacks Freddie Maggard and Jared Lorenzen will be the featured speakers and I will be there to ask questions and let those attending hear inspirational stories both players can offer.

My column also goes in the Interior Journal in Stanford and I will be in Stanford Sunday for the PBK Bank/WPBK-FM Death Valley Bowl dinner to hear former Marine Matthew Bradford speak. His story is also inspirational and I hopefully will share some of his comments in a future column.

And for my Harrodsburg Herald readers, I will be speaking at the Harrodsburg Rotary Club Aug. 16. I hope to see a lot of you then.

Kentucky is not going to sneak up on any Southeastern Conference opponents this year. Look at what Alistar Penny of dawnofthedog.com posted in his preview of Georgia opponents about Kentucky:

"This is a program that continues to improve and Stoops has done good work on the recruiting trail because of that. With the big Auburn game behind it and a rivalry game against Tech coming next, this could well be a trap game for Georgia. It will be important for Georgia to stay focused and win this game if they want to win the SEC East."

That's the kind of respect Kentucky is getting, and deserves, across the SEC now.

## Open Golf: Local events on calendar

This weekend **Deer Lakes Golf Course** in Salem will host its annual Deer Lakes Individual Golf Tournament. The medal play event will be on Saturday only. For more information, call the pro shop at (270) 988-4653.

The **Heritage at Marion Country Club** will be hosting its annual signature medal play event on Aug. 26-27. The two-day, 36-hole event will include a championship and lower flights. For more information, call the pro shop at (270) 965-5415 or Kyle Myers at (270) 704-5015.

## Golfers clip Livingston to gear up for All A Classic

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's golf team is gearing up for Thursday's All A Classic at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem.

The team warmed up for the event with a big win last Thursday against Livingston Central at Deer Lakes. The Rockets shot 164, beating LCHS by two strokes as Crittenden's Sam

Greenwell was medalist with an even-par round of 36. Livingston's Cameron Head shot a 37.

Crittenden's Lauren Gilchrist went head-to-head against Caldwell County's Campbell Knoth and they tied at 40 at Deer Lakes.

Gilchrist struggled a bit early last week in a large invitational at Bowling

Green Country Club. She ended up shooting an 86 after recovering a bit on the back nine and finishing 21st out of 70 golfers.

"She had a rough start, but hung in there and finished out well," coach Vicki Hatfield said about her sophomore.



Crittenden County's Junior Babe Ruth team recently completed its summer season. The boys won all but one game during the season and lost it by a run in extra innings. Team members were (front from left) Logan Bailey, Caden McCalister, Tanner Beverly, (back) Jayden Carlson, Conner Parshall, Hunter Jones, Gabe Mott, Hayden Jones, Coleman Stone, coach Devin Belt, Ben Evans, Trace Adams, Maddox Carlson, Ian Ellington, Tyler Boone and Braxton Winders.



Team Monstarz, an AAU basketball squad based in Marion, has completed its summer season. The squad finished second in its final two tournaments, last weekend at Cape Girardeau with a 4-2 record, and the weekend before at Lebanon, Tenn. Team members were (from left) Tripp Branch, Gabe Mott, Kade Blackburn, Preston Turley, Tyler Dunn, coach Landon Young, Tyler Boone and Erik O'Leary.

## Yancy etches name in KHSAA baseball recordbook

Crittenden County's Travis Yancy has made his mark on Kentucky high school baseball. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association has included Yancy's 0.19 ERA for the 2017 season in its all-time baseball recordbook. He gave up just one earned run in 36.1 innings pitched for the Rockets this spring during his senior season. Yancy struck out 31 batters and walked only a dozen. His mark was the second best ERA in KHSAA history. The state's best single season ERA was in 2008 by Logan Dailey of Harrison County in 34 innings. The lowest previously recorded ERA in Crittenden County history was Bennett Smith's 0.23 in 1972, but records back then are not complete and it's unclear if that mark was for part or all of the season.



Yancy

## Jankowski to minor leagues

Former Marion Bobcat Travis Jankowski has been sent to San Diego's Triple-A affiliate in El Paso, Texas. Jankowski started his second season in the big leagues this spring with the Padres but suffered a foot injury after playing in only 17 games. He was placed on the disabled list, then sent to the minors for a rehab assignment. Last week he was optioned to El Paso where he is expected to play every day. Jankowski was hitting just .160 in the majors this season after hitting .245 in 131 games last year.



