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PRIMARY BALLOT

The filing deadline for candidates seeking partisan office in 2018 passed Tuesday. While many more candidates have filed at both the federal, state and local levels in uncontested party contests, below are the races that will appear on the May primary election ballot in Crittenden County. A full listing of filings can be found on **Page 12**.



U.S. House District 1
Alonzo Pennington
Paul Walker



Ky. House District 4
***C. Lynn Bechler**
Fred Stubblefield

Crittenden County
Judge-Executive
***Perry Newcom**
Ricky Winders

Magistrate District 2
Matt Watson
Todd Perryman

Magistrate District 3
***Zachary Bloodworth**
Willard Guill
Rick Mills
Marty Wallace

USDA: Hay, livestock surviving winter well

Below normal temperatures in January and snow-covered pastures in Kentucky have led farmers to use more stored hay than normal at this juncture of the season. However, supplies across the state remain mostly adequate, according to the Crop Progress and Condition report from the USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service in Louisville.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported Monday as 81 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus, while only 9 percent and 2 percent were said to be short or very short, respectively.

Livestock are also generally holding up to the elements well. Conditions reported were 8 percent excellent, 70 percent good, 18 percent fair, 3 percent poor and 1 percent very poor.

Public meetings

- Crittenden County Election Board will meet at 9 a.m. Feb. 9 in the county clerk's office.

Crittenden settlement leads 'simple life' The Amish at 40



Photo by DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Forty winters have come and gone since a handful of Amish men and their families migrated to rural Crittenden County.

They initially settled on an 1,800-acre tract of property that had one small clapboard house, then systematically populated a greater portion of the landscape in the northern section of the county.

Today, John Detweiler says that by his count, there are more than 30 Amish homes on that original farm where the Christian group's settlement began in December 1977.

Detweiler, 90, peers through a set of strikingly blue eyes centered beneath his long white locks and a snowy beard and tells how things have changed over the last four decades of Amish occupation in

the area of the county near Mattoon.

"There's not much farming being done here anymore," said Detweiler.

These days, many of the working age

men are carpenters, loggers, mill operators, cabinet makers, butchers, grocers or producers of fruit, flowers and berries. The days of each household raising a few acres of corn and hay are about gone.

The community has, in some ways, evolved into a cottage economy of retail services and goods that serves the greater Crittenden County area, and it has also blossomed from about a half-dozen families to almost 100.

Faith a constant

Through it all, there's one thing that has remained constant. Their faith.

The Amish — although they worship in a similar manner as other Christian denominations — do not build brick and mortar

churches in which to congregate on Sundays. Instead, their faith is the church, and they meet regularly in the homes of members. Attendance is compulsory unless there's ample reason for missing Sunday services.

The Amish community in Crittenden County is divided into four church districts and each is served by a bishop, two ministers and one deacon. Every Sunday there are worship services at two different homes, generally, for

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Crittenden County's Amish community was founded in 1977

Story by CHRIS EVANS | PRESS PUBLISHER

Crittenden schools keep pupil safety top priority

STAFF REPORT

In the wake of the Marshall County High School shooting last week, many students' views of invincibility and vulnerability have changed. One thing that hasn't, however, is Crittenden County School District's commitment to making student and staff safety its top priority.

"I think that day will be frozen in our minds for a long time to come," said Vince Clark, superintendent of Crittenden County schools said of Jan. 23. "Our prayers remain with our friends in Marshall County, and at the same time, our thoughts also are with our own students and staff, who we know were deeply affected by this tragedy."

Clark said that following last week's incident in which two 15-

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PHOTO BY CURTIS BROWN, CCHS PRINCIPAL

Local law enforcement joined the entire middle and high school student body Friday at Rocket Arena for a safety assembly.

2nd local seeks seat in House

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

A second Crittenden County Republican has filed to represent the area in Frankfort.

Fred Stubblefield submitted his paperwork last week to run for Kentucky House District 4 representative and will face three-term incumbent Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, in the May GOP primary. Abigail Barnes, a Salem Democrat, is also running for the statehouse.

This will be Stubblefield's second run for the House. In 2004,

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Stubblefield

Trump's Tax Act bringing savings to KU customers

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Utilities Co. (KU) customers will begin to see the financial benefits associated with President Donald Trump's 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act beginning next month, with an average savings of more than 5 percent on their electric bill.

KU, along with its sister

company Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (LG&E), announced Monday that they will file a unanimous settlement agreement with the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) requesting approval to return tax savings to customers this spring.

If approved by the com-

mission, customers would see nearly \$180 million in savings in the form of a reduction on the Environmental Surcharge line item on their bill in March, followed by a new line item credit on the bill based on energy consumption starting in April.

Kentucky, which opened the proceeding on the tax

changes in late December, was one of the first regulatory commissions to take action and begin a process that would allow utilities to return the savings to customers as soon as possible.

"We had been supportive of the Tax Act all along because of the savings for our residential and business cus-

tomers, so we are pleased that the commission acted quickly to enable us to deliver these savings so expeditiously. The other parties to this case — the Kentucky Attorney General and the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers — truly had the

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Accountability missing in today’s world



Chris EVANS
Press publisher

About Town

Accountability is the only answer. Right now, we’re a culture out of touch with accountability. We are not accountable to God. We are not accountable to our parents. Our parents are not accountable to authority. Authority is often unaccountable to the citizenry, and the people fail to exercise their full measure of accountability over unaccountable politicians who, in general, enact almost unbearable restrictions and accountability guidelines on the populace. From overregulation in government to unaccountable people on the streets, we’ve made a hot mess out of a once

God-fearing, neighborly country that stood for perseverance, peace and personal liberty and was guided by a strong moral compass. We now abide in a maddening circle of chaos where no one feels as though he should be accountable for much of anything. Right now, I am so mad I could spit in church. These school shootings must stop. Why do unaccountable careless individuals continue targeting our most vulnerable at school? This is the fear we live with in western Kentucky ... in rural America. It’s not radical religious groups, Third World lead-

ers, foreign terrorists, North Koreans or illegal aliens killing our kids. It’s our deranged neighbors. We can talk until we’re blue in the face. We could ban guns from citizens. We could put metal detectors at every turn in the road, or we could just arm everyone and ride around like cowboys. We can dream, and we can pray, and we can try to enforce new restrictions and become more vigilant, but in the end, we cannot stop this until we hold people accountable. Accountability begins with Mom and Dad, and so should the punishment. When our kids misbehave at school, punish the

parents. When kids take weapons to school, punish parents. Oh, don’t misunderstand, we’re certainly not going to spare the rod on the perpetrator. Punishment should be harsh and swift and equal to the crime. If some of these wingnuts who carry guns to school and wreck innocent lives knew their families would all be held accountable for their evil, I think it would have a chilling effect on the would-be killers. I know it’s radical. I know it’s not something that has been part of our culture as Americans. But would someone else please provide a more plausible

answer. No, I really do not think we have the belly for such a solution, but it would work. Instead, we will kiss our children, drop them off at school and hope nothing happens. It is maddening. The type of punishment this person in Marshall County deserves, unfortunately, isn’t acceptable in our culture. It’s quite a shame that we cannot fix this horrible, frightening phenomenon that has become so real, so often. I’m for holding people accountable, no matter how uncomfortable it might be.

Victim protection measures moving ahead

Last week was noteworthy because the first piece of legislation approved by both chambers was passed. Senate Bill 3, known as Marsy’s Law, provides specific constitutional rights for crime victims, including but not limited to the right of notice if the accused has been released and the legal standing in court to assert the other rights enacted in the bill. The law is named after Marsalee “Marsy” Nicholas, a student at the University of California Santa Barbara who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. Only a week after she was murdered, Marsy’s mother was confronted in a grocery store by the accused murderer. Mrs. Nicholas had no idea that he had been released on bail. Marsy’s Law would change Kentucky’s constitution so that victims would be afforded the same rights in court that those accused of crimes now have. Since this bill would change our constitution, it must be approved by voters. SB 3 now heads to the ballot box in November to be de-

cided upon by Kentucky voters. If passed, Kentucky would be the seventh state with Marsy’s Law. I voted yes. We are also working on other pieces of pro-family, pro-child legislation. House Bill 101 Jenna’s Law, expands Kentucky’s rape statutes to codify that no one under the age of 18 can be found in court to have consented to have sex with someone 28 years old or older. The legislation is named after Jenna McNeil, a Kentuckian whose attacker claimed that an interaction with her when she was a teenager was consensual. The attacker was acquitted. Under this legislation, Jenna’s offender would have been convicted regardless of any consent-based defense. HB 101 passed the full House, and I voted yes. Another victim protection bill passed the House last week. HB 120 is a bill aimed at safeguarding access to child pornography and related material held as part of court proceedings. HB 120 states that in court, any property or material that portrays child pornography



Rep. Lynn BECHLER

Kentucky House Legislative Review

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Bechler files bill to toughen immigration

STAFF REPORT
Last week, Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, filed a bill that aims to enforce immigration laws in Kentucky by withholding funds from cities and colleges and universities that harbor illegal aliens. The measure, House Bill 240, would force entities in Kentucky who receive state funds to cooperate with the federal government when enforcing immigration laws. “Cities and learning institutions in Kentucky who receive public funds should cooperate with the federal government on immigration law enforcement, just like they do on federal enforcement of other laws,” said Rep. Bechler. “The law is the law – why would any local city, municipality, or education institution choose to follow some and not others? That is not a

good precedent to set, or enable.” In particular, Bechler’s bill targets sanctuary cities in Kentucky who have stated publicly that they will not enforce federal immigration laws while condoning illegal immigration. The measure would make any government that adopts a sanctuary policy ineligible for state funding. “I’m a firm believer in law enforcement, especially when public safety and public dollars are involved,” added Bechler. If law, HB 240 would require the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet to publish a list of all local governments determined to be sanctuaries. Any local government official of a sanctuary, other than law enforcement officers, would be held liable for felonies commit-

ted by any harbored illegal aliens, with the exception of government officials who have taken documented steps to stop the sanctuary city policy. Along with government entities like cities and municipalities, colleges and universities too would be forbidden from knowingly hiring or contracting with illegal aliens, and any president, provost, or board member of an institution that does so would also be held legally liable for any legal damages as the result of a felony committed by the illegal alien unless the provost does not have policy making authority or unless a provost or board member has taken affirmative steps to stop the sanctuary policy. HB 240 currently awaits committee assignment in the House.

enforcement of immigration laws. HB 240, would make any city or institution of higher learning that refuses to cooperate with federal agencies in the enforcement of existing immigration laws ineligible for state funding. Currently in Kentucky, consumers can only freeze third-party access to their credit information for seven years. HB 46 is making its way through the legislative process and would allow you to permanently freeze a credit reporting company’s access to your credit information. HB 46 passed through committee, and I anticipate that HB 46 will be voted on by the full House this week. I intend to vote yes. As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th District. I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181, directly at (502) 564-8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at LRC.ky.gov and clicking on the “Email Your Legislator” link or by mail to the Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY 40601. (Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, has represented House District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and portion of Christian counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly since 2013.)

