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New bank moving toward local branch

First United Bank and Trust Co. of Madisonville is apparently moving toward building a branch in Marion.

The bank purchased the former Just-a-Burg'r property on North Main Street in the spring of 2016 and razed the restaurant. Officials at First United say they cannot comment publicly until the application process with the FDIC is complete. An advertisement announcing the application period can be found in this week's Legal Notices on the classified page.

First United Bank's main office in Madisonville and has three branches, including the north side of Madisonville, Beaver Dam and in Earlington.

Church collecting for Texas flood relief

Life in Christ Church is partnering with a church in Portland, Texas, to give to flood victims in the Lone Star State in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Items will be collected at the church from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day until the mission departs for Texas next week, possibly Wednesday. A moving van will be parked at the church for collection and will be manned during those hours.

Items being collected include water, Gatorade, Tylenol, Motrin, hand sanitizer, rubber gloves, baby wipes, sanitizing wipes, trash bags, toilet paper, bandages, antacids, Dawn dish soap, manual can openers, canned tuna, canned chicken, packaged nuts, peanut butter crackers, nutritious snack foods, diapers, baby food, mosquito spray and paper plates.

Life in Christ Church is located on U.S. 641 south of Marion.

Fohs Hall Backyard BBQ event cancelled

The annual Fohs Hall Backyard BBQ scheduled for next month as a fundraiser for the community building has been cancelled. The sixth annual event was slated for Saturday, Sept. 23. Those having already registered will have their money refunded.

Coupons aim to help control pet numbers

Crittenden County Animal Shelter will be selling spay/neuter vouchers from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday for discounted procedures at participating area veterinarians. Residents of Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties are eligible to purchase the coupons for use with cats or dogs in order to help control the local pet population. The cost is \$50, and must be used within 90 days with no refunds. They will be sold at the shelter on U.S. 60 East just north of Marion.



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TRADEWATER MUSIC FEST
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Friday, Sept. 15
Gates open at 3 p.m.

- Jack Ingram, 5-7 p.m.
- Confederate Railroad, 7-9 p.m.
- David Lee Murphy, 9-11 p.m.
- Clayton Quisenberry, side stage

Saturday, Sept. 16
Gates open at 11 a.m.

- Alonzo Pennington, 1-3 p.m.
- Pure Prairie League, 3-5 p.m.
- The Strangers Band, 5-7 p.m.
- Chris Knight, 7-9 p.m.
- Kentucky Headhunters, 9-11 p.m.
- Tim Lynch Band, side stage

Tickets \$35-120
VIP, camping, parking passes available

Location
15616 Ky. 120, Providence, Ky.

Music festival nears

By ALEXA BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Great live music, a welcoming atmosphere and gathering of both locals and visitors is what one can expect next month at the Tradewater Music Festival.

The first-ever event will take place Friday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Sept. 16 on the banks of the Tradewater River on the Crittenden-Webster County line. It has been organized by Winghaven Lodge owner Russell Edwards and his wife, Marion Tourism Director Michele Edwards, among others. It is expected to draw music lovers from a 10-county area of western Kentucky and beyond for performances from the Kentucky Headhunters, Confederate Railroad and more. Altogether, the spectacle will feature 10 country-rock artists performing in the new Tradewater Amphitheatre located off Ky. 120 on the breathtaking

grounds near Winghaven Lodge.

Hosting a major music event has been a dream of Russell Edwards' for many years. The stars have aligned and his dream is coming true with the birth of what he hopes will become the largest weekend music event in western Kentucky.



R. Edwards

"Without Kentucky Headhunters lead singer Richard Young, this concert would have never made it past a dream," said Edwards, who credits Young's expert advice as the foundation for this event.

Ranging from different country sub-genres such as traditional country, Southern rock, outlaw country, folk and classic rock, the featured artists on the main stage include headliner Kentucky Headhunters, 1990 Grammy winners of Best Country Performance, will offer the finale of the two-day festival.

Starting the show Friday will be Country Music Award (CMA) winner

Jack Ingram, 1993 CMA Best New Group Confederate Railroad and David Lee Murphy, best known for "Dust on the Bottle" and "Party Crowd." Murphy's songs have been recorded by some of the best artists in the business including Kenny Chesney, Blake Shelton, Luke Bryan and Eric Church.

Confederate Railroad will be available to VIP ticket holders for pictures and autographs.

Kicking off a full-day of music on Saturday will be Princeton's acclaimed three-time International Thumb Picking Champion Alonzo Pennington. The semi-finals winner of the International Blues Competition on Beale Street will be followed on the main stage by country rock legend Pure Prairie League with five consecutive top 40 hits that include 1975's "Amie;" Merle Haggard's heirs Ben and Noel Haggard with The Strangers; and Chris Knight of Slaughters performing his own style of country, rock, folk, root rock and pop

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Congressman James Comer (center) and his chief of staff, Caroline Cash (right), speak with Crittenden Health Systems CEO Lea Ann Klarner and CFO Jim Bishop during a town hall meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. About two dozen people attended the meeting.

Comer addresses concerns

STAFF REPORT

From the nuclear ambitions of North Korea half a world away to concerns back home down on the farm, U.S. Rep. James Comer, R-Tompkinsville, on Tuesday

spoke to issues on the minds of a couple dozen Crittenden Countians gathered at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. Comer, a freshman congressman, made the county his 28th stop on a summer swing

through all 35 counties in Congressional District 1.

As with Sen. Rand Paul's visit earlier this month, though, health

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Balloting opens for school tax

STAFF REPORT

When polls open next month for a school tax referendum in Crittenden County, more than two-thirds of the county's population of 9,200 will have the

What's your opinion?

Share your thoughts on the school tax

opportunity to cast a ballot. But some have already started voting.

Absentee balloting in the countywide special election to approve or reject a so-called "equivalent nickel" school tax began Tuesday. It will continue through the day prior to Election Day – Tuesday, Sept. 12 – when the rest of Crittenden County's nearly 6,700 voters will decide the future of local education as well as their own tax burden.

In June, Crittenden County Board of Education approved a special increase in its property tax levy for the purpose of new school construction. Called an equivalent

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Man with local ties part of Trump trade team

By BLAKE SANDLIN
STAFF WRITER

President Donald Trump's administration recently finished its first rounds of talks with North American governments in hopes of renegotiating the 23-year-old NAFTA trade deal. And while much of the outside focus has been and continues to be on the President and his trade policies, behind closed doors, a man with local connections will be among a se-

lect few at the forefront of trade deliberations.

Stephen Vaughn serves as the general counsel to the United States Trade Representative (USTR). In his capacity, he works to advise the USTR on legal and enforcement issues pertaining to trade. But before garnering a coveted position within the upper echelon of federal government, Vaughn

came from the same humble beginnings that many blue-collar western Kentuckians hold dear.

Vaughn was raised in Paducah, but his parents, Paul and Barbara Vaughn, live in Greenwood Heights in Marion. Paul Vaughn owned and operated Marion Dry Cleaners for many years.

The junior Vaughn developed an appreciation of the

value of American jobs from an early age. His grandfather lived in a small factory town, Wrigley, Tenn., where he worked at a charcoal and wood products factory – a job that helped to lift his family out of poverty and allowed Stephen's father, Paul, to become the first of his family to attend college. But when Stephen and his family returned to Wrigley in the 1970s, they found that the manufacturing jobs that had

once served to benefit so many, had since become an evanescent part of the town's history.

"We would go back down there and visit my grandparents, and the factories at that point had closed," Stephen Vaughn said. "I could see how that hurt the community to lose those factories. When I was a kid, I sort of saw what a factory could

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Clothes Closet offers students new clothes without stigma

By BLAKE SANDLIN
STAFF WRITER

With one in five Crittenden Countians living in poverty, getting children ready for a new school year can be a challenge.

According to an American community survey of five-year estimates conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for 2011-15, nearly 22 percent of Crittenden County residents live below the poverty

level. For those low-income families, equipping children for school can be a burden. But students and staff at Crittenden County Middle School have taken a major step to ease that problem.

Last year, several seventh-grade teachers at CCMS identified students who were in need of newer clothes. That problem drove Tiffany Blazina, public relations coordinator for the

school district, and other staff members to brainstorm an unconventional idea that would not only serve the needs of the students, but also remove the negative stereotypes that some may associate with school resource centers.

"Some of us started talking about the consignment stores that a lot

of our kids shop at and buy stuff, so we thought what if we had a consignment shop where it was trendy to get something there, not just for the kids that need clothes, but for anybody," Blazina said. "That way everyone is getting serviced, including the

kids that really need it but might be hesitant because of

the stigma tied to it."

That stigma, Blazina continued, can be especially harmful for middle school-aged kids.

"We were very sensitive to the idea of singling anyone out," Blazina said. "Because especially in the middle school years, self-esteem and image is a very big deal. So we didn't want to do

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More than just memorials at stake

You may only associate the name Ebenezer with that mean old man who is eventually transformed in Charles Dickens' story, A Christmas Carol, but the name has relevance for our time. In I Samuel 7:12, we read, "Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.'" To put it simply, an ebenezer is a monument. And from its inception, this nation has acknowledged God's help.

So what's the big deal about memorials? Why do they matter? Dr. B.J. Ward has an answer: "Monuments are an important part of history. They are books that never go out of print and require no new editions to bring them up to date. They are the milestones of the centuries, the oracles of the ages. They inspire the youths and young men to emulate the heroism, the manhood and the patriotism of their ancestors."

I found this to be true in my young life. At the time I first began to study American history in the fourth grade, I was taken by men like Washington, Lafayette and Frances

Marion (the Swamp Fox) of South Carolina, whom our city of Marion is named after.

Why? They were courageous and heroic men, freedom loving patriots worthy of imitation.

But I was also fortunate enough at that time to live in Vincennes, Ind. There on the Wabash River, in Vincennes, stood the George Rogers Clark Memorial. The younger brother of William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, he was also a man who sacrificed

for the cause of freedom in our American Revolution. He came up through difficult country in the winter and captured a British fort there on the banks of the Wabash so that our forces would have control of the Ohio River Valley Territory. This was of strategic importance to the survival of our new nation.

That memorial was a way for me to connect with my people who had gone before me, to touch history in a very personal way. I am a better person for it.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8, "brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good re-

pute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Memorials help us do that. They matter!

But there is a scourge upon our land. More and more, with each passing day, our memorials, that have stood for many long years, are being vandalized and even removed by lawless and hate-filled groups.

They act under cover of darkness, which says a lot for the evil of their deeds. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus, spoke of such in John 3:19-21: "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

These unrighteous robbers of our heritage and history are sneaks, cowards and law-breakers. Such people are certainly not qualified to pass moral judgment, seeing as they act as criminals and moral reprobates.

And just as guilty are the government officials who supposedly represent us but don't allow us a say in the removal of our monuments. They are contemptible enablers, pro-

moters of evil and all that goes against the principles of freedom that made this country great. They should be removed from office, for they are unfit to serve.

Even in Paducah, our own backyard, it is happening. Some who are misguided, misinformed or malevolent are calling for the removal of the Tilghman Statue and the Tilghman name from the high school. Have you ever asked yourself why after so many decades of these monuments standing, this is suddenly considered a problem?

John Suttles, Kentucky Division Commander of the Son's of Confederate Veterans, has it right when he said, "It's not about white or black supremacy. It's about honoring those who shed their blood and lost their lives on the battlefield." The same can be said for the Confederate Battle Flag.