Jankowski  
In 2010, he played in Marion

## Old timers' baseball

There will be an old timers' wooden bat baseball game in Marion on Sunday, Sept. 17 to benefit youth baseball in Crittenden County. Cost is \$20 per player. No one under 30 can pitch. For more information call (270) 704-0435.



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## legal notice

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court, Marion, Ky. do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Eldon James of 3276 Ky. 506, Marion, Ky. 42064, executor of Nina Winn, deceased, of 168 Country Club Dr., Marion, Ky. 42064. The foregoing Settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on September 6, 2017. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once. Melissa Guill, Clerk Crittenden District Court (1t-6-c)

Notice is hereby given that on August 2, 2017, Donna Tedford of 6698 Ky. 297, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administratrix of Helen M. Robinson, deceased, whose address was 6698 Ky. 297, Marion, Ky. 42064. Chuck Tveite, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administratrix before the 2nd day of February, 2018 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-6-c)

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## Backpack giveaway

Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson and her staff gave away 91 backpacks filled with school supplies last week to local students who registered for the annual event. Above Pam Larue (left) and Emily Tinsley, two of Johnson’s staff, invite children to add to a poster thanking Siemens employees for their donations. Johnson said the employees of the Marion plant donated enough supplies to fill 19 backpacks, allowing her office to help even more families reduce back-to-school expenses. “It was very unexpected,” Johnson said of Siemens’ contribution. This marked the 10th year for the giveaway.

## Road sign theft continues to grow

STAFF REPORT

Road sign theft is nothing new to the county, but the problem has reached an epidemic, says Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. Newcom said there was a run on stolen signs in the spring and now, since June, it’s been even worse. It costs the county between \$100 and \$125 every time it has to replace a stolen or damaged sign.

Road Department Foreman Audi Maraman says that since June, the maintenance department has made replacement signs for the following roads or lanes: Weldon, March Oliver, Deer Run, Turkey Knob, Yandell Mine, Paddy’s Bluff, Caldwell Springs, Charles McConnell, O.B. McDaniel, twice at Copperas Springs, Irma White, Siemen’s Lane, Jack Dodson, Frank Hill, Butter, Belt-Watson, Cole-

man, Guy Hodge, Monroe Butler, Earle Arlack, Humphrey, Asbridge Cemetery, Nunn Switch, Cool Springs, Fritz, Hughes, Rudolph Chandler, Blackburn Church, Gum Creek, Just-a-Mere, Markham, Yoder, Roe Wafford, Baker Hollow and Weston. Almost all of those were stolen or damaged so badly by vandals that they had to be replaced. Three or four were replaced because of

routine wear and tear, Maraman said. “We have probably replaced a dozen stop signs that have been stolen in the last six weeks, too,” he explained. The county attorney has said anyone caught with signs will be prosecuted and depending on the number of signs stolen or damaged, the crime could be considered a felony punishable by a year or more in prison.

## PETITION

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Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). The actual “nickel” rate is greater than 5 cents because of how KDE determines how much money should be generated. It calculates how much revenue would be produced by 5 cents per \$100 valuation of property and motor vehicles in the county. The district is required to collect enough money from property taxes to transfer that dollar amount into its building fund.

The board could still choose to rescind the tax, but they must do so or call the special election by Aug. 22, 15 days from Monday’s certification by Byford.

Byford was able to verify 978 of the 1,056 signatures gathered on the tax recall petition, and handed over formal notice to the school district early Monday. Only 408 names were needed to force an election.

Some of the most common reasons for names not being verified included signers not being registered voters or petitioners having listed a post office box as their residence or an address that did not match voter registration. Names listed without a signature and names that appeared twice on the petition were also excluded.

The clerk had initially intended to verify only 500 names. But for the sake of better ensuring the petition would not be challenged in court by the board, she moved ahead with checking each of the submitted names, delaying her projected finish date by a week.

“We just went ahead and did the whole thing so it wouldn’t come back,” Byford said Tuesday.

### 2017 tax rate set, maybe

The board of education on Friday called a special meeting for Monday in anticipation of accepting the certified petition. Besides approving 2017 property tax rates, approval of the wording that would appear on the ballot was also on the agenda.