Still no pension legislation to consider

The tone was somber in Frankfort last week as we mourned the tragedy that struck Marshall County. We were overwhelmed with compassion for that community whose sense of safety has forever been tainted by gunfire. We can only imagine the heartbreak and sorrow felt by the family and friends of the two 15-year-old victims senselessly slain. In the midst of the emotions, we found that disaster brings us closer. On the day of the shooting, Sen. Danny Carroll was absent from our chamber because he had gone to Marshall County to be with the people he represents. While he offered them solace, we too sent our prayers and support to them. Standing in silence on the Senate floor, we were neither Democrats nor Republicans. We were Kentuckians – parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends – grieving in the aftermath of a horrific event. Even as we mourned, we had to resume our work in Frankfort. We are still waiting on a bill from the Senate and House Republicans to address our pension problem. The Governor set the tone almost a year ago, saying he would call a special session before we convened

in 2018 to address the public employee and teacher pensions, but there is still no bill. And, as we mull over the pension issue, we are still trying to understand the Governor’s “train wreck” that he calls a two-year budget. Last week, the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee held its first hearing on the Governor’s proposed budget. It would impose a 6.25 percent across-the-board cut to most state agencies and cuts funding for 70 programs, including the Commission on Women, many teacher development programs, colon, lung and cervical cancer screenings, Kosair Children’s Hospital poison control center, Robinson Scholars Program and other scholarships and various services for disabled children. State Budget Director John Chilton said the 70 programs were chosen after an analysis by his office and the cabinets that make up the executive branch. That analysis included what cabinets suggested cutting when asked in September to prepare for a 17.4 percent budget cut that was never fully implemented. The appropriations and revenue committees from both chambers are currently combing through the Governor’s budget proposal. The

House will present its version of the state’s two-year spending plan in the weeks to come. As we continue diving into the executive budget proposals, we have made progress on legislation. Senate Bill 3, or Marsy’s Law – which would allow the question of state constitutional rights for crime victims to go on Kentucky’s statewide ballot this fall – has passed both chambers and been delivered to the Secretary of State’s office to begin the process of putting it on the ballot. Action on the Senate floor last week included the passage of SB 73. The first part of this legislation would allow school districts to come up with a three-year pilot project for teachers’ professional development, require the local board of education to determine the parameters for the pilot program and require the state education department to study the completed pilot projects and report its findings by August 2022. The goal, in part, is to provide teachers with the professional development they need to improve their craft. The second portion of the bill phases out the so-called nontraditional instructional, or NTL, days. The days were meant to enable students to continue their studies when schools were closed because of bad weather. About five years ago, the General Assembly approved snow-day legislation that allowed school districts to use technology-based learning approaches on up to 10 school days. Some school districts have provided assignments that are more rigorous for students than other dis-

tricts, and this has caused disparities in learning. The goal of this section of SB 73 is for all school districts to embrace the program so legislators can extend it beyond its sunset date of 2020-21. Another education bill, SBI 71, would require the inclusion of abstinence education in any human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases curriculum taught in our public schools. SB 78 changes the educational standards for electricians by creating a provisional license for people with a minimum of six years of experience in the trade. The provisional license holder would have one year to pass a state exam and get a regular license. An additional clause in the bill would allow some electricians, whose licenses have lapsed, to have their licenses reissued. I could not support this bill because SB 78 lowers the standards for licensed electricians – a move that is a public safety hazard. In the weeks ahead, the number of bills being vetted in committee and on the chamber floor will increase. Your input is more important than ever. To leave a message for any legislator, call the General Assembly’s Message Line at (800) 372-7181. People with hearing difficulties may leave messages for lawmakers by calling the TTY Message Line at (800) 896-0305. Or you can email me directly at Dorsey.Ridley@lrc.ky.gov (Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, has represented Senate District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Union, Webster and Henderson counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly since 2004.)

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2 Democrats enter congressional race

KENTUCKY NEW ERA

Two Democratic candidates have announced plans to challenge incumbent Republican James Comer of Tompkinsville in Kentucky’s 1st Congressional District. Murray State University English professor Paul Walker announced Jan. 22 on Facebook his intent to seek the Democratic nomination for the seat. Then, last Thursday afternoon, during a meet-and-greet of Democratic candidates, a Princeton man also announced his plans to run for the congressional seat. Alonzo Pennington, a well-known musician and Princeton native, told the crowd he was running for Congress. In a follow-up post on his Facebook Page, he said, “I want to work for my people here in western Kentucky.”

Walker, 44, said he’s running to make sure the concerns and interests of working people are better addressed in Congress, according to VotePaul Walker.com. This is his first time running for office. Pennington said he’s spent his entire life in western Kentucky and understands the people here, be it farmers, bankers or cashiers. His priorities would include fighting for funding for this area, especially to address issues like infrastructure and the drug and opioid epidemic. Pennington said he’s been working with a small group of advisors on his policy stance and will be pushing out a full platform for his campaign soon that will be on his website at PenningtonForKentucky.com

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about three hours, ending around noon.

The host families typically move out all of the furniture and replace it with pew-like benches to accommodate churchgoers. Oftentimes, a family will have a large shed or outbuilding more spacious and suitable for such a gathering. Funerals sometimes attract 500 to 600 people.

Detweiler was bishop for almost 30 years until 2008 when he passed the mantle to a younger man.

Home away from home

Simon Beachy, a minister in one of the districts, was one of the very first men to arrive in Kentucky. He came in the fall of 1777 from Pennsylvania.

"I thought we'd come south, but we got snowed in the first winter," said the soft-spoken man who describes himself as a farmer.

At age 79, he's among the last of the earliest men to bring their families here. Elmer and Jonas Yoder were early migrants. They both passed away in the last few months. The two were known far and wide in the broader community. Elmer was a farmer who raised beef cattle, operated a sewing shop and made baskets. Jonas operated an offset printing shop in the community.

William Cramer was a carpenter who came here with the original group. His wife died soon thereafter, the first Amish death after the families had moved to Crittenden County. He died several years ago and his son-in-law, Jacob Stutzman, who was also among the earliest arrivals, moved to Ohio years ago. He's still living there. Samuel Hertzler came to Crittenden County in the early wave of migration, too, but he is no longer living.

Hertzler and Detweiler came to Kentucky from South America where land, at the time, was even less expensive than Kentucky.

"We purchased some for \$2.50 an acre and the rest was \$7 an acre," Detweiler said about Paraguay, a country in central South America below the equator where the climate is very hot. Property became so expensive in Pennsylvania it made expansion of the Amish community there difficult.

He remembers making some inquiries in the 1970s about the type of land available in Kentucky. He wrote a letter to his friend, Elmer Yoder, who was already here. Detweiler said he was told that the land was rolling, but when he got here, he found it a bit more hilly and perhaps more suitable to cattle farming than row cropping.

"I'd still like to be out there on the farm with the horses, churning the dirt," he said. "Nowadays, about all I can do is look at it."

Although he walks with two canes to urge along a couple of bad knees, Detweiler still can be found in his harness shop; however, he says there's a whole lot of competition in the market.

The community has two saddle shops, a second harness shop and many more hand-crafted artisans who have found new ways to make a living beyond farming.



Without electricity, even in freezing temperatures, the best way to dry laundry is outside on the line. Inset, signs for Amish retail stores, trade shops and specialty businesses dot the county's roadsides.

Settling in

Stretching from U.S. 60 East to Ky. 91 North, the Amish community is 13 miles in diameter and includes almost 500 or more people. There are five schools – Twin Oaks, Daniel's Ridge, Happy Hollow, Crooked Creek and Meadow Ridge. The teachers are homegrown, and on warm days, you might catch one taking students to a nearby home where they sing a song to brighten someone's day. They are taught to speak fluent German in their schools.

Most of the families who have settled here have Delaware roots. Beachy grew up there, and he and his wife Sarah moved to Pennsylvania to begin raising their family. After a short period, they decided to head further south in hope of finding a longer growing season.

Those first few winters were rough. In fact, the winter of 1977-78 was the snowiest on record in western Kentucky.

"But we enjoyed them because we didn't have so many chores to do," said Beachy, who was troubled by a nagging cough last week as he talked about those early days. "We didn't

have any frozen water pipes."

Before long, their homes had running water, but they've never had electricity. They heat with wood and light their homes with kerosene lamps or Naptha lights. They power refrigerators and stoves with kerosene, too. In earlier years, they purchased 100-pound blocks of ice in Morganfield to keep their food cool.

It's a simple life

The Amish have come to embrace some power tools that run off compressed air, and they use heavy equipment likes tractors, usually on metal or hard rubber tires. Those types of wheels slow down the vehicles and make them impracticable for any type of general transportation. They move around mostly in horse-drawn buggies, but you see many walking, and the kids ride skates on paved roads.

"It's a simple life," said Beachy. And that's the way they like it. Tourists and curiosity-seekers bring commerce to the community, but it has its pitfalls. Sometimes, the traffic can be a little vexing.

When they get sick, home and

natural remedies are common treatment. However, they do see doctors in town and take prescription medication when warranted. There are no doctors in the Amish community, but there are providers for massage treatments and plenty of places to get herbs and vitamins.