Here's an example from Salisbury, Rowen County, N.C., of why the Confederacy fought and why there are many monuments all over the country. At the top of their monument are these words, "Lest We Forget." "In memory of Rowan's Confederate soldiers, that their heroic deeds, sublime self-sacrifice and undying devotion to duty and country may never be forgotten." It continues with these words: "They gave their lives

and fortunes for constitutional liberty and state sovereignty in obedience to the teachings of the fathers who framed the Constitution and established the union of those states. Deo Vindice (Latin for "God will vindicate") RIP (Rest in peace.)"

I ask you: Who sounds more honorable? These Confederate soldiers or the hateful and ignorant who would maliciously deny them and their descendants their honorable history and heritage? There was no mention of slavery on this monument because that was not what they were fighting for. I've said it before, and it's true. Seventy-five percent of Confederate soldiers did not own slaves. That was not what they fought for. Monuments help preserve the truth.

Perhaps you're thinking, "that doesn't concern me." But it does! The people behind removing monuments won't stop with Confederate monuments. At time of this writing there have been other monuments under attack (Columbus, a church's steeple and grave markers destroyed). They hate the principles of freedom this country was founded on. They have no respect for free speech or equal treatment under the law, or the law itself, for that matter. For them the ends justify the means. They've taken a page, or several, out of the Marxist

socialist handbook. Violent revolution is their solution.

Compare the American revolution with the French Revolution. One ended in the blessings of freedom and one ended in many deaths and a tyrant, Napoleon, coming to power. What made the difference? One honored God and one rejected God, following a socialist revolution.

Does this nation, so blessed by God, really want to go down that road of violent revolution? This battle isn't about monuments alone, but about what kind of nation we will have.

It's time to stand up against bullies and thugs and cowardly or misguided politicians, and not allow our monuments and our country to be stolen. Ignorance and apathy are destroying our country. Please, don't stand by and do nothing. We all lose if you do. Sign petitions, call your officials, speak out with your neighbors and friends and pray. Your nation and your community need you. When it's all said and done, what will history have to say about us? Will you be proud of the nation you leave your descendants?

(Mark Girten, pastor at Crooked Creek Baptist Church, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Slow mail has cost for everyone

By **MATTHEW PAXTON IV**
NNA PRESIDENT

Most people get mail every day, Monday through Saturday. But what happens when the mail comes later than we expect?

We found out a few years ago, when the Postmaster General had to take away overnight First-Class and Periodicals mail from most of the nation. That caused a problem for a lot of consumers and businesses. Now, we may be facing a new slowdown, if something isn't done by Congress very soon.

Who needs the mail, some people ask? We have the Internet now. But a lot happens in the mail, and a lot goes wrong when it is late. To begin with, mail is the backbone for about \$1.3 trillion in jobs, products and services. And then there is the personal impact.

People send in their credit card payments at the last minute when cash is tight. The payment reaches the credit card company late, and credit scores take a beating. That causes loans for cars and houses to get more expensive.

Many people count on the mail for medicines. A missed dosage can mean a trip to the hospital.

Small businesses count on the day's mail to bring in cash from customers. A few days' delay can mean a trip to the bank for a loan. Loans cost money, and put pressure on the business to raise prices.

Some things just can't be emailed. It is hard to send

your grandkid's birthday card overnight by the Internet. Some farm supply houses use the mail to deliver small animals quickly. They certainly can't zap them across broadband, or allow them to die in a post office waiting for a mail truck. And then there are legal documents that have to arrive by certified mail. Also, I have to mention late newspapers, where sales coupons are missed and public event announcements arrive after the event.

Newspapers like this one that rely on the mail for delivery to readers took it on the chin the past few years, with disappointed readers canceling their subscriptions.

We are at another crunch point. The US Postal Service has a \$57 billion deficiency on its balance sheet, most of it caused by Congress. Fixing it may require the Postmaster General to close more post offices and mail sorting plants, eliminate mail-hauling truck routes and ground the airmail. The mail would be slowed down even further.

USPS last received a major overhaul by Congress in 2006. The next year, Steve Jobs appeared on a stage with a new gadget called an iPhone. Since then, Congress and the Postmaster General have been grappling with the tough problem of collecting enough postage for a system that must reach ever more mailing addresses in America, but with less mail—though still important mail—to pay for the service. So far, Congress has done

nothing but tinker.

This is nothing new. Since the birth of the nation, Congress bogged down many times in finding resources for this essential economic backbone—one of the few government services actually in the Constitution! Usually a slow Congress results in slower mail.

The choices are tough, and Congress is never good at tough choices. Businesses that buy postage cannot afford big increases and will simply find alternatives if the rates are jacked up too much. Consumers cannot afford to pay more for slower mail. USPS wants to protect jobs for its workers.

Of course, USPS is not supported by tax dollars, but by postage. And no tax-payer money should be needed unless Congress lets the system deteriorate further. There is a better choice.

A bill was sent to House Ways and Means Committee last March by the House committee responsible for overseeing the US Postal Service. The bill, House Resolution 756, is now sponsored by Republican Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, and three Democrats: Reps. Elijah Cummings of Maryland; Gerald Connolly of Virginia; and Stephen Lynch of Massachusetts. All are experts on postal matters. That this group, who agree on little else, could come up with a solution says a lot about this bill.

The legislation would require about 77,000 retired postal workers who draw benefits from a federal benefits

health fund to use Medicare instead. Medicare taxes were already paid for these workers. The Medicare fund owes these retirees their benefits anyway. It is just that this group has chosen a different benefit for themselves, which they were allowed to do. Now it is time for them to follow the practice of most private sector workers and draw their earned benefits from Medicare instead.

Commercial mailers would have to accept a small postage increase to pay most of the new cost to Medicare. But the benefits to the federal budget and to USPS would be substantial. Overall, the federal deficit would be \$6 billion less if the bill passed.

And the US Postal Service would save about \$30 billion over 10 years. The rest of its red ink would have to be erased through new efficiencies, and many steps have already been taken to find those, without creating slower mail. All that needs to happen is for House Speaker Paul Ryan to put the bill up for a successful vote before it is too late.

If you are concerned about losing more mail service, particularly in rural America, the way to protect it is to contact your Representative and ask for a big push for House Resolution 756 next month. House.gov will take you to a message page for your Member of Congress.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘For’ a vote for new school

To the editor

Voters will have an opportunity on Sept. 12 to make a difference for Crittenden County and our students.

A vote for the nickel equivalent (5.9 cents per \$100 valuation) will allow our school district to replace our 1949 middle school with a new high school. What this means is, on average, homeowners will pay an additional \$44 per year and landowners will pay an additional \$55 per year. Renters don't pay property tax.

Essentially, the 86 cents for homeowners and \$1.07 for landowners per week will generate \$3.4 million in local revenue. The state will pitch in an additional \$3.1 million, raising our bonding potential to \$6.5 million to add to our existing \$4.75 million. I have set aside time on

Friday at noon and Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Ed-Tech building and Sept. 8 in the Rocket Arena conference room at noon to rally our support and answer any questions about the equivalent nickel.

More information will follow in The Early Bird next week, and additional information can be found on our district's website at Crittenden.kyschools.us. Additionally, you can learn more by visiting "The Citizens for the Second Nickel" Facebook page.

We encourage all voters that support this initiative to make plans to visit the polls on Sept. 12 to vote for the second nickel tax and say yes to a new school.

Vince Clark
Superintendent of Crittenden County Schools
Marion, Ky.

10-part ‘The Vietnam War’ premieres Sept. 17 on KET

STAFF REPORT

One of the most ambitious documentary series ever made, "The Vietnam War" premieres on KET and PBS stations Sunday, Sept. 17. The 10-part, 18-hour series directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick is an immersive narrative telling the epic story of the Vietnam War as it has never before been told on film.

"The Vietnam War" features testimony from nearly 80 witnesses, including many Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as Vietnamese combatants and

civilians from both the winning and losing sides. Leading into the series, KET on Monday will re-air "Kentucky Veterans of the Vietnam War: In Their Own Words," featuring interviews with more than 65 veterans from the commonwealth recounting their time in America's most divisive war. The two-hour documentary airs at 7 p.m.

Dozens of Crittenden Countians joined the 2.7 million Americans to serve in Vietnam between 1955 and 1975, and many were counted among the more than 300,000 wounded in the war. Six men from Crittenden

County — James Kenneth Hughes, Bobby Jennings, Charles Doom, Johnny Lindsey, Leon Beard and Billy Williams — have their names engraved on black granite of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The wall contains the names of 58,318 Americans killed in the war.

"The Vietnam War was a decade of agony that took the lives of more than 58,000 Americans," Burns said in a news release. "Not since the Civil War have we as a country been so torn apart. There wasn't an American alive then who wasn't

affected in some way — from those who fought and sacrificed in the war, to families of service members and POWs, to those who protested the war in open conflict with their government and fellow citizens. More than 40 years after it ended, we can't forget Vietnam, and we are still arguing about why it went wrong, who was to blame and whether it was all worth it."

Ten years in the making, the series brings the war and the chaotic epoch it encompassed viscerally to life. Written by Geoffrey C. Ward, produced by Sarah Botstein, Novick and

Burns, it includes rarely seen, digitally re-mastered archival footage from sources around the globe, photographs taken by some of the most celebrated photojournalists of the 20th century, historic television broadcasts, evocative home movies and revelatory audio recordings from inside the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administrations.

Burns' previous documentary series include "The Civil War," "Baseball" and "The National Parks: America's Best Idea." Novick is noted for her acclaimed seven-part series about World War II, "The War."

The first five episodes of "The Vietnam War" will air nightly Sept. 17-21 on KET and other PBS channels, and the final five episodes will air nightly Sept. 24-28. Each episode will premiere at 7 p.m. with a repeat broadcast immediately following the premiere. Beginning Oct. 3, the series will re-air on a weekly basis through Nov. 28.

Accompanying the series will be a companion book that will be released Tuesday. "The Vietnam War" will be available on Blu-ray and DVD on Sept. 19. A trailer for the series can be found at <https://goo.gl/n7HAXR>.

Jobless rate, workforce both up

Number of employed in county rising faster than in other rural areas of U.S.

STAFF REPORT

Unemployment rates in July were up across the entire state, including Crittenden County where the rate edged above 6 percent. But there is good news locally. Kentucky's July unemployment rate was 5.9 percent, according to the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS). The unemployment rate was up 0.8 percentage points from the 5.7 percent reported the month prior. In fact, the jobless rate was higher in 99 of the commonwealth's 120 counties when compared to July of the previous year.

Last month's jobless rate in Crittenden County jumped to 6.2 percent from 5.1 percent the previous July and was up 0.3 points from June 2017. March 2017 was the last time the local jobless rate

was above 6 percent. Despite the climb in the unemployment rate, Crittenden County employment is actually fairing better than most rural counties in America. According to The Daily Yonder, an online news site that caters to the nation's 55 million rural residents, Crittenden County gained jobs at a rate above the national average from June 2016 to June 2017. Despite a climb in the unemployment rate from 5.2 percent to 5.7 percent over that year, the local workforce grew by 125, up 2.4 percent in that period.