However, only one of those two were OK’d at the meeting. Wording of the ballot question was delayed and will instead be set at tonight’s meeting.

Though slightly higher than last year, the 2017 tax rates agreed to by the board did not include the 5.9 cents per \$100 valuation approved for school construction. The new levies were set at the compensating rate as determined by KDE, meaning a rate that is expected to generate the same general fund revenue as in

2016. The adjusted rate for real property will be 46.4 cents, a 10th of a penny more than last year; and the new rate for personal property, otherwise known as tangible assets, will be 48.2 cents, up 0.4 cents over the 2016 rate. The motor vehicle and utility taxes will remain unchanged at 54.1 and 3 percent, respectively.

A 5.9-cent tax increase on property, if approved by voters next month, could come as an amendment to rates set Monday or the board could delay the bump until 2018 tax bills. If the board opts to tack on the equivalent nickel tax to 2017 tax bills mailed this fall, the election will most likely be set for Sept. 12, allowing time to have the increase included on tax bills by a Sept. 15 deadline.

“If everything goes smooth and there are no hiccups (in the election), we should be able to verify results the next morning (Sept. 13),” Byford said.

The board would then have to meet to adjust the tax rates before they must be received in the sheriff’s office Sept. 15 for inclusion on the regular 2017 tax bills.

If the board of education chooses Sept. 19 for the election, it will miss the deadline for having the tax included on this year’s bills and would have to pay to send out a second mailing of about 6,500 tax bills to collect the new levy. Or they could simply wait until 2018.

### Hasty democracy

The election will be a countywide vote, with all 12 precincts balloting at their respective polls. A machine for absentee voting will be set up in the clerk’s office as usual or absentee voting by paper ballot will also be available.

With voter rolls closing in just days for a special election, prospective voters can complete the registration process in the clerk’s office during nor-

mal business hours or online at Elect.ky.gov or GoVote Ky.com.

Regardless of the date chosen by the board of education for an election, it will be a short turnaround for Byford to get the balloting set up. Once the date and wording of the sole ballot question are established, she must send out the paperwork to have ballots printed and have all 13 voting machines certified. Poll workers have to be trained and absentee balloting arranged.

It’s all a process that normally takes several weeks for a May primary or November general election.

“It’s going to be difficult,” Byford said of the short timeframe.

An election would cost the school district about \$20,000.

### What’s the question?

On Monday, the board of education opted to hold off until today to finalize the ballot question, which was presented as: “Are you for or against the Crittenden County Board of Education’s levy of an equivalent tax rate of five (0.05) cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of real and personal tangible property to raise funds that would be dedicated strictly to major renovation of existing school facilities, new construction and debt service?”

Voters would choose “For” or “Against” with a simple majority winning.

But Chairman Chris Cook wants to include wording about a 20-year expiration on the nickel tax as approved at the June 1 meeting. The sunset clause calls for the board of education to remove the 5.9-cent levy when the bond for construction is paid off in 20 years. However, the board at that time will not be bound to the 2017 action and could choose to keep the levy.

School construction proposed by the board is an \$8 million overall project that includes a new high school and renovations of the current

## Second person charged in 2016 McDonald’s burglary

STAFF REPORT

Police have charged a second person in their investigation into the 2016 armed robbery of two McDonald’s employees who were held up at gunpoint in the parking lot of the Marion restaurant.

Kayla Elliot-Claycomb, 22, of Marion was served a warrant charging her with complicity to first-degree robbery in the April 20, 2016 incident.

Elliot-Claycomb was an employee of McDonald’s at the time and was on duty the night of the robbery, which

was allegedly conducted by her then-reputed boyfriend, Marc Hocking, 30, of Benton. Hocking was charged last week with first-degree robbery after DNA evidence linking him to the crime came back from the state laboratory.

Marion Police Chief Ray O’Neal said investigators believe Elliot-Claycomb had conspired with Hocking by giving him information about how and when the employees leave the restaurant and head to the

bank’s night depository with cash receipts.

Elliot-Claycomb was in the McCracken County Jail this week when authorities served her with the warrant. She is being held in McCracken on an unrelated charge. Elliot-Claycomb is also a convicted felon from a previous Crittenden County drug case.

Hocking was scheduled for a preliminary hearing in Crittenden District Court on Wednesday of this week.