There are three groceries and a farm store in the community. There's little reason for a family to venture into town, but most do from time to time.

"I'd prefer to take my horse into to town," said Detweiler, "but I'm getting too old for that stuff. Now we get a ride. We were there yesterday, but it had been six weeks, I guess, since the last time."

Good neighbors

The broader community has been largely receptive to the Amish. Former county magistrate Helen McConnell, whose late husband was a magistrate before her, has developed strong relationships with her neighbors, the Amish. She lives on the same road as many of them just west of the tiny village of Mattoon. The Amish, she said, have taken many farms that were grown over and out of production and made them into something again.

"They've cleaned a lot of these places up and done a whole lot for the countryside," McConnell said.

She calls the Amish caring neighbors who are quick to lend a hand.

"They dress a little different, but they're really good people. I have never heard anyone fussing about them."

She said the children walk by her house every morning going to school about 30 minutes before the big yellow buses start rolling by to collect children heading into town for their public education.

"I live in two worlds out here," she says with a laugh. "I see their world go by my house, then I see my world go by. There's a big difference," McConnell said. "Their children are all very well behaved."

Amish by the numbers

- 1,800** Number of acres originally purchased for Amish settlement in 1977
- 6** Approximate number of families when the community was first settled
- 100** Approximate number of families now inhabiting the county's Amish community
- 5** Number of schools in the local Amish community
- 4** Number of Amish church districts
- 3** Number of grocery stores in the Amish community

Accepted and respected

Trouble very rarely spills from the Amish community. They tend to take care of behavioral matters either within the family or within the church.

"Their discipline seems to be a little tougher than ours a lot of the times," said David Travis, who also lives nearby and has served the county in various capacities, including emergency management director. He knows many of the Amish by name, knows where they live and, to a great extent, their family trees.

He and McConnell both say the Amish are among first responders in times of crises. When a tornado ripped through the area about 10 years ago, they provided meals for those cleaning up the debris and helped make repairs to damaged property.

Travis doesn't think most people in Marion realize the vast number of tourists attracted to the Amish community for cultural tourism and shopping.

"During certain tourists seasons, it's a solid line of traffic in front of my house," he said. "They come by the bus loads. A lot of church buses go by."

Travis was a teenager when the Amish first moved to the area. Over the years, he's developed strong bonds with some, and so has his son.

"They're accepted, and they're respected. And that respect goes both ways. They want a good rapport with the outside world," Travis said.

There is a good bit of misinformation about the Amish. They pay taxes – including the local school tax – on their property and sales tax on goods sold at their shops. They are not registered to vote in government elections, and their schools are not regulated by the Commonwealth of the Kentucky. There are indeed many differences in their ways when compared to mainstream culture, and that simplicity of life is arguably as instrumental to their faith as is the church.

"They're people just like we are, they just live a little differently," McConnell said.

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he unsuccessfully challenged then-incumbent state Rep. Mike Cherry, a Princeton Democrat. Atop his platform for election are infrastructure and education.

Stubblefield, 65, of Marion works at Westlake Chemical in Calvert City, but will be retiring in March. He has never held public office, but is heavily involved in politics on the Republican side. He is vice chairman of the Crittenden County Republican Committee and a state delegate at-large to the Republican Party of Kentucky Executive Committee. Last year, he helped organize the county's Republican Presidential Caucus.

"I love politics," he said. "Politics, whether you like or not, makes the world go around."

The lifelong Republican was born in Livingston County but was raised in Crittenden County. That covers two of the four counties in District 4, which also includes Caldwell County and a portion of northern Christian County.

Stubblefield believes western Kentucky is hurting, and with his retirement looming, he will have plenty of time to dedicate to his campaign to find a fix. That makes the timing right to run again.

"I'm seeing the conditions that we are in right now in our county. We need desperate changes made," he said.

Crittenden GOP meets Tuesday

Crittenden County Republican Party will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the courthouse to discuss the upcoming primary election now that the candidate filing period has passed.

"We need someone who will go up to Frankfort and fight very hard for what we, the people, need."

Stubblefield said the state's infrastructure is in poor shape. And it's not just roads, but also airports, bridges, water utilities, wastewater systems and more that have suffered from years of neglect and a lack of money.

"All these things are a part of our daily lives," he said of the systems that keep the economy flowing and sustain life.

He indicates he is dedicated to seeing that the U.S. 641 relocation project gets completed all the way to the interstate system in Lyon County.

Education, too, is a big concern. He feels Kentucky's educational system is top heavy, with not enough resources making it back to the local level.

"There's a lot of money being spent in education, but where is it getting spent?" he questioned. "I'm a firm believer that the money should come down to the kids."

He is also concerned that teens are not encouraged or guided to pursue vocations, trades and other careers that may not require a costly college education.

"Everyone doesn't need to go to college," he said. "So many trades are hurting for people. I don't think we are working hard enough for that in Kentucky. We need to make it where people can get into trade schools."

A fiscal conservative, Stubblefield is for radically overhauling Kentucky's tax code. He favors a higher state sales tax over the current income tax. He even supports allowing for local option sales taxes to fund community-level projects, legislation that has repeatedly failed in the General Assembly.

"You should be taxed on what you spend. That way, a person making a living has got more money in their pocket every paycheck," he said, adding that a sales tax hits everyone fairly. "I think in the long run, you would probably have more money."

And that money could help fix the state's woefully underfunded pension systems that are creating havoc with current budget discussions in Frankfort and a panic across the state.

Stubblefield is also for streamlining government by trimming down the number of counties and school districts, two proposals on the table in the current legislative session that have gotten little traction in the past.

"There is so much waste," he said.

Kentucky's drug problem, particularly with opioids, is also a concern for which he would like to find answers. And solutions to that or any of the state's problems cannot be found in partisan politics.

"Somewhere, you've got to forget about the party and think, 'I'm working for the people of my district, of this state,'" he said. "We're not doing that."

Stubblefield has two adult children. He also has a grown stepchild with is wife Sabrina. He is involved in the community as president of the Community Arts Foundation, a member of Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department and board member of the Ben. E. Clement Mineral Museum and Crittenden Health Systems.



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Health department: Flu now at epidemic stage

FROM WIRE AND STAFF REPORTS

It's now an epidemic, and it's officially here.

The state Department for Public Health says this season's influenza activity has reached beyond its previous widespread status and is now considering the 2016-17 flu an epidemic. And despite weeks of flu-like symptoms plaguing Crittenden County, the first lab-confirmed case locally was not reported until last week.

Health officials are warning that this season's strain of the flu virus can be extremely serious, even deadly – and not just for those in high-risk categories. In general, children, the elderly, extremely obese people and those with chronic health conditions or weak immune systems are considered at higher risk of getting the flu.

Tips for fighting the flu

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers these tips to avoid the flu:

- Get vaccinated. There is still plenty of flu vaccine available at Crittenden County Health Department.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone (without the use of a fever-reducing medication), except to get medical care or for other necessities.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze – and throw the used tissue away.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.

During Jan. 14-20, there were 1,156 new cases of lab-confirmed flu in Kentucky, in-

cluding the first to be reported for Crittenden County. In the same time period, there was

on death of a juvenile and 20 adults in Kentucky. There have been 3,872 lab-confirmed cases since flu season began in September.

The health department said in a news release that the most common flu type identified in Kentucky and in 78 percent of the 65 flu-associated deaths this season is influenza A; and that of the deaths so far, 7 percent have occurred in previously healthy individuals with no reported risk factors for severe illness.

"Pneumonia, bacterial bloodstream infections and sepsis are examples of serious influenza-related complications that may require hospitalization and sometimes result in death of healthy people with no known risk factors for serious illness," State Epidemiologist Dr. Jonathan Ballard said in the release.

This is the sixth consecutive week of widespread flu activity, which is the highest level of flu activity given.

"Widespread influenza activity means that Kentuckians are likely to encounter one or more persons shedding influenza virus at work, at school, while shopping, while traveling, at athletic or entertainment events and in places of worship," said acting Health Commissioner Dr. Jeffrey D. Howard. "A person who will develop influenza illness actually can transmit the virus to other persons beginning one day before their illness begins."

It's not too late for inoculation. The flu vaccination remains the most effective protection against flu. And Crittenden County Health Department still has plenty flu vaccines remaining.

"We especially recommend that all healthy Kentuckians aged 6 months and older be vaccinated," Howard said. "The flu season typically runs until late spring so it is not too late to get vaccinated." It takes about two weeks following the administration of the flu vaccine for the recipient to develop protection from the flu.

Symptoms of the highly contagious flu virus are fever, headache, cough, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing and body aches. Anyone with flu symptoms should seek immediate medical advice to determine if they should be treated with an antiviral drug, which could shorten the course of the illness or reduce its severity.

(Editor's note: The Crittenden Press contributed to the original Kentucky Health News story.)

Regional economic development group official; includes Crittenden

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden, Caldwell and Lyon counties have officially partnered for a regional economic development strategy. With the assistance of the Pennyrile Area Development District, the tri-county pact became effective Jan. 22. The new partnership venture is named Lake Barkley Partnership for Economic Development.



Bunnell

Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC), according to a news release from CCEDC Chairman Terry Cunnell, will continue to operate as its own entity to address the needs of Crittenden County, but will also support funding and participation for economic development in the region.

"The vision is to ensure the county and area (are) improv-

ing and moving forward in all aspects of economic development," Bunnell said in the release. "The partnership will enable the CCEDC to use resources wisely and prudently to represent the area."

During the first consolidated board meeting of the regional partnership, the following executive committee was formed:

- Chairman Tim Capps: Par 4 Plastics President, Crittenden County.
- Vice Chairman Jeff McDaniels: Farmers Bank (Princeton) President/CEO, Caldwell County.
- Treasurer Bob Hayes: Caldwell County.
- Secretary D'Anna Sallin: Siemens Rail Automation Corp., Crittenden County.
- Wade White, Lyon County Judge Executive.
- Brent Bugg, Fredonia

Valley Bank President, Caldwell County.

- Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge Executive.
- Princeton Mayor Danny Beavers, Caldwell County.
- Princeton Attorney Todd Wetzel, Caldwell County.