Rural areas have struggled to add jobs since the end of the Great Recession in 2009. There are new jobs to be had, but they're mostly concentrated in America's largest cities.

"Job growth in rural America continues to lag the

rest of the country, according to the latest figures from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics," Bill Bishop reports for The Daily Yonder. "Seventy percent of the growth in employment since last June took place in the metropolitan areas with a million or more people."

While jobs increased about 2 percent in large metropolitan areas from June 2016 to June 2017, rural areas overall only increased 0.29 percent, and the 924 counties that are farthest away from cities didn't gain jobs at all; they declined by 0.02 percent.

"Moreover, rural areas have been losing workforce, the total number of people either working or looking for a job," Bishop reports. "From June 2016 to June of this year, the rural workforce has shrunk by just over 105,000 people, or about 0.5 percent. That has helped keep rural unemployment rates low, but it indicates that the economy

in many rural areas is hollowing out."

But a state economist says there is little reason for concern across Kentucky in light of July's unemployment data.

"The 7,700 non-farm jobs that were added are very encouraging, especially considering the slow growth that occurred during the second quarter of 2017," said University of Kentucky Center for Business and Economic Research Director Chris Bollinger. "The household survey may suggest that Kentucky's economy slowed somewhat this month but with a 5.3 percent unemployment rate, the state's economy is still healthy."

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for July 2017 was 4.3 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. The U.S. unemployment rate for July was down 0.1 percentage points from the 4.4 percent reported in June 2017.

Jobless rate above 6 percent

Unemployment rates rose in Crittenden, Livingston and 97 other Kentucky counties between July 2016 and July 2017. Rates fell in 18 counties and stayed the same in three, according to the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics.

Woodford County recorded the lowest unemployment rate in the Commonwealth at 4.3 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest jobless rate at 17.6 percent.

Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's lowest in June to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between. Because of their relatively low sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted like monthly state and national rates.

AREA	JULY 2017	JUNE 2017	JULY 2016
Kentucky.....	5.9.....	5.7.....	5.1
Pennyrile Region	6.2.....	6.6.....	5.4
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1)	4.3.....	3.9.....	3.5
Webster.....	6.2.....	5.9.....	6.2
Crittenden	6.2.....	5.9.....	5.1
Lyon	6.0.....	5.8.....	4.9
Union	7.3.....	7.3.....	6.9
Caldwell.....	6.2.....	6.6.....	5.4
Livingston.....	8.5.....	8.2.....	7.4
Magoffin (120).....	17.6.....	18.0.....	20.9

Labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.



INTERNET IMAGE

Mark Williams, a land specialist with Whitetail Properties of Kentucky, was recently named the 2016 top agent for the real estate company in Kentucky at its 2017 national sales meeting. Williams is shown with Whitetail Properties CEO Dan Perez.

Williams presented top agent hardware

STAFF REPORT

A famous line in the 1939 film "Gone With the Wind" was spoken by Gerald O'Hara, the character playing the part of Scarlett O'Hara's father.

"Land is the only thing in the world worth working for, worth fighting for, worth dying for, because it's the only thing that lasts," he said.

Marion's Mark Williams feels a similar kinship with the land.

"I've spent my entire adult life dealing with land in some form or another. Before I turned to real estate, I was a farmer. My roots run deep here and my family has been making a living off the land for four generations," said Williams, who was re-

cently named the top land specialist in Kentucky by Whitetail Properties.

"Through farming and hunting, I've grown to appreciate and love the land that has provided so much to my wife, Carisa, our two daughters and the rest of my family. I work every day to pass that same emotional tie of land ownership to my clients," Williams added.

Whitetail Properties is a multi-faceted company that includes a number of sections, including real estate sales and management. Williams has been the top sales agent in Kentucky the last two years and was also the recipient of the 2016 Boyce Flener Award, given to the agent that displays the highest degree of character, integrity, loyalty and leadership. Flener, who passed away a few years ago after a battle with cancer, was a Whitetail Properties agent and formerly a band director at Crittenden County High School. The award was created after his death.

Williams said winning that award was very special because it speaks to the fundamental characteristics displayed by his late contemporary and those traits are ones he strives for regularly in his approach to customer service.

Whitetail Properties is a rapidly growing company that sold \$735 million in real estate last year.

Master Cattleman's classes starting soon

STAFF REPORT

Ranchers interested in improving their cattle operations may want to consider participating in the University of Kentucky's Master Cattleman program. Another round of classes will begin soon.

More than 4,000 beef producers have already participated in the comprehensive program and put the management strategies they learned into practice in their operations.

The Master Cattleman program consists of 10 sessions that include manage-

ment, marketing, nutrition, reproduction, health, genetics, forages, facilities, environment and end product.

The program is designed to increase producers' overall productivity and profitability and is available at multiple sites throughout Kentucky. Each site will have consistent program material. You must attend at least eight of the 10 sessions and have a current Beef Quality Assurance certification to successfully complete the program. As a participant, you will receive a set of reference materials, and when you successfully

complete the program, you will receive a personalized farm gate sign.

The program consists of 4-hour sessions on the following topics:

- Management skills.
- Forages.
- Nutrition.
- Facilities and animal behavior.
- Environmental stewardship.
- Genetics.
- Reproduction.
- Herd health.
- End Product.
- Marketing and profitability.

The Pennyrile region will be hosting one of the Master Cattleman locations. The group will start on Oct. 17 and run every Tuesday night until Dec. 19 with a start time of 5:30 p.m. Meeting locations will rotate between Marion, Cadiz and Princeton.

For more information or to enroll, email Dee Brasher, Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, at deanna.brasher@uky.edu or contact the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

BALLOTING

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nickel for the revenue it is expected to raise for the school district, the levy on 2017 tax bills would be 5.9 cents per \$100 valuation of real property and tangible assets. Set by the Kentucky Department of Revenue, the rate could vary annually based on projections out of Frankfort.

In the weeks following the board's decision, petitioners were able to acquire enough signatures to send the tax to countywide ballot. That special election will be Tuesday, Sept. 12. Polls will be open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in all 12 county voting precincts.

According to Kentucky Secretary of State voter registration numbers for August, there will be 6,693 eligible voters in the special election, and the voter roll in the county is now closed for next month's balloting.

A simple majority will decide the outcome of a plan to build a new high school and move middle-schoolers out of

What's your opinion?

The Crittenden Press encourages our readers to share their opinion on the school tax and any other local issue. Letters to the Editor should be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday for publication in next week's issue, the final one before the Sept. 12 special school tax election.

Letters should include only the author's name. For verification purposes, they must also include the writer's home and e-mail addresses (if applicable), telephone number and signature. Phone numbers and addresses are required, but will not be published. Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300 words. We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for any reason.

Submit a letter by:

- Bringing it into our office at 125 E. Bellville St.
- Mailing it to: Letters, P.O. Box 191, Marion, KY 42064.
- Emailing it to: thepress@the-press.com.

a 68-year-old facility and into the current high school built in 1975. Just more than 4,000 voters, or 61 percent, turned out in the county for November's presidential election.

Already underway, absentee balloting on the electronic voting machine in County Clerk Carolyn Byford's courthouse office will continue

until Monday, Sept. 11. Absentee voting is open to those who will be out of the county on Election Day and unable to cast a ballot in person at their respective polling location.

Meantime, next week is the final day to apply for a paper absentee ballot. The application for a mail-out paper ballot must be re-

ceived in Byford's office by the close of business Tuesday. Paper ballots are often used by homebound voters or voters out of the state or country, like members of the military.

Byford's office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. It is closed on weekends and will also be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Nickel rallies

Three "nickel rallies" have been scheduled leading up to the election to answer questions from supporters or those still on the fence about the school tax. Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark will meet with interested voters:

- Friday at noon at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.
- Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Ed-Tech Center.
- Friday, Sept. 8 at noon at Rocket Arena.

Groups may schedule other times with Clark by calling (270) 965-3525.

VOTING PRECINCT CHANGE

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

For the Sept. 12 special election to approve or reject a school tax increase, voters in Crittenden County Precinct C102 Fords Ferry No. 5 will vote at Crittenden County Public Library on West Carlisle Street in Marion. Polling had previously taken place at Crittenden County Gun Club on Ky. 91 North.

SPECIAL ELECTION

ELECTION SCHOOL REMINDER

Election school notices have been mailed.

When: Wednesday, September 6th, 2017
10 a.m.

Where: Ed-Tech Building

Failure to attend without being excused mandates prohibition from serving as an election officer for 5 years. (KRS117.187)

Carolyn Byford

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CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 8 ACRES - \$193,000 - Look no further, this is your dream home! home is filled with high-end finishes and is settled on tillable ground in a great location.

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CALDWELL CO, KY - 93.19 ACRES - \$199,900 - Here's your opportunity to walk onto a "ready-to-hunt" tract with a cabin. Mostly timber with no road frontage and several elevated box blinds included.

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 353.53 ACRES - Here is a superb hunting tract located in an area known for big bucks with great habitat and topography blend.

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 38.1 ACRES - \$72,500 - This is your chance to buy an affordable tract with big bucks! Trail systems, deer corridors and power lines run through the property offering tons of options.

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CLOSET

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that, we had a strong desire to help kids, but we didn't want to do anything that would damage self-esteem or single anyone out or embarrass them."

Out of that idea, the Clothes Closet was born. The school conducted a grade-level competition to encourage clothing donations to increase the closet's inventory, with the winning grade receiving a gadget and gift card-filled Easter egg hunt.

As the inventory started to build up, so did the students' interest. Blazina wanted the initiative to be student-led in order to teach students an early lesson in hard work and real world skills, so she created an application for interested students to complete in order to join "The Closet" staff. After filling out applications, Blazina and other school administrators met with applicants for group interviews to gauge their passion and interest in the project.

"We put students in charge so they could learn inventory skills, laundry skills and learn how to put outfits together," Blazina said of the significance of the project being student-run. "There are lots of different areas where they can explore their interests and excel in those areas."

Once the staff was formed, the real work began. Blazina and her group of 13 students spent weeks separating, washing and doing inventory on masses of clothes in preparation for The Closet's opening.

Students would volunteer their services during their Team Time, a flex period al-

located to students during the day, with some students, like Carson Montalta, even sacrificing their personal time after school to help out. Blazina said she would receive calls from Montalta at the end of the school day volunteering his afternoon to help prepare the Clothes Closet.

"It feels good taking some time out of your day to be able to do something good for people," Montalta said.

After lots of preparation and dedicated labor by students, the Clothes Closet officially opened in the spring of last school year, specializing in offering fashionable new and gently used clothing and hygiene items to students of all demographics.

The response was overwhelming. Students in need of items like shoes, shorts, pajamas and personal hygiene products like toothpaste and laundry detergent now had access to them with just a short walk down the hallway. Blazina said the whole school visited the room following its inception, and over half of the students left with an item. She said the original aim to make the closet an inclusive environment for all students has paid off.

"We had kids from all ranges of socioeconomic backgrounds grabbing stuff saying 'Oh my gosh, this is so cute'," Blazina said.

The school conducted rotations by classrooms last year in order to allow an entire body of students to visit so as to not single one student out. In addition, Blazina's staff of student workers took turns working in the Clothes Closet under the supervision of a teacher.

For students that may have an immediate need, they can fill out an online

form that goes straight to Blazina in order to keep anonymity. Blazina said the school doesn't limit the amount of items a child can take, encouraging them to fill their need however necessary.