Elliot-Claycomb

## Airport expecting eclipse influx

STAFF REPORT

Emergency management and state highway department officials have been working with local law enforcement and others for almost a year, drawing up strategies for an influx of people to view the solar eclipse on Aug. 21.

And while most will be be-

hind a wheel as they head to the epicenter of the eclipse in a few days, some will be dropping in by air. Marion-Crittenden County Airport is anticipating a number of arrivals by plane.

Jim Johnson, chairman of the airport board, has been taking calls from pilots.

“I expect if the weather is

nice we will have a lot of aircraft fly in for the day,” he said. “Air traffic that day should be manageable because people will be arriving in the morning and leaving in the afternoon.”

He said a few have already made plans to fly in on Sunday and camp overnight to be here on Monday for the show.

## Police activity report

Last month’s traffic ticketing for Marion Police Department, was high compared to previous months this year and July 2016. City police issued 37 tickets and 17 warnings in July 2017, more than a third of the total for the first half of the year. Below is an activity report for the city’s police department, reflecting information from July 2017 compared with figures from July 2016 as well as 2017 year-to-date numbers. The following data are provided by Police Chief Ray O’Neal.

CATEGORY	JULY 2016	JULY 2017	YTD 2017
Miles driven/patrolled.....	3,303	1,971	13,096
Criminal investigations.....	19	24	109
Domestics.....	15	13	57
Felony Arrests.....	2	2	23
Misdemeanor arrests.....	10	14	45
Non-criminal arrests.....	2	2	38
DUI arrests.....	4	1	6
Criminal summons served.....	3	1	29
Traffic citations.....	18	37	123
Traffic warnings.....	11	17	66
Other citations.....	20	24	150
Parking tickets.....	n/a	0	2
Traffic accidents.....	13	3	34
Security checks/alarms.....	87	58	403
Calls for service.....	307	174	1,187

## ECLIPSE

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or at camera shops.

Getting that perfect shot of the eclipse will be difficult. The average smartphone will offer unimpressive images, and even the most expensive camera and zoom lens will offer little to share if not stabilized with a tripod or mount and proper settings. Using a high ISO and resolution will help prevent blurry images.

Photographers should also never look through the viewfinder to snap a photo of the sun, as it can cause permanent damage as if staring at it with the naked eye. Instead, use the LCD display on the back of the camera to zero in on the sun.

Hundreds of thousands of visitors are expected to flock to western Kentucky to view the eclipse. In fact, Hopkinsville is the epicenter for witnessing the moon blotting out the sun. With the influx, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) is urging residents to be prepared.

Eclipse chasers are expected to start arriving in the area around Friday, Aug. 18,

then continue to filter in with a final surge on the morning of the Aug. 21 eclipse. The partial eclipse will begin around noon, and the total solar eclipse – starting about 1:20 p.m. in Kentucky – will last about two-and-a-half minutes.

“We anticipate heavy traffic starting the Saturday before the eclipse, maybe sooner,” said Wade Clements, KyTC District 2 chief engineer. “On the morning of the Aug. 21 eclipse, we anticipate a surge of people driving in just for the day and another surge right after the eclipse as people who have driven in for the day head home. That departing traffic could last well into the evening hours.”

Due to a possible run on staples, officials are encouraging locals to stock up on any supplies they may need over a two- or three-day period, including gas. Some areas of the 14 states that come under the 70-mile wide swath of darkness are anticipating an increase in fuel prices coinciding with the eclipse.

According to NASA, any given point on the planet will experience a total solar eclipse about once every 375 years.

Though the moon is 400 times smaller than the sun, it is also 400 times closer to Earth, making it appear as large as the sun as its orbit passes between our planet and the star that lights our days.

As the skies grow darker over the entire two-and-a-half hours of the eclipse, animals and plants may behave strangely for mid-day. Many birds will return to their overnight nesting sites, crickets and frogs could begin their nightly chatter, and even livestock may begin their dusk routine. Nocturnal animals like bats can emerge, and along with daytime predators, they will feast on insects like mosquitoes that are fooled into thinking nightfall has arrived.

Some flowers will begin to close up as usual for darkness, and the air temperature could drop by as much as 10 degrees.

While pets could begin acting a bit strangely, concern over their safety can be cast aside. There is no evidence to suggest that animals of any kind will mimic human curiosity by staring directly at the sun.



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