In addition to Capps, Sallin and Newcom, other board members from Crittenden County include Chris Cook, Farmers Bank & Trust Co. Executive Vice President; and Adam Ledford, Marion City Administrator.

The partnership will represent 29,825 residents within its three counties with a projected annual budget of \$140,000.

"CCEDC believes that the partnership will allow the pooling of resources, and working together is the most fiscally responsible approach as we attempt to maintain competitiveness for jobs in the region," said Bunnell.

LHHS receives 4-star rating with 2017 Hospital Compare

STAFF REPORT

The latest rankings from hospitals reports Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services (LHHS) as a 2017 top-rated hospital in Kentucky.

Hospital Compare gives LHHS four out of five stars. The critical access hospital in Salem received five stars in a patient satisfaction survey and rated above the national average in all patient satisfaction categories.

"A four-star rating for Livingston Hospital is evidence of our dedication and commitment to quality patient care for our community and the patients we serve," said LHHS CEO Elizabeth Snod-

grass.

Hospital Compare, a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services (CMS) initiative, rates more than 4,000 health care facilities, including 130 Veterans Administration medical centers. Ratings are determined objectively across 57 measures in seven groups – mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, effectiveness of care, timeliness of care and efficient use of imaging.

Hospital Compare, found on Medicare.gov, reflects common conditions that hospitals treat, such as heart attacks or pneumonia. Hospitals may perform more complex services or proce-



Snodgrass

dures not reflected in the measures on Hospital Compare. The overall rating shows how well each hospital performed, on average, compared to other hospitals in the nation.

The online tool is designed to help patients make decisions about where they get health care and encourages hospitals to improve the quality of care they provide.

"Livingston Hospital employees and providers, as a team of caregivers and support staff, are the ones responsible for this rating. Livingston Hospital Board and leadership are proud of our employees and the high standards of quality being met and recognized by CMS through Hospital Compare," Snodgrass said.

Crittenden schools move to address active shooter prevention, reaction

By ALEXA BLACK

STAFF WRITER

Last week's deadly school shooting at Marshall County High School has initiated news conversations between parents, students and school administrators across Kentucky. Debates center on whether an increase in school security is the answer or if there are ways to find other deterrents for possible school shooters.

It is a grim subject that has left not only Marshall County in shock, but all school districts in western Kentucky. And while surrounding districts are jumping to the aid of the Benton high school, many find themselves in a fear all too familiar.

As a result, former Kentucky State Police Capt. Brent

White was invited to speak to Crittenden County middle and high school students Friday to spread safety awareness. Prior to his retirement from KSP last year, White traveled the state for three years training faculty, support staff and bus drivers on what to do in these situations, including here in Crittenden County.

After deep consideration, Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark contacted White, and the two decided educating students on what to do in the event of a school shooting would be a good course of action.

"After Tuesday, there was a districtwide shift that has convinced all of us to go on and work to educate students against a shooting, much like

how we have been teaching the staff extensively," White said. "In the past, we've been skeptical about sharing these tactics, out of fear that shooters would use it to their advantage. But we believe this could be a benefit to students. In the event of something like this, if there are no teachers around to guide students, they will automatically know what to do on their own."

White addressed prevention, recognizing common things that can go unreported, such as warning signs indicating a student may be planning to do harm to classmates. The former police officer explained certain warning signs that kids should be looking out for in others and common traits of a school shooter.

It was emphasized for students to always be aware of their surroundings, but not to live in fear.

White addressed mostly teens, many of whom asked thought-provoking questions. One asked what medical steps to take if a fellow student was shot, while another wondered what could be done in the event of a hostage situation. One student even brought up concerns about common areas where groups often gather, leading some wanting to avoid those places altogether.

The event has rattled some students more so than others. Some local students have friends or know people who go to Marshall County High School. Gavin Davidson, a

sophomore, has an acquaintance through baseball who was injured in the shooting

"It hits home for me, knowing someone personally," the 16-year-old said. "I guess one thing we can do right now is stay positive for everyone affected. I'm glad that we're preparing in the way that we are now, and hopefully we can figure out how to keep something like this from happening again."

White suggests people to refrain from believing everything that is said on social media about last week's tragedy, as it is still an active investigation. He noted that though social media is "part of the culture," there is misinformation out there concerning the shooter and other aspects

of the story itself.

He urges parents to not let speculation overshadow the truth.

"In a time like this, I honestly think it would be more helpful for people to stay off of social media and just let the authorities do the investigating," Ross Crider, a senior, said when asked about his opinions on the buzz online. "And I will say that Crittenden County may have limited resources and be a smaller school, but they do an awesome job with what they do have and make sure our needs are met, even in dark times like these."

"Even though we're working on our own school now, we should do what we can to help out Marshall County."

SAFETY

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year-old students were killed and another 16 people injured by the 15-year-old shooter, staff immediately created opportunities for students to speak with counselors and connect with others to deal with feelings of fear, loss and grief.

"Our students and staff are connected to these young people," said Clark, "not only through social media, but also through sports, academics and common interests. Often, people are quick to point out the ill effects of technology on youth, but it also fosters connectedness and collaboration. Our students were genuinely concerned for their friends, and we wanted to make sure they had the resources they needed to deal with their emotions."

Guidance counselors and contracted Mountain Comp Care counselors, as well as building-level administration, met with worried students.

Additionally, staff at all schools met with Mountain Comp Care's Bill McMican in a debriefing session to learn how to assess student needs and answer questions.

A student advisory group also met the day of the shooting with the superintendent in a regularly-scheduled session to share feedback and offer ideas for school improvement. Clark said the focus of the session quickly turned to the subject of the Marshall County tragedy. A student-organized prayer vigil took place the morning following the event to further allow students time to express their thoughts and share support.

On Friday, retired Safe Schools coordinator for the Kentucky State Police and former Crittenden County resident Brent White spoke with middle and high school students and staff during an assembly. There, he shared appropriate information about active shooter scenarios. His message of "See Something, Say Something" was communicated to students, urging them to be the

eyes and ears of the school and share any information they found to be questionable.

Police presence at all schools has been increased as the district continues its strong relationship with the Marion Police Department and Crittenden County Sheriff's Department. Officers in the hallways are a common site in each of the buildings to assure safety and promote positive community relationships.

"Physical safety is one element of our students' well-being," said Clark, "but emotional health is equally important."

Clark said there are currently initiatives in place at all schools that provide mentoring opportunities and character building. One addition at the middle and high levels this year is Care Connect, a time each day where students come together with a staff member to begin their day in a positive way. Care Connect lasts 10 minutes Monday through Thursday, but an extended session on Fridays allows students to have healthy

manner."

The settlement is subject to PSC approval, but if approved, KSC customers will receive an estimated \$91 million in savings. For a residential customer using an average of 1,179 Kwh per month, that is about a 5.3 percent reduction.

KU serves all of Marion and portions of rural Crittenden County. Altogether, the utility serves 549,000 customers in 77 Kentucky counties and five counties in Virginia.

discussions and participate in team-building exercises with peers. The new "house" structure at Crittenden County High School also provides opportunities for students to connect with more classmates, grow new friendships and create a culture of respect among peers.

Additionally, Rocket Boosters, a mentoring program for high school students, is in its third year of existence. The program matches students

with community members from various backgrounds who provide an additional support system for students beyond school walls. The group meets monthly at a local restaurant for conversation and dining.

Plans are in motion now to extend a version of Rocket Boosters to middle school-aged students, with trained high school students connecting with middle-aged students to form friendships and

aid in the transition to high school.

"We've all heard the saying 'It takes a village,'" said Clark. "We certainly believe that to be true. Understandably, nerves have been shaken and tensions have been high, but we do not want our school district to be governed by fear. We have vigilant, caring staff and students in our schools, and we will continue to strive to be the difference for our students every day."

BENEFIT AUCTION FOR DRAKE KEMPER February 17 • 1 p.m. • Tolu Community Center

A benefit fundraiser for Crittenden County teenager Drake Kemper will be held at the Tolu Community Center Feb. 17. Kemper suffered a spinal cord injury Nov. 26 near St. Louis while visiting family. He has been hospitalized since the accident at a Level 4 trauma hospital and later at a rehabilitation center, but doctors and nurses say his recovery has been miraculous. The high school junior, who is a member of CCHS' FFA and football team, is the son of Patti Thomas and Daniel and Hope Kemper of Tolu.

Starting at 1 p.m.

We will have FREE finger foods and Keith Franklin will be serving a whole smoked hog.

You may use this time to enjoy some fine food, socialize with everyone, purchase raffle tickets and check out the baskets and desserts that will be up for auction.



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Drawing for these items will take place at the end of the auction.

The auction will start at 3 p.m.

We will have items up for themed baskets, specialty baskets, specialty desserts up for auction. Smaller items will be raffled during the benefit.

If you, your club, organization, office or church would like to donate a basket or an item to be raffled or auctioned, you can contact Ann DeBoe at (270) 965-2294 or Darla Lapradd at (270) 965-0874 for pick up.

Please come out and show your love for this deserving family in need of your support at this time.

Inclement weather will reschedule the event for February 24, 1 p.m. Hosted by Tolu Community Center

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customer in mind and a willingness to work together to reach a mutually acceptable solution," said Kent Blake, chief financial officer at LG&E and KU. "With the colder-than-average winter, and subsequent high energy use, these savings will come at a key time for our customers."

"This settlement is impor-



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Stunt triples

Supported by their teammates, cheerleaders (from top left) Hannah Faughn, Jessie Potter and Taylor Stoner cheer on the crowd during the Rockets’ recent victory against Fort Campbell.

Clark earns exemplary rating

By ALEXA BLACK
STAFF WRITER

For the second consecutive year, Superintendent Vince Clark was rated at the top of his game.

Crittenden County Board of Education recently held its annual superintendent evaluation, grading the superintendent of schools for the job he has done in the last year. Required by state law, the annual process ranks the superintendent in seven categories with a standardized evaluation tool. Clark, the head of schools since 2014, received "exemplary" status for all seven requirements of the position.

The five-member elected board offered no complaints or concerns in its comments. "We are very fortunate to have a leader of Mr. Clark's

caliber leading our school district," Board Chairman Chris Cook said.