But the impact of the Clothes Closet extends past meeting the needs of lower income families. Blazina said the resource has even benefited kids who have fallen victim to various wardrobe malfunctions or dress code violators, acting to promote a more prosperous and focused learning environment.

"Having this in-house allows for learning to continue without having to interrupt their instruction or inconvenience a parent to bring an item and leave their work," Blazina said. "This way, everything continues without interruption."

The closet's inventory will surely dwindle as the year goes on as CCMS is expecting their largest sixth grade class in decades. Blazina urged anyone who feels led to donate to consider sending items like dryer sheets, laundry detergent and totes for spare clothes.

As students of all economic statuses fill the middle school hallways in the first full year of the Clothes Closet's existence, they can rest assured that fellow classmates and teachers have their backs, because as Blazina said, that's just the CCMS way.

"It's not just a few teachers in the building, it's not just the principal running it," she said. "This is a teacher-identified, student-led initiative to involve all students together, and I think it just embodies what we're all about."



PHOTO BY ALEXA BLACK, THE PRESS

Russell Edwards (right) offers a tour last Thursday afternoon of the grounds on which the first-ever Tradewater Music Festival will take place next month. The two-day concert event will feature 10 country and country rock artists near the Crittenden-Webster County line.

FESTIVAL

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music. Wrapping up the event, the Kentucky Headhunters will perform hits such as "Dumas Walker," "Spirit in the Sky" and "Walk Softly on this Heart of Mine."

On a separate Food Court Stage during set changes will be up-and-coming Kentucky songwriter and Nashville recording artist Clayton Quisenberry on Friday night. On Saturday, Clarksville, Tenn.'s Tim Lynch Band will feature original tunes and favorites from Waylon Jennings to Led Zepelin.

Rolling hills and lush woods coupled with the collection of music artists will set the tone for those honor-

ing the country life. The location also provides the perfect space for attendees interested in camping and sightseeing.

Camping is offered, there will be open grass seating and lawn chairs and coolers welcome. Food, drink and souvenir vending will be available for those hoping to take something home to remember the debut of Tradewater Music Festival. While it is suggested festival-goers bring cash, ATM's will be available.

Depending on how many partake in the festival, organizers plan to make a large donation to the Marion-Crittenden County Park. Other community organizations providing help will be compensated and acknowledged for their assistance in

making this become a reality.

Russell Edwards said gatherings such as these not only serve in bringing awareness to newcomers of the beautiful rural area, but also help in strengthening the community through music, the outdoors and most importantly fellowship.

Costs range from \$35 for general admission for Sept. 15 performances to \$95 for a two-day VIP pass. VIP parking and camping passes are also available. Tickets are on sale at Food Giant and Sureway locations in Marion, Providence, Henderson, Ed-dyville, Sturgis and Dawson Springs. Tickets can be purchased for a short time by calling (270) 635-2969 or visiting TradewaterMusicFest.com.

VAUGHN

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mean to people, and I knew what it could do to people when they lost those jobs."

Even at such a young age, Paul Vaughn, who resides in Marion, said his son had a perceptive sense of esteem and gratitude toward hard-working Americans that few have.

"He appreciated it, and a lot of people don't, but somehow he could appreciate the sacrifices that these people made," Paul Vaughn said.

Early in his life, Stephen had an affinity toward reading about politics, a passion that shaped his extracurricular involvement through his high school years and beyond. He ran for class president and participated in the Kentucky United Nations Assembly while attending Heath High School, eventually graduating valedictorian of his class.

Stephen chose to pursue his undergraduate education at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., before graduating from Yale Law School in 1991. After spending a year working for a judge in Louisville following his graduation, Stephen made the decision to relocate to Washington, D.C., to try his hand at law in the nation's capital. He began working for a law firm called Skadden Arps under the direction of a man named Robert Lighthizer, representing clients in cases pertaining to anything from white-collar crime to cases involving civil litigation. But

while he spent his time at the firm representing clients of all backgrounds and situations, he never lost his innate fascination with trade shaped by his roots.

"If you grow up where we grew up, you can see the corn and the soybeans growing every year," Stephen Vaughn said. "Those have to be sold somewhere. When you see what used to be the General Tire plant in Mayfield and you see the Siemens plant in Marion, you understand where these jobs are coming from. So I was always interested in the world of trade and how the world of trade affects the people in the United States."

Believe it or not, Vaughn's affinity toward the workings of trade inevitably blossomed into a government job offer. After Trump won the presidency, he began to put together his cabinet. He chose Vaughn's former boss, Lighthizer, to head the USTR. But Lighthizer had taken notice of Vaughn's work ethic and commitment to matters of trade over the years, so he called Vaughn to offer a him

the position of General Counsel, a position that works directly under the USTR. And while Vaughn was satisfied with his career, he said Lighthizer's offer was tough to refuse.

"Everybody in Washington understands that things can happen in elections and different positions can change and open up, but I was happy where I was and I was happy practicing law," Vaughn said. "But I was really, really excited to have this opportunity. It's an administration I really believe in and a cause I really believe in. So when they came to me and offered me this chance, I was just really excited to take the chance."

However, Lighthizer's nomination was held up by Senate Democrats, prompting an open position that needed filling while Lighthizer awaited confirmation. In the case where there is no USTR, procedures dictate that the General Counsel assumes the role. Thus, Vaughn went from a small town, middle-class reading enthusiast to assuming the

role of acting United States Trade Representative on March 2, 2017.

But for the ones who know him best, Vaughn's rise was nothing out of the ordinary, given all the work he had put in to get himself in the position.

"Stephen's worked hard to get where he is now, and I guess that shows what hard work does for you," Stephen's mother Barbara Vaughn said. "If you want something bad enough and you go after it, you can get to the top."

Following Lighthizer's confirmation, Vaughn stepped down to assume the role of General Counsel on May 15, and has been hard at work ever since. He said he feels his mission in joining the trade team is to fulfill Trump's promises to the American people by bringing back jobs, resources and opportunities to not only Southern areas, but all of

America.

"Every time I hear the President talk about jobs, about how we're going to try to make the country greater and about how we're going to give people chances they've never had before, I find that inspiring," Vaughn said. "That's part of why I want to be here and I want to be a part of this."

With the next round of NAFTA renegotiations set to begin Friday in Mexico, the administration is eyeing major changes to the current trade agreement with Canada and Mexico. But no matter what the outcome in the coming months, Vaughn vowed that he will approach the issues that the United States encounters from the same perspective – one based upon fairness and equality for all Americans.

"When I was growing up, and I still think it's like this in western Kentucky now, I

always had the impression that you have to work hard and you have to do the best you can," Vaughn said. "Some people will be more successful than other people, but we want it to be fair. If you really worked harder than I did, and you really are a better business person than I am, then that's fine, you get more money, I accept that. But what I don't accept is when the rules are tilted too far in favor of one group or another group."



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Congratulations

Kaila graduated with honors in 2011 from Crittenden County High School. She graduated cum laude from Murray State University in 2015, where she received a bachelor's of science in communication disorders. She was accepted at Louisiana State University where she is pursuing a doctorate in audiology. She will participate in her white coat ceremony in the spring of 2018 and earn her doctoral degree in the spring of 2021.

County’s Fishtrap community lost to history

Lost to the passages of time is the little village of Fishtrap. Most everyone in the county is familiar with the Fishtrap bridge that connects Crittenden to Webster on Ky. 132, just down from the Enon Baptist Church, but not many ever knew there was a little village that once sat near this site and from this village came the name for the bridge.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

This interesting and informative history and genealogical article about the Fishtrap community was written by Sybil Morrow Hunt a few years before she died. She loved the history and the people of the county in which she was born. Sybil died Aug. 16, 2004, in Stilwell, Kans., but was brought home to be buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

When Fishtrap was first started it happened in the lifetime of my grandmother, Isabelle Martin Morrow, who was born in 1865.

The name was derived from the fact that people took nets and wooden fish traps and put them in the Tradewater River to catch fish. At this time period the Tradewater River was navigational for quite some distance up stream from the Ohio River by row boat.

Just when the village became known as Fishtrap has been lost to history, but through history passed down from family to family we know that there were two general stores there at one time, where they sold everything from ten penny nails to material for ladies to make their dresses, coal oil for lamps (kerosene) that people used following the end of the candle era.

One of the stores was owned by Nace Prow and run by his wife and daughters, Inez, Ruby, Grace, Crystal and son Thomas.

There was also a sawmill not far from the little community of Fishtrap. There were roads running east and west through this tiny village and one north and south. The business section was on the east-west roadway.

There was a ferry run by Mr. James "Bud" Little family and they lived on the east-west roadway.

The memory of any place great or small is made important because of its people, so we must begin with

the residents. Upon a hill overlooking the village of Fishtrap was James Titherington and wife, Fannie H. On the same hill looking down at the village was the home of Wesley M. Babb and his wife, Margaret and son, Roscoe, and daughters, Dora and Iva. Mrs. Harriet Towery, widow of Samuel Towery, and daughters, Mary and Margaret lived by the side of the road just north of Enon General Baptist Church, which was east of the road.

Other people and families who were considered part of the area of Fishtrap were: Edward G. Powell, with his wife Mary V. and their children; Charlie, Rosa E., John, and brothers Robert H., Walter R. and Thomas E. Powell.

More families were Daniel S. Babb and wife Rebecca (Brantley) and daughter, Ettie; John R. Towery and wife Susan (Ford). Susan was the first wife of Henry Bern Simpson and they had children, Henry and Susan Simpson. Henry Bern and Susan were the grandparents of Eugene Simpson. Ewell and Susan (Martin) Little and their children, Oscar, Ernie and Linnie lived there.

Doctor Jacob Martin and his second wife, Mattie Hubbard, (his first wife was Margaret McDowell) lived near Red Top School.

John Walter and Dollie "Byrd" Martin and their sons Lacy, Vernis, Amos, Robert and William and daughters, Stella, Lossie and Sadie; and George Martin and wife Laura E. (Canada), and their daughter Vicie L. and son Joseph E. lived there.

John Walter Martin lived on the road down to the river where in summer when the water was low people forded the river. Just above this place was a deeper place in the river where the Enon Church baptized people.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

How did the village of Fishtrap in Crittenden County get its name? Lying on the Tradewater River, residents of the community relied on the river for food. Shown above left is an example of one of the wooden fish traps that was used to catch fish. Other means of trapping the fish were by the use of a net. Above right, Crittenden and Webster County residents got a new iron bridge across the Tradewater River at Fishtrap. It opened for traffic on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921. Inset is the plaque that was placed on top of the new Fishtrap Bridge when it was finished. It listed the officials who helped make the bridge possible: Judge R.L. Moore, F. Davidson and W.D. Drennan of Crittenden County and Judge A.R. Wall, O.C. Vaughn and R.W. Hocket of Webster County. This piece of history is now on display in the Crittenden County Historical Museum.

Sarah Wood, known as "Aunt Sallie" and her sons, David and Thomas Wood and Milton Woodall and his wife, Laura B. (Wood) lived there with sons Robert G. and daughters Carol, Marie and Shirley. Also living close by was James Franklin O'Neal, known as Uncle Frank and his wife Mary.