Clark's 2016 review also rated him "exemplary" across the board. His first evaluation, completed in 2015, rated him "exemplary" in six of the seven categories and "accomplished" in a sixth, still meeting board expectations.

The superintendent is asked to create a community of inquiry and make sure to challenge the community to build upon the school's values. In doing so, there are



Clark

set goals for the school district and a desired future to be reached through the superintendent's vision.

Superintendents are asked to build a support system dedicated to focusing on education and working with the board on eliminating performance gaps within the district. Overall, they must have systems in place for handling budgeting, staffing, problem solving and meeting expectations for communication in order to achieve individual and collective goals within the district.

Clark was said to have met all of the requirements listed and has done well to help the district with school culture, Cook said, as it is a main focus of the current

school year. Many faculty and staff are collaborating in efforts to get teachers, staff, students and families working toward the same goals. They aim to place students' instruction first, keep them engaged and provide them with counseling services that will serve them beyond the realm of education.

"We hope to make sure that even outside of school, children are provided for," Cook said. "We're really trying to nurture the whole child, not just the mindset of the student. It all ties together and will help students learn more effectively, and help them overall. Those are some things that define the school culture we are all trying to achieve."

Salem native Taylor retires president’s post

STAFF REPORT

A Salem native will soon be retiring from his position as president of a Missouri university after nearly 22 years at the helm.

Dr. C. Pat Taylor announced last week that he plans to step down as president of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo.

"From the time Judy and I first visited Bolivar in 1996 we fell in love with SBU and the Bolivar community," he said.

Taylor assumed his duties

as the University's 24th president on Oct. 21, 1996 and is the longest-serving president in the university's 139-year history.

"The university is on a good trajectory, making this a great time for a transition to a bigger and greater future," Taylor said.

Taylor, a native of eastern



Taylor

Livingston County, received his Doctor of Education degree from then-Memphis State University. He received a master's degree in history from Western Kentucky Uni-

versity and a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education from the University of Tennessee-Martin.

CCES HONOR ROLL

Crittenden County Elementary School has released the honor roll for the second nine weeks of the school year. Second- through fifth-grade students who earned either All As or All As and Bs are listed below.

2nd Grade
Cappello
All As

April Dismore, Coby LaRue, Eli Lovell, Ally Martin, Addie Martin, Grace Vinson

A/B Honor Roll

Katie Allsbury, Tesla Jackson, Dawson Johnson, Lucas McDowell,

Harris
All As

Junior Cowsert, Aliza Maraman, Adalee Martin, Marlee Sosh, Madison Tuholski, Candace Vasseur

A/B Honor Roll

Tucker Hardin, Danika Lefler, Cooper Robertson, Mason Tuholski, Abigail Tyrie, Braden Patton, Gabe Shoemaker.

Hunt
All As

Hudson Stokes, Jack Porter, Taryn McCann, Landon Lanhams, Abby Korzenborn, Jordyn Hodge, Aiden Butts

A/B Honor Roll

Callie Rich, Caden Penn, Erin Korzenborn, Josh James, Lakenlyn Guess, Kyla Brown

James
All As

Conner Poindexter, Ella Hoover, Eli Herrin, Mason Damron, Wyatt Cartwright

A/B Honor Roll

Drake Young, Jett Reddick, Bristol Pate, Haley Moore, Armani Julius, Tavion Hosick, Airy Hodge, Ethan Gonzales, Emmitt Ellington, Cheyenne Dorris, Mylik Clark

O’Leary
All As

Shane Fricke, Kadence Hackney, Maddie Hearrell, Alex Hewitt, Jade Hughes, Lawson Hutchison, Cade McKinney, Cameron NESbitt, Emerye Pollard

A/B Honor Roll

Caden Blazina, Lilly Fernlund, Tanner McBride, Cabot Sutton, Parker Wood

3rd Grade
Perez
All As

JC Baker, Kylie Bloodworth, Brady Dayberry, Layken Gilchrist, Lucas Hardin, Isaac James, Hannah Jent, Levi Quertermous, Cash Singleton, Gunner Topp, Natilee Travis, Bella Williams

A/B Honor Roll

David Abshire, Maddie Jones, Dylan Langston, Gabby Lynch, Aiden Rushing, Kyndal Shouse

Potts
All As

Holley Curnel, Kayden Farmer, Morgan Stewart

A/B Honor Roll

Colt Belt, Lila Curnel, Gaige Markham, Maeson Martin, Braelyn Merrill, Dalton Murray, Leland Pierson, River Rogers, Brody Samuel, Landyn Schiller, Trent Todd

Riley
All As

Shelbi Belt, Haylie Hunt, Presley Potter, Morgan Piper, Avery Thompson, Tucker Boudro, Alina Henry, Brooklyn Stinnett, Paige McMackin, Wyatt Russell, Autumn Scales, Zak Smith

A/B Honor Roll

Sara Medina, Davis Perryman, Jaxton Duncan, Brennen Clifford, Anthony Hunt, Preston Conner, Erin Roberts, Tate Stump

Winders
All As

Aiden Musser, Peyton

Pierson, Naomi Solomon

A/B Honor Roll

Lorelei Buckman, Noah Byford, Kat Dalton, Macibelle Hardesty, Kendall Hoover, Charlie Ledford, Winston Lynch, Jake Rich, Mackenzie Thrash, Creea Whitfield, Lindsey Wyatt

4th Grade
Bryant
All As

Georgia Holeman, Bristyn Rushing

A/B Honor Roll

Che Campbell, Alivia Caudill, Andrea Federico, Emme Lynch, Rianna Maness, Ally Williams

Fitch
All As

Anna Boone, Elle McDaniel, Brayden Poindexter, Brianna Walker

A/B Honor Roll

Mollie Blazina, Breylen Clifford, Cooper Crawford, Gavin Grimes, Cameron Howard, Hadley Myers, Madison Walker

Lee
All As

Lacey Boone, Macie Conger, Taylor Davis, Erika Poston, Chloe Rushing

A/B Honor Roll

Jacob Carder, Allie Day, Garyson Hall, Amelia Johnson, Hunter Kirk, Jaisen Lineberry, Hannah Morris

Roberts
All As

Gracie Orr, Caleb Riley, Kodi Stoner, Quinn Summers

A/B Honor Roll

Tristin Bell, Elliot Evans, Hayden Peak, Lilah Sherer, Aly Yates

5th Grade
Brantley
All As

Jayson Ford, Riley Kirby, Jenna Maxfield, Carly Porter, Mary Rachel

Stephens

A/B Honor Roll

Camron Belcher, Bryan Chaney, Jayden Cotton, Kendyl Drury, Makayla Ford, Preston Gibson, Dawson Jones, Ethan Long, Zane McBride, Baylee Muff, Zac Purvis, Ethan Rhodes, Chaun Tramel

Bloodworth
All As

Brady Belt, Andrew Candelario, Caden Howard, Addy Wood, Leauna West

A/B Honor Roll

Noah Roberts, Austin Martin, Jantzen Fowler, Hannah Mott, Brooke Winstead, Donaven Allison, Aliyah Maraman, Christopher Gernigin, Kaiden Travis, Layla Winn, Piper Certain, Nathan LaPradd, Braelynn Pate

Crabtree
All As

Paityne Buckman, Jaxson Cartwright, Hunter Duncan, Taylor Haire, Hayden Hildebrand, Danielle Riley, Caleb Whobrey

A/B Honor Roll

Matthew Conger, Blake French, Hattie Hatfield, Seth Henry, Anastazja Ingalls, El-lary McKinney, Logan McDowell, Trinity Parrish, Drake Pierson, Madisyn Switzer, Rein Tabor, Hannah Tyrie, Kaitlyn Wood

Omer
All As

Jaylea Bivins, Rachel Mundy, Carson Yates, Kayleigh Weathers

A/B Honor Roll

Chase Conyer, Jayden Duncan, Dani Duncan, Breanna Gipson, Asa McCord, Cambree Rushing, Taylor McKinney, Hunter Phillips, Jonah Reddick, Braden Sunderland, Tallyn Tabor

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Jesus said: "Your Heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." Luke 11:13.

He used much of John 14 telling His disciples of His plan to send the Holy Spirit to live in His followers.

One of those statements was a clear truth that we must first be a Christian before we can receive the Holy Spirit.

"And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knows Him, but you know Him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you," scripture says.

Jesus was talking to His saved followers, saying the Spirit was with them, but not yet in them.

They first had to await for His coming, which was on the Day of Pentecost, when

they all were filled.

It is an error to teach everyone who is saved receives the Holy Spirit at the same time they are saved.

This statement by Jesus clearly refutes that, as we are of the world when we come to God for forgiveness.

Thus the statement: "Your Heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him."

The teaching that He is received in the forgiveness act of God has kept people from asking for the Holy Spirit.

One cannot live a holy life that the Word of God demands without the power of the Spirit of God living in us.

And we only receive Him by asking for God to fill us with Him.

Then we are able to carry the cross Jesus told us we must or we will not be His followers.

"And whosoever does not bear his cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple," says the scriptures.

What is that cross? It is using our life for others, as He did, and doing it for Jesus' sake, not ours.

Listed in my last column were seven of the mighty things Jesus said the Holy Spirit does for those in whom He lives.

It is appropriate to list them again at this time, so all will see what is missed in so many dear people.

When you again read this partial list, you will see that He does not live in so many of the professed Christians in this country.

"He'll give us comfort, teach us all things, bring all things to our remembrances, guide us into all truth, show us things to come, glorify Jesus, and give us power to be witnesses unto Him." John 14:26, John 16:13 and Acts 1:8. Please check it out.

Statistics say over 80 percent of Americans believe in God and the honest question is, why is our nation being destroyed by unmitigated sin?

Most of those believe John Calvin's false doctrine that once you profess Christ, you can never be lost, and that you cannot live holy, that all people sin more or less every day in

word, deed, or thought.

Yet their Bible, as mine, says, "Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord."

The false doctrine is sending many souls to a Devil's hell, and that grieves the loving heart of God, and mine.

Oh, how urgent it is that professed Christians ask for and believe to receive the Holy Spirit so they will be guided into all truth, remember God's word, glorify Jesus with their living a holy life, will be shown things to come, and power to truly witness to others for Jesus, carrying His cross.

As ministers we are to preach these things faithfully, even though many do not heed God's warnings, but God commands us to be faithful to the end.

•Editor's note: Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.



Lucy Tedrick
Guest Columnist
Religious and Political Views



Macedonia native provides Eastern Orthodox lesson

Marion resident Miroslava "Mimi" Byrns was the guest speaker Sunday during a special lesson about the Eastern Orthodox Church. The presentation was made for Bonita Hatfield's Sunday School class at the Marion United Methodist Church. Byrns is a native of Mediterranean country of Macedonia where Eastern Orthodoxy is practiced. Byrns is a part-time reporter for The Crittenden Press, works full-time as supervisor of the Crittenden County Detention Center cafeteria and is a volunteer for the Crittenden County Extension Services. Pictured above is Byrns and her husband, Rick, and Becky and Emily Combs. If your church or Sunday school class has something special, please share it with us. Email your information to thepress@the-press.com.

Church Events & Outreach

Four Chaplains Service is Sunday

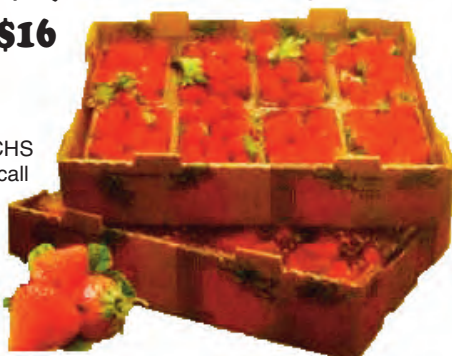
A Four Chaplains Service will be presented at 10:45 a.m., Sunday by American Legion Post 217 of Burna at Potters House Baptist Worship Center in Livingston County. This touching service is a must-see, especially for veterans. The Four Chaplains Foundation was started in the memory of the "Dorchester Chaplains." They were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sunk During World War II in 1943. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

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Sunday evening worship, 6 pm
Wednesday evening worship, 6 pm
Pastor Bro. Mark Girtin



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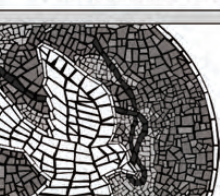
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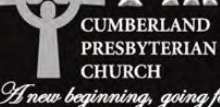
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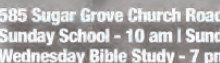
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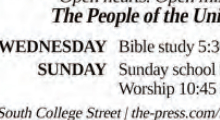
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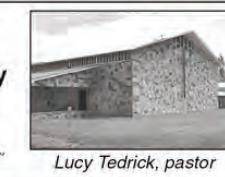
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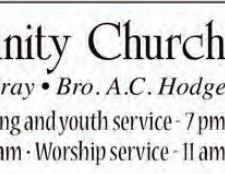
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Sunday school 10 am | Sunday worship 11 am



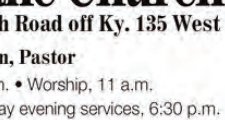
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Travis

Dolores Janette Travis, 76, of Marion died Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a homemaker and attended Deer Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are daughters, Rhonda (Randy) Dunn and Cindy (Roger) Venable, both of Marion; grandchildren, Nicki (Brandon) Guess of Lebanon, Tenn.; Ryan (Annie) Dunn, Columbia, Mo.; Brittany Bay of Lebanon, Tenn.; Rheanda (Brandon) DeBoe of Salem; Cristina (Marc) Mihalik of Jacksonville, Fla.; John (Ashley) Venable of Somerset, Wisc.; Taylor and Cody Venable, both of Marion; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted Travis; parents, Roy and Gladys Riley; and a brother, Jay Riley.

Services were Monday, Jan. 29 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Thomas

Bertie Thomas, 100, of Marion died Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 at Livingston Hospital.

Survivors include her children, Dortha Nichols of Eddyville, Lemah Pugh of Marion, Edna Allison Almon of Evansville, Ind., Bobby (Julie) Thomas of Princeton, Dennis (Janet) Thomas of Marion, Ronnie Thomas of Marion and Ricky (Christina) Thomas of Marion; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Thomas; parents, Marvin and Gustava Truitt; siblings, Ima Mae Lawless, Leamon Truitt, Clarence D. Truitt, Lindy Truitt, Frankie Brossard, Leafa Kirk and Wilma Muehlbauer; and grandson, David York.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Sheffield

Lois Corley Sheffield, 78, of Marion died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 at Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

She was a member of Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Angel McKinney of Marion, Juanita (Alan) Spriggs of Falkville, Ala., Teresa (Randal) Phillips of Louisville; a son, Greg (Cindy) Sheffield of O'Fallon, Mo.; sister, Gladiola Martin of Marion; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Sheffield; parents, John and Anna Mae Corley; and a sister.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 3 at Sugar Grove Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until 12:30 p.m., Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

Memorials may be made to the family of Lois Sheffield.



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Area Deaths

Bridwell

Lynn Boyd Bridwell, 78, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018 in Rogers, Ark.

He was born Sept. 21, 1939, near the Cumberland River in Livingston County, the only child of Percy Lynn Duval and Bridwell and Vernon Bridwell.

He attended elementary schools in Livingston County and Crittenden County.

He grew up on a farm on the Bridwell home place on Bridwell Loop in Crittenden County.

He graduated from Marion High School in 1957 as an honor student, where he played basketball and baseball, and was known by his nickname "Lefty." He went to Murray State University on a baseball scholarship where he graduated in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in physics and chemistry. He then played baseball in the minor leagues for the Minnesota Twins in 1961 as a left-handed pitcher.

Bridwell received his doctorate in nuclear physics in 1965 at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. In 1965, He began teaching physics at Murray State University and continued until 1984. During his tenure at Murray, he was also a research physicist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee and at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE) at Harwell Laboratory in England.

Bridwell was a member of the Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame and Murray State University Sports Hall of Fame. He was an enthusiast of bird dogs, bird hunting, deer hunting, fishing, taxidermy and Tennessee Walking Horses.

Surviving are his wife, Linda, of the Grand Central Hotel in Eureka Springs, Ark.; three daughters; Lindy Bridwell of Mayfield, Leann Bridwell of England and Emma Bridwell of Fayetteville, Ark.; two grandchildren, Wesley Cooper and Joelle Cooper of Mayfield; two step-daughters; Kimberly Rodda of Eureka Springs, Ark., and Brooke Robinson of Fayetteville, Ark., and five step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by both parents and a son, Lane Nall Bridwell.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Grand Central Hotel in Eureka Springs.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Arkansas.

Campbell

Former Crittenden County resident Michael J. Campbell, 54, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 in Omaha, Neb.

Campbell was a graduate of Crittenden County High School and a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Karrie Campbell of Hastings, Neb.; three sons, Michael Croft, Christopher and wife Lindsey Klein of Conway, Ark., and Joe Furrow of Hastings; two daughters, Jennica Pohlmeier and Christina Zeleski, both of Hastings; mother, Janet Kirk of Murray; a sister, Barbara Freeman of Murray; three brothers, Scott and wife Linda Campbell of Rineyville, Ky., Brian and wife Lisa Campbell of Princeton and Kelley Kirk of Texas; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins; and his beloved rescue dog Jack.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph D. Campbell, and nephew, Charlie Freeman.

A memorial service was held Saturday at All Saints Chapel in Good Samaritan Society at Hastings. In honoring his wish to be cremated, there was no viewing or visitation. A second memorial service will be held at a later date at First Baptist Church in Princeton.

DeWitt Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Hastings handled the arrangements.

Corley

Maurice Gray Corley, 96, of Marion died Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at Livingston Hospital.

He was a farmer and contractor, and served as the Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator for 21 years. He was a member of Union Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 76 years, Evelyn Corley of Marion; daughters Bonita Crowell and Maura Corley, both of Marion; and Karon (Daniel) Schindler of Stone Mountain, Ga.; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin and Zella Hughes Corley; a brother, Harold Corley; and a son-in-law, Charles Crowell.

Services were Friday, Jan. 26 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Werick

Ida Sue Railey Werick, 80, of Sturgis died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 at her residence.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Debbie Dennis of Burlington, Texas; Teresa Blackburn of Sturgis and Kimberly Lynn of Evansville, Ind.; a son, James Lynn of Sturgis; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Zela Railey; her husband Romon Werick, a son Christopher Jade Lynn; three sisters, Margaret Belt, Anna Katherine Crider and Louise Mayes; and two brothers, Jerry Railey and Jackie Railey.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Rev. Chase Fuller officiating. Burial was at Rosebud Cemetery in Crittenden County.

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Kemper benefit planned Feb. 17

A benefit fundraiser for Crittenden County teenager Drake Kemper will be held at the Tolu Community Center Feb. 17 Kemper suffered a spinal cord injury Nov. 26 near St. Louis and hopes to return to Crittenden County this week. The high school junior is the son of Patti Thomas and Daniel and Hope Kemper of Tolu. The benefit will begin at 1 p.m. Raffle tickets may be purchased and auction items will be on display until the auction begins at 3 p.m. Up for auction are a Super X4 Winchester shotgun, Savage AXIS 6.5 Creedmoor bolt action rifle with Bushnell scope, a 40-inch high top table with four stools custom made of reclaimed lumber, along with numerous themed baskets and specialty desserts. To donate a basket or item for the raffle, call Ann DeBoe at (270) 965-2294 or Darla Lapradd at (270) 965-0874 for pick-up. Finger foods and a whole smoked hog will be served. There is no cost to attend.

Calendar

– West Kentucky Regional Blood Center will hold a **blood drive** from noon-5 p.m., Monday in the education building at Crittenden Health Systems. All donors will receive a t-shirt and Crittenden County Rescue Squad will receive \$5 for each unit of blood collected.

– **Woman's Club of Marion** will meet at 1 p.m., Feb. 7 at their club building. Brandie Ledford will present the program.

– Crittenden County Elementary School will host its annual **Family Fitness Night** at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at the school. Many stations, including GoNoodle, free play/gymnastics, Zumba and yoga will be featured. Attendees also will learn more about healthy eating and can participate in an obstacle course.