Abednego and Isabelle

Fox. Katherine Morrow married Sylvester Reel, who came here as overseer of the building of the new iron bridge. They became one of the store owners at Fishtrap about 1924. Other residents were George Lewis Morrow who married Josie Creasy, Alman Remus Morrow, who married Edna Martin, and Jacob

Demetrius Morrow who married Opal Duke and became a Methodist preacher. Abednego Morrow was the sexton and caretaker of Enon Church later in life. Ben Price and family lived there just south of the Abednego Morrow family.

All of these people did not live right in the village, but were considered part of the Fishtrap community, as they lived in the same area.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, I found some extra history on the old Fishtrap Bridge.

When the one-lane iron bridge was built in 1922, the people of that area were thrilled to have this new bridge.

In September 1915, at the Crittenden Fiscal Court a bridge was ordered built across Tradewater River at Fishtrap, not to cost more than \$7,000, to be paid jointly by this and Webster County, and it is estimated that Crittenden County's part will be 38 percent and that of Webster's will be 62 percent.

County Attorney John A. Moore and Magistrate W.D. Drennan were appointed a purchasing committee to cooperate with a similar committee to be appointed by the Webster Fiscal Court, to purchase and have erected the bridge as soon as possible.

There had been two sites suggested for the location of the bridge, and J. E. Sullenger and Esq. L. E. Waddell were appointed some time ago to make a written report to this meeting of the Fiscal Court of their finding and to designate which location they considered the most suitable. The committee did its work well, filing with the court a splendid map and written report and suggested to the court that the one known as the lower site was the most suitable for the bridge. The court adopting the committee's suggestion, ordered the bridge built on what is known as the lower site.

In January of 1922, came the announcement that the iron bridge over Tradewater River at Fishtrap connecting Crittenden and Webster counties was

completed without an accident and opened for traffic Saturday morning, Dec. 31.

The people of the surrounding area wished to express their thanks to Judge Moore, Esquire Drennan, the officials of Webster County, and all others who did anything to promote this important work.

On Dec. 31 a celebration was held at Enon Church and Rev. C. T. Boucher preached. After the service, a bountiful dinner was served by the good ladies of this community.

This is one important step that both counties have looked forward to for several years.

In 1977, plans for a new modern bridge over the Tradewater River at Fishtrap were available for public inspection. The new proposed plans called for the old, one-lane Montezuma Bridge to be replaced by a three-span concrete structure 34 feet wide by 220 feet long, and the roadbed raised to put the new bridge about normal flooding. These proposed plans were accepted and this new modern bridge did become a reality, it was completed in 1982.

(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 Our ForgottenPassages.blog spot.com.)

NEWS BRIEFS

All public offices closed for Labor Day

All city, county, state and federal public offices will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. Those closings include the public library, Extension service and senior citizens center. Additionally, all courthouse offices will be closed Saturday for the holiday weekend. However, the circuit clerk's office will be open Sept. 9 for its Saturday hours next month.

Crittenden County Public Library will be open Saturday for its regular hours.

The Crittenden Press will also be closed Monday. The advertising deadline for next week's issue of The Crittenden Press will be 10 a.m. Tuesday. Delivery of The Early Bird will be delayed due to the postal holiday.

Sheriff seeks leads in cattle theft case

Local authorities say they may be getting closer to solving a cattle rustling caper, but still need the public's help.

On Sunday, Aug., 20 at

about 10:30 p.m., someone allegedly stole nine head of cattle from Riley Livestock (formerly Kentuckiana) on the northern edge of town on U.S. 60 East. The stolen cows average about 480 pounds apiece and are valued at about \$6,500.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department has reviewed video from downtown Marion and believes the vehicle and trailer involved in the alleged theft traveled along Main Street en route to the livestock facility. A white flatbed Dodge truck pulling a livestock trailer was caught on videotape and authorities want to talk to the person driving the vehicle.

If you have seen this vehicle or know anything about the alleged crime, call the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department at (270) 965-3400 or central dispatching at (270) 965-3500.

Public meetings

- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at city hall to give final consideration to 2017 property tax rates.

THANK YOU

We want to extend a huge thank you from our little family to you as a community for your awesome support during the most difficult time of our life. The long, hard, and trying journey began last May when Adler's heart defect of Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome was discovered at 18 weeks gestation. We did not know what to expect or what was to come, but we knew we had your support from the very beginning.

First, we thank you for praying for us. The power of prayer was made known and definitely felt. I honestly do not know how people make it through such tragic times without God. Secondly, thank you for loving us. Adler was loved before he was born and even moreso when he captured our community with his model-like hair and his chubby cheeks. Even though Adler was only born with half of a heart he was able to make a community of people come together and spread love. Lastly, thank you for your financial support. Because of you we were able to fulfill our financial obligations at home, while maintaining a life in Nashville. We saw many families in the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit not as fortunate as we were and for that we are forever grateful.

The outcome is not what we wanted, but we appreciate you for making us feel like Adler's life and death had a purpose. We love you and thank you all!

Travis and Ali Perryman

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Truly love God or miss Heaven

Today's column is a very personal one, and some in this county heard a similar story years ago, and will know that I speak the truth.

In 1960, while being so convicted of my sins, I attended a church service one Sunday morning, and heard a young visiting minister say: "You will never stay saved, unless you love God."

Two things haunted me as I contemplated his words.

One, I had tried to live a Christian life more than once before then, and always failed.

Number two, I was shocked to hear him say our hope to be a Christain was to love God.

Walking away from that service my whole being cried out, "How can I love God?"

Growing up, loving my dear mother and my siblings was my whole life, until I met Kenny.

So I loved because I knew and saw the objects of my love, but to love God? How in the world could I love God whom I had never seen?

As God would plan it, one other thing the young minister said that finally came

through my befuddled mind was, "You don't love your mother for what she was going to do for you, but because of what she has already done for you."

That rung a bell, loud and clear.

Remembering all the years of hard work, with no comforts or conveniences, always kept my heart full to overflowing love for our precious Godly and love-sacrificing mother.

My love for her did not exist for what she would do for me when I would go home, but for all she had done for me all my life.

But to my shame, I then kept asking myself, "What had God done for me?"

Talk about supreme ignorance! But most of the world is cursed with the same degree of it.

The Holy Spirit's conviction finally brought me to



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK
Guest columnist
Religious and Political Views

my knees at that little shed on Grandma Underdown's property on May 1, 1960 through a personal encounter with God. I named my sins to Him at His demand, and being truly cleansed and forgiven, I arose and heard Him speak to me as if He were there in person. He said: "Now I will tell you why you should love Me. All 14 of your brothers and sisters could be dead and in Hell for all you have done, but you better get busy, stay saved and work fast, because I am going to start taking them."

Right then I cried out to God, "If cutting my legs off at my hips, my arms off at my shoulders and punching both my eyes out will get them saved, please do it." God knew I meant it, and I have meant it ever since.

God gave me a vision, and I saw myself lying in a bed of soft and beautiful, fluffy materials and being lifted up to Heaven and all my brothers and sisters praying around me, and bowed backs as far as I could see.

Never did I dream God would ever call me to pro-

claim His Word, but only to make lots of money in the business I had, and support missionaries.

While speaking in South Korea in 1962, I saw more than 2,200 young people bowing at one time asking God to forgive them and make them His own.

How I praise God! He has answered my and other prayers for my dear siblings, and I've given my life to try to help all others I could to make Heaven their home.

One thing I want to always remind all who ever hear me or read my writings, "If we do not love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength," Jesus's words, we will never go to Heaven. Mark 12:30,31.

Remember, every breath you draw, every morsel of food you eat, every rag you wear, everything you have, comes from a benevolent God. We all owe Him our all, and certainly our love. Without it, no Heaven.

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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Weekly Devotion STEPPING STONES

By **JOEY DURHAM**
GUEST COLUMNIST

In this week's devotion, I want to look at the fifth church which is the Church in Sardis. Our text is Revelation 3:1-6, but I'll use verse 1. "And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." (KJV) The Sardis Church Period lasts around 200 years and represents the Protestant Reformation, in which men like Martin Luther, John Knox, John Wickliffe, John Huss, and William Tyndale refused allegiance to the Papal Church and protested against it, which is a matter of historical record. The Lord instructed this church concerning 5 important truths that remain important for the True Church today unto the Rapture. In verse 1, the Lord lets this little remnant know that He still has all the church needs, in spite of the massive religious empires of the day. The Holy Spirit em-

powering God's messengers will strengthen and guide them in their Christian life.

In verses 2-3, the Lord instructs this little church to do three things. First, He told them to "watch" or live in expectation of His return. Second, He told them to "remember" the victory of our salvation because of Christ's victory on Calvary. Third, He told them to "repent" which means, Godly sorrow for sin, turning from sin and living a radically changed life that re-proves the sin of this ungodly world. In verse 4, the Lord places high value on "undefiled garments" which means that the Protestant Reformers refused to defile themselves with the Roman Church's traditions. They protested and came out!

We today are not to conform to this world and we are not to conform to contemporary religious glitter and glamour. We are to live separate from their defiling traditions, errors and compromise. In verse 5, the Lord makes some promises to those who overcome. He promises to clothe them in

raiment that testifies of their undefilement. He promises that their name will not be removed from the Book of Life, and also that He will confess them before God the Father as having "done well!" The Lord closes this letter with the challenge to hear this, to let His life abound from them to others, because He charged them as "having a name that they lived, but was dead. The greatest need of the True Church today is revival. Please Church, let's don't let our Savior down!

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.

Church Notes

- Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church, located on Ky. 506, will host a special service at 6 p.m., Aug. 27 to celebrate the 67th anniversary of Rev. Wendell Ordway's preaching ministry. The message by Rev. Ordway will be "40 Days with the Risen Lord" accompanied by special singing.

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— MATTHEW 18:20

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Father Ryan Harpole
860 S. Main St. Marion, Ky. 965-2477

Mexico Baptist Church 175 Mexico Road, (270) 965-4059
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

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Interim Pastor: Larry Davidson
Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.
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Curtis Prewitt, pastor

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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
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Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.
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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
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Bro. Tommy Hodge, pastor
Sunday school 10 am | Sunday worship 11 am

Frances Community Church
Bro. Butch Gray • Bro. A.C. Hodge
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Sunday school - 10 am • Worship service - 11 am

Hurricane Church
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Bro. John Robertson, Pastor
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Area Deaths

Kinnin

Sherry Ann Kinnin, 63, of Marion died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017 at her home. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, Gerald "Bear" Kinnin of Marion; daughters, Adrienne Cruze and Jennifer Benson, both of Henderson; sons, Gerald Kinnin Jr. of Middletown, Ohio, Jerry Chance of Inole, Okla., and Jason Chance of Foyle, Okla.; and 16 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbur and Joann Glenn. Services were Sunday Aug. 27 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Gospel Gathering, P.O. Box 92, Crayne, KY. 42033. A searchable database of obituaries from 2008 to present is available online at The-Press.com

Hamilton

Mary Jean "Jeannie" Hamilton, 61, of Marion died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017 at St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville. She was of the Baptist faith and a member of the Crittenden County Home-makers. Survivors include her brother, Franklin Hamilton of Marion; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clavis and Robbie Hamilton. Services were Saturday, Aug. 26 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

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Coke Credit

Tiffany Turner, a Coca-Cola representative, delivered a \$1,000 check that will go toward Crittenden School District's Rocket Academy Scholarship Fund for junior and senior dual credit classes. Last year, 47 students took over 100 dual credit courses at CCHS thanks to local and vendor contributions and Kentucky state funds covering six hours of dual credit. Superintendent Vince Clark (pictured accepting the contribution) encourages individuals and groups to #bethedifference by making a contribution to the program. Every penny goes toward college credit for high school students, Clark said.

Annual football rivalry game brings out support, awareness for Barnes' disease

When the Rockets host the Tigers in a Friday, Sept. 8 football game, Crittenden County Coach Al Starnes, the Rocket football team and Rocket nation will be joining in faith and spirit alongside Caldwell County Coach David Barnes in his fight against Parkinson's disease.



Barnes

Barnes, the 12th-year skipper of the Tiger football team, was told a few weeks ago that he has Parkinson's disease. Parkinson's is a progressive disorder of the nervous system that generally affects movement. There is no cure. In a gesture of good will and support, Crittenden County's football family will be selling "Stay Barnes Strong" T-shirts and raising money with all proceeds



going to Parkinson's disease research. "There will be a special recognition and presentation of a check to the Parkinson's Research Association at halftime of the game," said Rocket coach Al Starnes. Dubbed "Paint The Night

Blue and White," a sea of blue and white helium balloons will fill the sky as Crittenden and Caldwell unify in this effort, Starnes said. For several years, Caldwell and Crittenden counties have used their annual football game to rally around a particular off-field cause. This time, Coach Starnes says disease has hit home once again. "Coach Barnes and his family are going through a challenging period and Rocket Football stands firmly by their side," said Starnes, Crittenden County's 27-year coach. "We are lead by our spirit and faith to try to make a tiny difference in his life and the lives of others struggling with this diseases."



Starnes

When Coach Starnes and his wife Angela were both fighting cancer a few years ago, Caldwell County's football family was among the first to show its support. "We want to show Coach Barnes that we stand with him and for him," Starnes added. There will be fundraising efforts inside the schools and collection containers placed around town where the community can contribute. The effort has adopted the hashtag slogan #bethedifference as part of its campaign to create awareness for the disease.

Chamber hosting Farm to Table Dinner

STAFF REPORT It's harvest time in western Kentucky and the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is once again celebrating a bountiful crop by hosting its second annual Farm to Table Dinner. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9. It will kick off with fellowship and finger foods at 6:30 p.m., at the Market on Main. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., on the shady, green area next to First Cumberland Presbyterian Church on West Bellville Street. Tickets are limited to 50 seats and cost is \$50 a



ticket. All food presented as part of the meal and appetizers will have been grown, raised or purchased in Crittenden County. For more information on this event, contact Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander at (270) 965-5015. Tickets are also available at Marion Welcome Center and Botanicals. The Chamber's fall schedule will continue to be busy through the holidays. The group's annual Pumpkin Fest is Oct. 7, there will be another Picture in the Park on Oct. 21, a Shop Small promotional on Nov. 25 and the Christmas Parade is set for Dec. 2 with some big new plans. The Chamber meets regularly at 8 a.m., the first Thursday of each month at the Welcome Center at Marion Commons.

Hooked on Science comes to CCES

STAFF REPORT Mr. Science Jason Lindsey will be at Crittenden County Elementary School at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 7 to lead a program for pre-school and kindergarten students. The program is hosted by the school's Early Childhood Development project.

There will be door prizes and food. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Hooked on Science is a program designed by Lindsey, who is a WPSD-TV on-air personality. He regularly participates in school-related activities. The activities will be held in the school's multi-purposes room.



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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement
We have audited the Crittenden County Sheriff's Settlement - 2015 Taxes for the period April 16, 2015 through April 15, 2016 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Crittenden Sheriff, for the period April 16, 2015 through April 15, 2016.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 16, 2015 through April 15, 2016 of the Crittenden County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 5, 2017, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:
2015-001 The Crittenden County Sheriff Failed To Distribute Franchise Taxes By The Tenth Day Of Each Month
2015-002 The Crittenden County Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts

May 5, 2017
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Registration is Saturday for the Senior Games, scheduled for Sept. 18-20 in Hopkinsville. Sign up at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center for \$5 and get a t-shirt and goodie bag. Seniors will compete in numerous events, as well as vie for awards for largest attendance and biggest increase in participation over last year's games.

Optometrist collecting used eclipse glasses

If you don't think you will know where your eclipse glasses are when the next solar show is visible in Kentucky 2024, Dr. Adria Porter at Marion Eyecare Center is collecting used glasses. Porter will send them to the organization Astronomers Without Borders, which will distribute the glasses to schools in South America and Asia, where eclipses are expected in 2019.

Calendar

- The Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at 6:15 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Extension Office.
- The 61-year class reunion of the **Crittenden County High School Class of 1956** has been scheduled for Saturday 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.
- 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 by Friday 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.
- **Burna American Legion** is collecting donated items for a yard sale to be held Oct. 5-7. Anyone needing to have items picked up may contact Terry Black at (270) 988-2865, Pat Peck at (270) 988-2278, Mary Black at (270) 988-3486 or Faye Gibson at (270) 988-2127. All proceeds will go toward upkeep of monument.
- Marion's Carson Davidson **National Guard Armory** will be having its annual reunion Sept. 9. All former and current members are welcome. For more information contact Rick Nelson (270) 704-5140 or Roger Lubben (270) 625-8867.
- The **Crittenden County Farm Bureau's** Annual Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 12 at the Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center. Please call (270) 965-4624 or stop by the Farm Bureau office for reservations by Aug. 30.
- 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.
- The 20-year class reunion for **CCHS Class of 1997** is scheduled for 6 p.m., Sept. 9 at Drake Creek Golf Club, 1 Torrey Pines Dr., Ledbetter, Ky. Entertainment by Ridin Shotgun. Cost is \$30 per person.



Beta Sigma Phi kicks off new year

Zeta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its Opening Day Aug. 24 with lunch at La Potosina restaurant. Afterward president Jeanne Lynn hosted the group at her home for dessert. Nancy Hunt, vice-president, installed Linda Cook and Marilyn Hunt as new members. The group reviewed its calendar of events for the year and set its next meeting for Sept. 21, with Linda Cook hosting. Beta Sigma Phi's community service projects include upkeep of the courthouse gazebo, sponsoring a high school senior and supporting the school system. Bricks for the courthouse gazebo memory walk can be purchased from Sandy Gilbert by calling (270) 965-4174. Pictured above (from left) are Pat Moore, Sandy Gilbert, Patty Gilbert, Linda Cook, Marilyn Hunt, Jeanne Lynn and Cathy Hunt.

Harvey causes call for donors

Since the start of Hurricane Harvey's assault on southern Texas, 30 Independent Community Blood Centers have come together to supply Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and Coastal Bend Blood Center with over 3,100 units of blood and 200 platelets on a very short notice.

The Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center

(WKRBC) reports that the agencies have managed to fulfill all needs, except requests for O negative blood.

The AABB Interorganizational Task Force on Domestic Disaster and Acts of Terrorism is urging eligible donors across America, especially those with type O blood, to continue donating.

WKRBC is still seeking O negative and O positive

donors to replenish local supplies in order to help send more blood to Texas as it's needed.

The Hopkinsville blood center, located at 1902 S. Virginia St., is open for donations Thursday (today) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sept. 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call (888) 684-9296.

Mott City landmark is no more

A Crittenden County landmark at a wide spot in the road between Crayne and Fredonia has disappeared.

Located in what locals call Mott City, the former Holloman's Grocery, also referred to as the Cracker Box, was razed recently by its owners Angel and Jerry McDonald.

Angel's parents, the late John and Mary Holloman, operated the grocery store and gas station during the 1960s when Angel was a young girl.

"They also sold sandwiches, snacks and drinks," Angel said.

"Mama and Daddy actu-



ally let me name the building.

"After careful consideration, I proudly dubbed it the Cracker Box. It was only fair for me to name the business since my sister Mary christened our drive-in restaurant and gas station at Marion, the Dairy Merry.

The Cracker Box was the place for part-time jobs for many high school kids to work after school and in the summer. For many years, it was a busy spot for travelers and neighbors to fuel up and buy necessities without traveling to Marion.

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 parmesan, baked potato with margarine and sour cream, broccoli casserole and pineapple delight.
- Friday: Menu is beef lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick, Jell-O fruit salad and margarine. Bingo sponsored by Lifeline Home Health begins at 10:30 a.m.

- Monday: The Senior Center will be closed in observance for Labor Day.
- Tuesday: Menu is beef stroganoff, spaghetti noodles, cucumber salad, wheat roll and banana pudding.
- Sept. 6: Menu is pulled pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cornbread and pineapple delight. 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 Pennyrile Allied Community Services.

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Thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home and to everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, food, visits and any act of kindness shown following our loss. God bless each of you for your support during this difficult time.

She will be missed by her family,
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White wins Sycamore Hills



Jeremy Shoulders of Marion was a putt away from forcing a tie on the last hole of this past weekend's Sycamore Hills Invitational Golf Tournament at The Heritage at Marion Country Club.



Kyle Myers of Marion takes an approach shot on No. 8 on Saturday.



Marion's Eddie Perryman chips toward the hole on No. 18.

GOLF SCORES

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

T.White	.75-72-147
J.Shoulders	.71-77-148
C.Martin	.73-76-149
B.Farmer	.79-72-151
A.Owen	.74-78-152
K.Myers	.75-81-156
A.Pierce	.73-84-157
D.Belt	.79-79-158

FIRST FLIGHT

R.Hughes	.80-75-155
J.Roberts	.84-78-162
T.Roberts	.87-75-162
J.Kirk	.89-83-172
N.Faughn	.85-91-176
J.Holmes	.88-89-177
M.Phelps	.107-104-211

SENIOR DIVISION

R.Rogers	.69-71-140
D.R.Phelps	.69-73-142
R.Myers	.72-75-147
D.Phelps	.75-79-154
E.Perryman	.76-79-155
M.Fraliex	.82-80-162
T.Heaton	.84-82-166
R.Holmes	.88-81-169
E.King	.79-93-172

Shoulders misses by one

STAFF REPORT

Wearing his unconventional footwear, Tyler White of Providence won Sycamore Hills Invitational Sunday at The Heritage at Marion Country Club.

White, sporting a pair of camouflage crocs, won by a stroke at three-over 147.

The lefty shot even par on Sunday's round of the 36-hole event – the club's signature tournament.

White made the turn on the final round at one-under for the day and was one-over on the back to edge out local favorite Jeremy Shoulders.

Shoulders needed a four-footer for par on the 18th hole Sunday, but missed a playoff berth when the putt lipped out.

Shoulders' one-under round on

Saturday was the best 18 holes of the championship flight, but second best round in the tournament as two seniors fired 69s – Roy Rogers and Danny Ray Phelps – on Saturday. The two seniors also posted the best overall scores of the weekend and finished first and second in the division.

Chris Martin of Salem finished third and Bruce Farmer of Princeton was fourth.

Shoulders, the defending tournament champion, was in great position to win again, but after making the turn Sunday at 1-over-par, he took a nine on the par-5 11th hole. White, who was one stroke back at the turn, finished with six pars on the final nine. He had a birdie and two bogeys down the stretch.