Library events

– **February is Library Lover's Month** at Crittenden County Public Library. Director Brandie Ledford urges patrons to go on a blind date with a book, check out the Presidential valentines and view the amazing Super Bowl of Books!

– Saturday is **Take Your Child to the Library Day** at Crittenden County Public Library. This is a come and go program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for families. There will be craft stations and treats.

– A computer class on **downloading e-books** with Freating at 1 p.m. Monday. Participants must bring their own device.

– A computer class **Clean out Your Computer** at 1 p.m. Feb. 12. Participants must bring their own device.

– Teens are invited to Crittenden County Public Library Feb. 16 for the **80s Retro Movie Marathon** from 6 to 10 p.m. Vote on the library's Facebook page for your favorite John Hughes films from the 1980s. This is a teen-only event for middle and high school-age students.

– On **Random Act of Kindness Day**, Feb. 17, fines at the library will be waived in exchange for canned goods to be donated to the local food bank. In order to qualify for fine amnesty, food items cannot be outdated.

Apple a day adage holds some truth

The old saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" may be truer than we think. Some scientists have referred to the fruit as the most nutritious food in existence. In fact, the fruit is loaded with so much nutrition, we should put it at the top of our grocery list. By adding only one apple, peel and all, to our daily diet, 2018 might quite possibly be our healthiest year yet.

Apples have quite a history. In the Bible we read where God placed Adam and Eve in The Garden of Eden, abundant with everything they could possibly want. There was only one restriction – they were forbidden to eat from one tree which grew in the middle of the garden. We were not told what kind of fruit tree it was, only that the fruit was "pleasant to the eyes." Some believed they could have been pomegranates, but most believed they were apples. Having tasted a pomegranate, I agreed.

At our house, my husband Eddie was the primary apple consumer. He admitted a Little Debbie cake was more to his liking, but he broke the sugar-holic habit by acquiring a taste for the natural goodness of apples. When a friend suggested he add a dollop of peanut butter to each slice, he was sold.

Not only did he like the taste, the protein gave him energy to do the work the farm required.

On the other hand, when he pushed his apple habit in my direction, I looked for every excuse I could think of. I liked an occasional apple, but not at the expense of a chocolate chip cookie or a slice of pecan pie. I didn't like peanut butter, unless it was dipped in chocolate, so that was out. There was no way I could justify giving up my sweets – until my blood pressure and cholesterol started going up and my weight climbed a few pounds. Although I wasn't overweight, my knees and hips couldn't take any more pressure.

Rheumatoid arthritis was a constant battle; the joint damage a continuous fight. It was too late to reverse the damage, no matter how many apples I ate.

Nevertheless, Eddie continued on his mission. A former police chief, he had been a people watcher for years. On our weekly trips to Sam's, he had conducted his own private investigation.



Linda DEFEW
Guest columnist
Defew's Views

His ingrained curiosity prompted him to take note of what older, healthy-looking shoppers were putting in their carts. Without exception, they were the ones who bought fresh vegetables, fruits and apples.

Next time he saw his doctor, he asked, "Does an apple a day really keep the doctor away?"

He smiled, "Yes, it does. But, I don't recommend it. If I did, I wouldn't have any patients!"

The doctor's humorous answer told him he was on the right track.

Still somewhat skeptical, I googled "apple" and was pleasantly surprised. The fruit was not only pretty and shiny, it was a nutritional powerhouse. It contained vitamin B, vitamin C, calcium, potassium and phosphorus, each going a long way in meeting our minimum daily requirements.

Website after website, the results were the same. Antitoxins to fibers, apples have the tremendous ability to make our lives better. Researchers had done studies with large selected groups of

people and found the ones who ate the most apples had a reduced risk of thrombotic stroke. Another found that older women who ate apples everyday had 23 percent lower cholesterol just after six months. Still, I wasn't totally convinced. I had tried many things in the past only to be disappointed.

The list of benefits continues. They have properties that strengthen our immune system, slow down mental aging such as Alzheimer's and dementia, prevent and battle cancer, combat diabetes, lower bad cholesterol and stimulate saliva glands. I stopped. Saliva glands? My mouth was parched from medications. Hypertension called for additional blood pressure medication which brought on a dry mouth. I relied on a mint or lozenge and swallowed tons of water. Nothing seemed to help for very long. That's when I decided to give apples a try.

It's a lot to digest all at once, but I am living proof it works. After three months of eating one apple a day, my bad cholesterol has dropped 18 points. No wonder the University of Florida called apples a "miracle fruit" in a six-month cholesterol study. Also, my blood pressure is stable and my dry mouth is much improved. When I feel

the dryness starting, I eat a slice of apple and immediately get significant relief.

From that point on, Eddie and I shared our apple eating experience with everyone we knew. Before long, the idea caught on. Most all our friends were substituting apples for sugary treats and getting positive results.

In order to fill our two-apple-a-day requirement, we buy them by the bushel from an Amish distributor. We stock up during late summer and fall and store them in a cool environment to keep them crispy and fresh. The choice of flavors is limitless. Grocery stores in the United States usually have a full 11 varieties in rotation (Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, McIntosh, Rome Beauty, Fuji, Jonathan, York, Gala, Idared, and Yellow Newton). Fuji is our favorite, sweet enough and not too tart. Granny Smith holds the prize for the most vitamins and nutrients.

Whatever your choice, I've been convinced — you can't go wrong with apples!

(Linda Defew is a freelance writer from Livingston County who has had numerous works published. Her column appears in this newspaper periodically.)



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Photography lesson

Kathleen Guess of the Community Arts Foundation leads a discussion about the History of Photography during her 13th annual Fireside Chat last Thursday at the Woman's Club of Marion building on Carlisle Street. Guess, who has an extensive background in the arts, provided a one-hour slide show framing the evolution of photography from its earliest days in the 1800s through today's modern technologies. The arts foundation offers a variety of entertainment, community and cultural events throughout the year, this being one of them.

Bechler applauds Rosebud funding

STAFF REPORT

Bidding for a \$1.5 million highway safety upgrade for the Rosebud Hill area along U.S. 60 East in Crittenden County has now been opened by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC), and a local lawmaker is encouraged by the planned upgrades.

Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, strongly supports the improvements for the 7-mile stretch of the federal highway the state lawmaker calls "dangerous" and "deadly" in a news release this week.

"I am encouraged that transportation officials recognize the need for even more safety improvements, and I look forward to this project opening the bid process and improvements to be completed soon."

The latest project to open for bid includes about \$1.5 million in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for the stretch from Mattoon to the Critten-

den-Union county line and is a result of a statewide study to identify dangerous roadways.

According to the KyTC, as recent as November of last year, a 21-month-old child died when a vehicle hydroplaned and left the roadway, striking a tree. That fatality came after engineers had completed their study of the area to prepare for the HSIP project in 2018.

Among planned improvements, the estimated \$1.5 million safety project set for bidding early this year will include the addition of a gravel shoulder. It will include some additional high-traction coating and wedging adjustments, removal of cross drain header walls, extending some of the cross drains and culverts, slope improvements and tree removal at some locations.

Traffic engineers found speeding was an ongoing issue, particularly for vehicles traveling downhill eastbound along U.S. 60.

‘Little Miss Bully’ second book for Brantley

BY ALEXA BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Local author Betty Brantley has just released a second book – this one to encourage children to refrain from bullying.

Titled "Little Miss Bully," Brantley hopes to both entertain and inspire elementary school children to be kind to one another, and "be a buddy, rather than a bully."

Brantley is trained extensively in early childhood development and has worked much of her adult life with children. A proud grandmother of three, Brantley has used her grandchildren as central characters in all of her books, including "Rhyann's Rainbow," and a third book she is currently in the process of publishing.

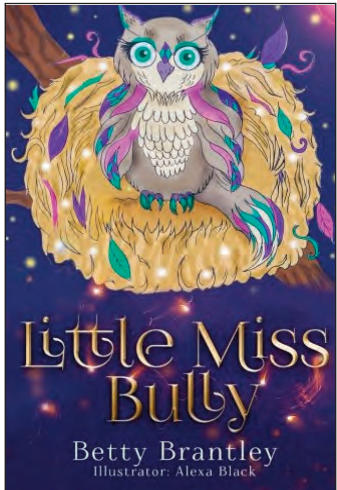
Brantley has dedicated her life to helping children, and after attending a seminar which revealed the high percentage of bullying taking

place in elementary schools, she felt compelled to use her work as a tool to bring awareness to classrooms across the nation.

Brantley's book is a light-hearted and enchanting story that addresses bullying, and is about Kat, an unkind yet beautiful owl who believes herself better than all of the other animals in the forest. After being a target of Kat's bullying, the other woodland critters decide to take a stand with the help of their courageous and friendly mother bear, who runs the forest. Through their actions and intervention, they help teach Kat the importance of love and respect for others, hoping to influence the reader to also choose good



Brantley



Little Miss Bully is illustrated by Livingston County resident Alexa Black.

behavior over negative. The words and colorful illustrations are said to depict these concepts and delve into the benefits of being kind for everyone involved.

"I've seen some of it firsthand, and have had teach-

mashed potatoes, seasoned cabbage, peach crisp and wheat roll.

– Feb. 7: Menu is chicken pot pie, twice baked potato, green beans, dreamsicle gelatin and wheat bread. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Assistance with tax preparation will also be provided.

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.

ers in my family tell me of what goes on in schools nowadays," Brantley said. "So with my book, I hope to influence children to refrain from bullying early on, and highlight important issues in a fun way that they can comprehend.

"These are things that they will hopefully carry on into adulthood. It's important for kids to know that they can turn to others for

positive reinforcement, and they can also be a positive reinforcement themselves."

The newly published "Little Miss Bully" is available on Amazon.com, and Brantley is planning to host several books signings and school sessions, encouraging both parents and children to attend.