Crittenden Fall Sports

Volleyball girls fall in two straight, including Class A

Crittenden County's volleyball team (1-4) lost to University Heights last week in the opening round of the All A Classic at Caldwell County. UHA won in three straight sets 25-17, 25-20, 25-14. The Lady Blazers lost to Caldwell in the second round of the small-school tournament.

The Lady Rockets lost last Thursday at Hopkins Central. The Lady Storm swept Crittenden in straight sets 25-18, 25-17, 25-20.

Middle school football team beaten twice by Trigg County

Crittenden County Middle School's football teams lost their two games at Trigg County last Thursday. The young Rockets were defeated 44-6 in the feature game and lost 6-0 in the developmental game. Bryson Baker scored Crittenden's only touchdown on a 15-yard pass from Luke Crider with 5:49 to go in the second period. Crittenden trailed 22-6 at the time.

The Rockets middle schoolers will be at Union County on Thursday.

Statistics Feature Game: Rushing: Keifer Marshall 10-49, Maddox Carlson 2-0, Preston Morgeson 3-(-6), Tanner Beverly 9-12. Passing: Luke Crider 7-7-0, 32 yds. Receiving: Bryson Baker 3-16, Dalton Wood 3-13, Hayden Adamson 1-3. Tackles: Sammy Impastato 5, 2 TFLs; Adamson 1, Coleman Stone 4, Dylan Yates 5, fumble recovery, TFL; Morgeson 4, Ben Evans 2, Kaleb Nesbitt 4, Marshall 2, Wood 3, Trace Derrington 2, Baker 2, Logan Bailey 1, Maddox Carlson 1, fumble recovery; Tucker Sharp 2. First Downs: Crittenden 6, Trigg 7. Penalties: Crittenden 4-40, Trigg 12-109.

Statistics Developmental Game: Rushing: Nesbitt 6-4, Seth Guess 2-(-2). Passing: Guess 6-10-0, 86 yds. Receiving: Baker 4-72, Rowen Perkins 1-14, Luke Mundy 1-0. Tackles: Mundy 3, Briley Berry 1, Guess 3, Kollin Graham 2, sack; Josh Land 1, sack; Wesley Fritts 1, Baker 1, John Sigler 2, Perkins 1, Isaac Sarles 1, Nesbitt 1, Case Gobin 1. First Downs: Crittenden 4, Trigg 2. Penalties: Crittenden 4-30, Trigg 2-10.

Soccer girls lose to Lyon in All A Classic, beat Mayfield

The Crittenden County soccer team lost to Lyon County 2-1 last Tuesday in the All A Classic opening round match at Princeton. Jaelyn Duncan scored Crittenden's only goal on an assist by Ashley Wheeler.

The Lady Rockets beat Mayfield 7-3 at home Saturday behind a strong offensive showing. Shelby Summers scored three times and Kacie Easley twice. Ashley Wheeler and Jaelyn Duncan also had goals for CCHS. Wheeler, Summers and Bree Schanz each recorded assists during the matchup. Goal keeper Bailey Barnes had five saves.



Lady Rocket volleyball players Kyron Hicks and Paige Gilbert steady for a shot in last week's varsity action.

Lucas, Keller pace cross country effort at Madisonville

Crittenden County's cross country squad participated in a meet Saturday at Madisonville along with more than 200 other runners. In the 3.1-mile boys' race, Crittenden's Aaron Lucas was ninth overall with a time of 18:07.30. The event winner was Christian Parker of Madisonville who finished in 16:11.80. Tyson Steele was 45th at 20:48.60. Jayden Carlson was 83rd at 23:12.20 and Gavin Davidson was 85th at 23:24.80. Rounding out the Rocket runners were Hunter Holeman in 87th place at 21:51.30, Pate Robinson in 88th at 23:52.50, Noah Perkins 89th at 23:59.30 and Maddox Carlson at 103rd at 27:11.00. The Rockets were 10th place out of 12 teams.

In the girls' 5K race, Crittenden freshman Kate Keller had a personal best at 23:26.90 to place 19th overall. The winning time was 21:12.20. CCHS freshman Kali Champion was 60th at 28:55.00.



WMA ready for doves

Looking for a dove field?

If so, complete your HIP Survey online then head out to Big Rivers WMA in northern Crittenden County where bird numbers are good and about 70 acres of sunflowers should provide some elbow room.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources reminds dove, waterfowl and other migratory bird hunters to complete their Harvest Information Program survey before hunting this fall.

The process takes less than five minutes. To begin, visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at www.fw.ky.gov and click on the "My Profile" tab on the top left corner of the page. Answer a few questions about your migratory bird harvest last year. Once finished, you are assigned a confirmation number.

Once that's done, let the gunning begin. The weather forecast does not appear too favorable for dove hunting this weekend, but season opens at 11 a.m., on Friday. Shooting hours end at sundown daily on private property. If you hunt on a KDFWR WMA, each day's hunting can begin at 11 a.m. On private land, hunting can start at sunup after opening day.

John Zimmer, manager of the Big Rivers WMA, says dove numbers are as good as they've ever been there. He's been operating the wildlife area for four years and thinks this will be the best for dove hunting. There are three fields planted in sunflowers and mowed in strips. It's near perfect dove habitat, Zimmer said, thanks to a dry summer that allowed the sunflowers to thrive. The dry weather has also helped the dove hatch, he said.

EHD creeps into area

Local biologist Philip Sharp says EHD has been reported in deer in Crittenden County, but not confirmed by testing. Confirmed EHD has been found in Hopkins and Henderson counties. See the KDFWR to report possible EHD deer deaths.

KDFWR WMA quotas

Application period for quota hunts on state WMAs starts Friday. Go online to fw.ky.gov or call (877) 598-2401 to apply. There is a nominal fee to apply. Big Rivers WMA in Crittenden and Union counties will have gun and archery quota hunts.

Hunting Seasons

Squirrel	Aug. 19 - Nov. 10
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Archery Deer	Sept. 2 - Jan. 15
Canada Goose	Sept. 16 - Sept. 30
Wood Duck	Sept. 16 - Sept. 20
Teal	Sept. 16 - Sept. 24
Raccoon Hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Crossbow	Oct. 1 - Oct. 22

Youth Deer	Oct. 14 - Oct. 15
Muzzleloader	Oct. 21 - Oct. 22
Crossbow	Nov. 11 - Dec. 31
Rifle Deer	Nov. 11 - Nov. 26
Fox	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Rabbit	Nov. 13 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trap	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Quail	Nov. 13 - Feb. 10

Duck	Nov. 23 - Nov. 26
Dove	Nov. 23 - Dec. 3
Canada Goose	Nov. 23 - Feb. 15
Bobcat	Nov. 25 - Feb. 28
Duck	Dec. 4 - Jan. 28
Muzzleloader	Dec. 9 - Dec. 17
Dove	Dec. 23 - Jan. 14
Free Youth Deer	Dec. 30 - Dec. 31
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 3 - Feb. 4

Rockets host Trigg Co.

Crittenden County (1-0) will host Trigg County (1-1) Friday for a non-district matchup at Rocket Stadium. Kickoff is at 7 p.m., and CCHS will unveil its new all-black uniforms and the game is billed as a Black Out.

Bromley: 7 wins a must for Stoops, ‘Cats

Kentucky has lost two likely starters — offensive tackle Cole Mosier and receiver Dorian Baker — to season-ending injuries and the Cats don’t play their first game until Saturday at Southern Mississippi.

Yet Kentucky fans remain almost giddy about this team and what it can do this year. The Cats even received votes in the Associated Press preseason top 25 poll after finishing last year 7-6 and playing in the TaxSlayer Bowl.

So what do media members who cover Kentucky think is a realistic record for coach Mark Stoops’ team to achieve this season?

Tom Leach, Leach Report/UK Radio Network: “Getting to eight wins in the regular season for the first time since ‘84 seems like it’s realistic. Not an expectation but a realistic goal. The reason is they have the greatest number of proven performers returning as probably any UK team since that ‘84 group or maybe ‘07.”

Freddie Maggard, Kentucky Sports Radio: I don’t do season record predictions. Guess I’m cut out of the old school cloth as the former player in me surfaces. So my focus is solely on Southern Mississippi. The Cats cannot afford to drop another non-conference game to the Golden Eagles. Concern here is kickoff in Hattiesburg. It’s going to be hot. No, it’s likely to be really, really hot. Depth will significantly factor as attrition will be just as important as slant routes and blitzes. This should especially be applicable to the Cat’s offensive line who should have the upper hand. Add a couple of 200-pound plus, physical running backs in Benny Snell and A.J. Rose should give the Cats an upper hand.

“UK must account for running back Ito Smith at all times as he’s the only active FBS player with 3,000 rush and 1,000 career pass yards. I wrote an article on Kentucky Sports Radio at the end of 2016 and voted Smith one of the top two running backs that the Cats faced last season. Southern Miss is also loaded at receiver but must replace four-year starting quarterback Nick Mullens. Nickel Picasso Nelson and end Xavier Thigpen are expected to lead its defense that has to replace tackle Dylan

Bradley who at times dominated the line of scrimmage in last year’s matchup.”

Rob Bromley, WKYT-TV sports anchor: “I certainly think 7-5 again is a must and 8-4 can be done. They’ll get a good shot at Tennessee and Florida at home but games that were on the edge last year — South Carolina, Mississippi St. and Vanderbilt — are all on the road. Overall the schedule is not as tough. They play Ole Miss at home rather than Alabama on

the road. Louisville is a home game.”

Mary Jo Ford, Mary Jo & Dan Radio Show host on ESPN Radio: “I think a 7-5 record is realistic, and I think that would be fantastic. I’m not ready to project any higher than that until consistency has been shown. We have all watched Kentucky football long enough to know that!”

Ryan Lemond, Kentucky Sports Radio: “I think seven wins minimum. Seven wins would mean they won all the games they were supposed



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist

Vaught's Views



to. Six wins is obviously acceptable, but I think BBN would be a little disappointed with six. The program needs seven to take a step forward. Eight or nine wins would probably mean they would have to beat either Florida, Tennessee, Louisville, or at Georgia, and the odds are against winning one of these games.”

Keith Taylor, Kentucky Today: “I’m thinking 8-4 is very realistic and attainable because the schedule is in the team’s favor. Winning close games will be a difference-maker and the Cats proved last year they could pull out the tight ones, but they lost a couple in the



PHOTOS BY VICKY GRAFF (ABOVE LEFT), HEATHER WHEELER (ABOVE RIGHT) AND UK ATHLETICS (INSET)
Above left, sophomore running back Benny Snell will have a big role in just how successful the University of Kentucky Wildcats are on the gridiron this season. Above right, Kentucky libero Ashley Dusek (right) made a fan of 6-year-old Naomi Wheeler (center) at the UK volleyball camp with the way she interacted with the campers. Inset, Lynn Bowden (1) considers former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett a mentor ... and recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow is glad he does.

same fashion. Learning from past mistakes will hopefully ease the frustration of losing close encounters.”

Shawn Smith, gobigblue-country.com: “I have them finishing 9-3, which would be the first time a UK team has won eight games or more before a bowl victory since 1984. At worst I believe they are an 8-4 team. If you remove Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, and

Louisville, I think Kentucky is better than the other eight teams on the schedule. The road schedule is crucial to success and its rather light if there is such a thing in the SEC. Trips to Southern Miss, South Carolina, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt, and Georgia are all winnable games.

“SEC contenders find a way to win road games and that is what the Wildcats must do if they want to take the next step. A 3-2 road record is attainable, but a 4-1 record away from Kroger Field would put them in position to win the SEC Eastern Division. They just cannot afford to drop a game to Southern Miss, or Vanderbilt, like they have in recent years. Take care of the teams you are better than and try to steal one or two against the big four on the schedule.”

Curtis Burch, Big Blue Insider/WLAP: “I think 8-4 is a real possibility, but 7-5 is the most realistic record.”

Couch recalls UK days

Tim Couch played three years at Kentucky after a record-setting career at Leslie County High School. However, if UK had not fired coach Bill Curry after his freshman year, he would never have stayed at UK and became the No. 1 overall pick in the 1999 NFL draft

by the Cleveland Browns.

“I actually was not very excited about playing for Bill Curry,” Couch, who threw for 132 touchdowns and over 12,000 yards at Leslie County said. “They had won one game the year before I signed. I had other offers. I had actually committed to Tennessee.

“Rather than have a falling out with my dad, I told him if he wanted me to go to Kentucky that bad, I would do it for a year and see what happens.”

It wasn’t good. Not even close to a good fit.

“I had every (national high school) passing record and he wanted me to run the option,” Couch laughed and said. “I get on campus and the first play we put in was the option. It did not go well. It was probably the worst year of my life.

“I was in the wrong system. I was going to transfer and go to Tennessee. I decided I would give it one year but I was going to leave.”

Then Kentucky athletics director C.M. Newton told Couch after the decision to fire Curry was made to wait until the search for a new coach was finished before he left UK. He told Couch he wanted to find a coach to suit his skill set — and he did in Hal Mumme.

“My first meeting with coach Mumme, he said, ‘You are the starter and we are going to throw the ball 50 times.’ I knew right then I was staying at Kentucky,” Couch said.

UK volleyball

Kentucky opened its volleyball season last week and two-time SEC Libero of the Year Ashley Dusek already had a huge fan in Danville in 6-year-old Naomi Wheeler because of her experience at the UK volleyball camp this summer.

“She showed the kids a love and enthusiasm for the game first of all,” Heather Wheeler, Naomi’s mother, said. “Secondly she put the time and effort into interacting with the kids in a fun and positive manner. And even though these were really young kids, she was patient in teaching them real, fundamental volleyball skills.

“In the end, she — and all of the girls — really acted like they wanted to be there and loved interacting with the kids, not like it was something that they were required to do as UK players.”

Naomi Wheeler has the UK volleyball poster featuring Dusek on her wall at home.

“Of course, it doesn’t hurt that Naomi’s momma was a defensive specialist in college,” Heather Wheeler laughed and said.

Bowden making debut

Ohio freshman playmaker Lynn Bowden figures to make his collegiate debut Saturday at Southern Mississippi. Don’t expect to see former Ohio State star Maurice Clarett, who was part of the 2002 national championship team, there but he will be watching after serving as a mentor for Bowden in recent years.

Clarett had a tumultuous career at Ohio State before trying to force his way into the NFL early. He ended up on several lower level pro teams before going to jail in 2006 for robbery.

Many have compared Bowden’s talent to Clarett.

“It is good to be compared to somebody, but I can only be me. I am going to work and work to be me,” Bowden said. “But he (Clarett) is like a big brother to me. He makes sure I am on track and keeping my head right. I learn from some of his mistakes. He’s not perfect, but he’s still a human being. I don’t care what nobody thinks about him. He’s my guy.”

Clarett stayed out of Bowden’s recruitment.

“He believes in making your own choices. Big Blue Nation was for me,” Bowden said.

The freshman understands that not everyone appreciates his relationship with Clarett and many see it is a problem, not an advantage.

“I try to stay off social media. More things I don’t need to be distracted,” Bow-

den said.

Kentucky recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow thinks Clarett’s relationship with Bowden is a “great thing” for the Kentucky freshman.

“I believe Lynn can benefit a lot from him. Now Maurice is in a different place. He’s a grown, mature young man. He’s looking at mistakes he made and he sees another kid people say is the best to come out of that area in 30 years,” Marrow said. “I think it has been a bonus for Maurice to mentor him and I just thank God that Maurice met him. I am very happy for that because he has been a help to Lynn.”

Quote of the Week

“Kentucky has beaten South Carolina three years in a row. They should beat South Carolina. They are better than South Carolina. The program is in better shape than South Carolina. That would make UK 3-0 going into the Florida game and Hall of Fame weekend. Think how awesome Kroger Field would be that day,” Kentucky Sports Radio’s Ryan Lemond on the key game of the season for UK.

Quote of the Week 2

“It’ll be a huge challenge for us. We have the best program in the league coming in here first. They’ll be long and will defend well. It will be a big-time challenge.” LSU basketball coach Will Wade on opening SEC play by hosting UK Jan. 3.

Quote of the Week 3

“He’s not out there looking for his own stats. He’s on loose balls, grinding out rebounds, making the extra play on defense. He attacks the rim and can shoot it as well,” recruiting analyst Jerry Meyer on 2018 shooting guard/UK target Keldon Johnson.

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

FRSYC coordinator native of Crittenden

STAFF REPORT

A passion for helping children in her hometown motivated Crystal Wesmolan to seek the position of Family Resource and Youth Services (FRSYC) coordinator in Crittenden County Schools.

Wesmolan graduated from Crittenden County High School and Murray State University and now hopes to build on the success of the FRYSC program headed the past seven years by Holly White, who took a special education teaching position in Lyon County.

For the last eight years, Wesmolan, who is married to Shaun Wesmolan, worked as marketing manager for Codell Construction. She is a committee member for Relay for Life, is a youth leader at Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church and is the Kentucky Farm Bureau Women’s Committee co-chair.

In her role as FRYSC coordinator, Wesmolan will also serve on the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and other local agencies.

Being a foster parent and serving her community and church, Wesmolan said, have given her a diverse background that will serve her well as FRYSC coordinator.

“I truly feel my passion for helping our children and the community that I grew up in and live in is my greatest asset to the FRYSC position,” she said..

“I understand and difficult situations that I will encounter as FRYSC coordinator, but I have an understanding of how to help (in) many different situations that our children and families face.”



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Ky. moving to exclusive electronic CDL method

STAFF REPORT

Beginning in October, the Crittenden County Circuit Clerk's Office will be unable to assist in the application or renewal process for a commercial driver's license (CDL). Until this looming change toward a nearly exclusive online process, the clerk's staff has faxed paperwork to the state office for people applying for or renewing a CDL.

The state launched My CDL – the Commonwealth's document portal for commercial drivers – in May to maximize efficiency and improve customer satisfaction, and now, the Kentucky Division of Driver Licensing (DDL) is es-

tablishing the My CDL portal as the exclusive electronic means of receiving paperwork from CDL holders. To complete CDL applications and self-certifications online and to upload pictures of medical examiners' certificates and waivers, commercial drivers need to visit My CDL: Kentucky CDL Document Portal, which is accessible via Drive.ky.gov.

Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill said CDL holders in Kentucky have been notified by mail of this change, and effective Oct. 1, people must use My CDL,

mail paperwork to Frankfort or hand-deliver it to field offices in Paducah or Madisonville.

Guill said the number of people visiting her office for CDL applications and renewals varies from a couple to a dozen each month.

"We don't want people to wait until the last minute, we want them to be aware of this change," Guill said.

She understands that some people have limited access to the technology required by the new online process.

With the demanding

schedules prevalent among the trucking industry, commercial drivers are already enjoying 24/7 access to My CDL, which provides the convenience of submitting paperwork via any smartphone, PC, laptop or tablet. Upon submitting paperwork via the portal, My CDL users receive email confirmation of document receipt, and within 10 days, users are alerted via email whether their reviewed documents meet federal guidelines or require further attention.

"My CDL eliminates the guesswork of document submission for our CDL customers as well as saves them

time and money," said Matt Cole, director of the Division of Driver Licensing. "In addition to providing a modernized, secure, convenient service for our 136,000 CDL holders, the document portal also reduces manual processes for the Division of Driver Licensing. This presents our team of employees opportunity to support customers and time to review CDL document submissions within the 10 days the federal government allows."

CDL holders may continue to submit documents via email or fax through Oct. 1, at which time the DDL will institute My CDL as the sole

method of accepting paperwork electronically.

First-time users of My CDL are initially redirected to the Kentucky Business One Stop (KBOS) portal to create a KBOS account. Users then gain admittance to the My CDL portal, where they can begin processing their CDL paperwork.

At My CDL, CDL holders can also file trucking taxes, renew vehicle registrations, purchase temporary permits and perform additional functions electronically.

For more information, contact the circuit clerk's office at (270) 965-4200 or read more at Drive.ky.gov.



Guill

Harvey could cause local flooding concerns

STAFF REPORT

The remnants of Hurricane Harvey could dump as much as a half-foot of rain on some parts of western Kentucky, including Crittenden County.

According to the National Weather Service, rains in Crittenden County will start as early as this morning (Thursday) and continue throughout the day with a chance of severe thunderstorms. In the overnight hours, temperatures are expected to plummet into the high 50s and winds increase to as much as 25 mph with gusts up to 33 mph possible. Heavy rainfall is expected at times.

Rain and thunderstorms should taper off Friday, with the chances of precipitation dropping to 20 percent by Saturday morning.

By the time Harvey leaves western Kentucky this weekend, 3-6 inches of rain could have been dumped on the area. So far this summer, only 5 inches of precipitation in Crittenden County has been recorded in all of July and August, according to the Kentucky Mesonet weather and climate monitoring station in Repton.

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COMER

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care was by far the hot topic of conversation.

"It's a huge issue," Comer told the crowd, which included representatives of Crittenden Health Systems and Pennyrite District Health Department. "Health care has dominated the town halls."

The congressman pointed to a number of issues in health care affecting his mostly western Kentucky district, including struggling rural hospitals, Medicaid's burgeoning drain on federal and state resources, the high cost of prescriptions and medical care and a lack of affordable insurance coverage. He said in 31 of the 35 counties in District 1, only one insurance company is writing poli-

cies, leading to an unchecked rise in premiums.

But that's not the biggest problem.

"Medicaid is where our problem is here in Kentucky," Comer said.

Thirty-one percent of those living in the commonwealth are on Medicaid, which was created a half-century ago to offer health care benefits to those of limited means. It was meant to be a temporary help, Comer said, but has turned into a free pass for many unwilling to help themselves.

"It went from a safety net to an entitlement," he said.

Medicaid has become a "budget breaker" for lawmakers in Frankfort, where Comer served six terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives. But it doesn't have to be that way, he explained, adding that in Tennessee, only 11

percent of residents are on Medicaid

In May, Comer voted in favor of the American Health Care Act (AHCA) that passed the House of Representatives 217-213, largely along party lines. The AHCA was House Republicans' attempt to repeal and replace the American Healthcare Act, or Obamacare. It would reduce the federal deficit by an estimated \$119 billion over 10 years, but cost 23 million Americans their health insurance coverage, the approximate number added under the expanded assistance of Obamacare, Comer said the legislation, though, would protect those with pre-existing conditions.

Health care reform remains mired in the Senate, which has failed to approve the AHCA or its own version of repeal and replace.

"We can't just walk away," Comer said of Congress' obligation to health care reform.

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