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League Standings

5th District Basketball

| Boys | | |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Team | Overall | District |
| Livingston Central | 16-10 | 4-2 |
| Trigg County | 11-8 | 4-2 |
| Lyon County | 5-13 | 4-2 |
| Crittenden County | 5-13 | 0-6 |

| Girls | | |
|--------------------|-------|-----|
| Livingston Central | 13-12 | 6-0 |
| Crittenden County | 10-11 | 3-3 |
| Lyon County | 14-6 | 3-3 |
| Trigg County | 7-14 | 0-6 |

Crittenden Scoring

Rockets

| FOUL SHOOTING | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|------|------|------|
| Player | Games | Made | Att. | Avg. |
| Hunter Boone | 15 | 6 | 6 | 100% |
| Sawyer Towery | 15 | 30 | 38 | 79% |
| Logan Belt | 14 | 49 | 66 | 74% |
| Gabe Mott | 17 | 49 | 68 | 72% |
| Preston Turley | 17 | 40 | 62 | 65% |
| Braxton Winders | 15 | 5 | 9 | 56% |
| Tyler Boone | 16 | 19 | 38 | 50% |
| Jayden Carlson | 14 | 5 | 12 | 42% |
| Tyson Steele | 17 | 1 | 6 | 17% |
| Sean O'Leary | 16 | 0 | 4 | 0% |

| 3-POINT SHOOTING | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Preston Turley | 17 | 2 | 3 | 67% |
| Sawyer Towery | 15 | 40 | 95 | 42% |
| Tyson Steele | 17 | 6 | 17 | 35% |
| Hunter Boone | 15 | 14 | 44 | 32% |
| Erik O'Leary | 13 | 3 | 11 | 27% |
| Tyler Boone | 16 | 7 | 32 | 22% |
| Logan Belt | 14 | 8 | 37 | 22% |
| Gabe Mott | 17 | 5 | 28 | 18% |

Lady Rockets

FOUL SHOOTING

| Player | Games | Made | Att. | Avg. |
|------------------|-------|------|------|------|
| Mauri Collins | 19 | 46 | 68 | 68% |
| Madison Champion | 19 | 87 | 136 | 64% |
| Taylor Guess | 10 | 5 | 10 | 50% |
| Jaelyn Duncan | 9 | 3 | 6 | 50% |
| Nahla Woodward | 19 | 23 | 48 | 48% |
| Chandler Moss | 19 | 13 | 29 | 45% |
| Shelby Summers | 19 | 16 | 44 | 36% |
| Matthia Long | 17 | 5 | 24 | 21% |

| 3-POINT SHOOTING | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Mauri Collins | 19 | 15 | 34 | 44% |
| Nahla Woodward | 19 | 5 | 16 | 31% |
| Madison Champion | 19 | 15 | 56 | 27% |

Upcoming Games

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|---------------------------------------|
| Thursday |
| Rockets host Dawson Springs |
| Friday |
| Rockets host Todd County Central |
| Lady Rockets host Todd County Central |
| Tuesday |
| Rockets at Caldwell County |
| Lady Rockets at Webster County |

Hunting Seasons

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Raccoon Hunt | Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 |
| 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 |
| Canada Goose | Nov. 23 - Feb. 15 |
| Bobcat | Nov. 25 - Feb. 28 |
| Red Fox | Nov. 13 - Feb. 28 |
| Grey Fox | Nov. 13 - Feb. 28 |
| Youth Waterfowl | Feb. 3 - Feb. 4 |
| Coyote | Year Round |
| Groundhog | Year Round |
| Coyote Nighttime | Feb. 1 - May 31 |
| Youth Turkey | April 7-8 |
| Spring Turkey | April 14 - May 6 |

Coyote teams gear up

The annual Hodge's Sports and Apparel coyote hunting contest will begin at sundown Friday. Check in is at 5 p.m., on Saturday. Cost is \$20 for a two-man team. Teams must be registered by Friday when the event begins. There will be a 75% payback to the winning team with the most harvested coyotes. Statewide night hunting opportunities begin today for coyotes. For more information, contact the staff at Hodge's in Marion.

Diamond Club meeting

Crittenden County Diamond Club will meet at 6 p.m., tonight (Thursday) at the Rocket Arena conference room. This is the booster club for the high school baseball team. Parents are encouraged to attend. Plans for the upcoming spring season will be discussed.

Livingston goes undefeated in Fifth District

STAFF REPORT

Livingston Central held off a furious late rally by the Lady Rockets Tuesday at Smithland to win 58-51 and capture the Fifth District regular-season championship with a 6-0 league record.

Crittenden, 3-3 in district play, trailed by 14 in the third quarter but cut it to four in the last two minutes before succumbing. Crittenden finishes district play tied for second in the league standings.

The Lady Rockets got a nice win at Caldwell County Saturday, beating the Lady Tigers by eight behind balanced scoring. Mauri Collins had a team high 14 points and Crittenden got 12 more apiece from Shelby Summers and Nahla Woodward.

The girls lost to Union County at home Friday night despite 20 points from senior Madison Champion.

| Livingston Central 58, Crittenden County 51 | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Crittenden County | 6 | 16 | 32 | 51 |
| Crittenden County | 10 | 26 | 43 | 58 |
| CRITTENDEN – Collins 17, Champion 12, Moss 4, Summers 2, Woodward 13, Long, Guess 3, Boone. FG 17. 3-pointers 4 (Collins 3, Champion). FT 13-18. | | | | |
| LIVINGSTON – Padon 24, Wright 2, Stafford 18, Davidson 9, Downey, Tolley 1, Dudley 4. FG 21. 3-pointers 4 (Stafford). FT 12-20. | | | | |
| Crittenden County 51, Caldwell County 43 | | | | |
| Crittenden Co. | 14 | 27 | 41 | 51 |
| Caldwell County | 14 | 21 | 34 | 43 |
| CRITTENDEN – Collins 14, Champion 5, Moss 8, Woodward 12, Summers 12. FG 20. 3-pointers 2 (Collins). FT 9-11. | | | | |
| CALDWELL – Young 8, Goffinet 3, Hollowell, McDaniels, McConnell 16, Boyd 7, Jaggars 9, Parker. FG 19. 3-pointers 2 (Young). FT 3-9. | | | | |
| Union County 59, Crittenden County 42 | | | | |
| Union County | 15 | 32 | 41 | 59 |
| Crittenden County | 15 | 27 | 35 | 42 |
| UNION COUNTY – Spaulding 23, Wright 2, Conway 9, Roberson 7, Price 14, Morris 2, Shaffer 2. FG 20-38. 3-pointers 5-8 (Spaulding 3, Conway, Price). FT 14-24. | | | | |
| CRITTENDEN – Collins 3, Champion 20, Moss 2, Summers 4, Woodward 11, Guess, Long 2. FG 15-34. 3-pointers 4-12. (Collins, Champion 2, Woodward). FT 8-16. | | | | |



Rocket junior Sawyer, who scored 29 against Fort Campbell Friday, joins teammate Logan Belt in an attempt to take a rebound from this Falcon.



Lady Rocket Chandler Moss jumps a pass intended for Union County's Alex Wright during last week's non-district matchup at Rocket Arena.

Cold clipper gives waterfowlers joyful finale

STAFF REPORT

Although the regular winter duck season ended last weekend, area hunters still have some waterfowl opportunities in the coming days.

This coming weekend is the youth duck hunt where young gunners can get a taste of waterfowling without having to compete against adults or buy any special stamps or permits. See the Kentucky Hunting Guide for complete requirements.

Local hunters have indicated that the last few weeks of waterfowl hunting has been quite successful. Barrett Sherer, who hunts the Ohio River near Hurricane Island with some of his buddies, said the cold weather in late January boosted opportunities.

"When everything freezes, that's when we have the best luck on the river," he said.

Temperatures into the single digits locked up all of the backwater, slews and feeding holes that might normally disperse ducks, making them tougher to find. With recent big freezes, only the river remained open.

"We had a pretty good second half of season," Sherer said. "We got a lot of meat ducks."

What that means is that diving ducks such as mergansers – which sometimes fill or supplement a hunter's bag while river hunting – were not the dominant species.

"We got a lot of mallards and pintails," he said.

Canada geese have also been part of the take. Goose hunting continues through Feb. 15 in this part of the state.



Local waterfowl hunters like (from left) Barrett Sherer, Michael Story and Rodney Robertson have enjoyed a pretty good late season. Duck hunting ended Sunday, but geese can be taken through Feb. 15.

NEW DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Courtney always knew he'd be on Rockets coaching staff

STAFF REPORT

The ink hasn't dried on Sean Thompson's contract as the new Rocket football coach, but he's already putting together plans for next season.

On Monday, Thompson named former Rocket great Gaige Courtney as the team's defensive coordinator. Courtney graduated from CCHS in 2009 as the all-time leading tackler. That record has since been broken, however, by 2017 senior Adam Beavers.

Courtney went on to play collegiate football four years at Kentucky State. He was a linebacker, and Thompson says his new coordinator understands the game.

"Gaige's knowledge of the game is amazing, especially on the defensive side," said Thompson, who was named head coach last month, replacing 27-year skipper Al Starnes, who retired.

Thompson also announced that Bryan Qualls, who has been the head football coach at Crittenden County Middle School the last two seasons, will be brought up to the high school ranks. Thompson said the middle school head coaching position will be filled soon. Jared Brown will remain as a middle school assistant.

Courtney, 26, was defensive coordinator for two seasons, 2015-16, at Webster County before joining the Rockets staff last fall as linebackers and running backs coach.

"I always figured I would be back here coaching," he said. "Among the greatest period of my life was the four years I spent playing football here."

Courtney replaces Jeremy Wheeler as defensive coordinator. Wheeler resigned in December after five years as the team's defensive coordinator.



Gaige Courtney shares chalk talk about defense with Rockets head coach Sean Thompson. Courtney was named defensive coordinator of the football team this week.

Youth baseball, softball registration coming soon

STAFF REPORT

It's almost time to start thinking about little league baseball and softball sign ups.

League officials will meet at 4 p.m., Sunday Feb. 3 at YTG Insurance office in Marion. The Crittenden County Dugout Club organizes the leagues for players age 4 to 15, which also includes kickball.

The recreational baseball and softball leagues begin practicing in late March or early April and games are played in May and June.

Registration forms will be going home with students in their Friday backpacks at Crittenden County Elementary School later this month. Also, forms will be made available at Crittenden County Middle School. A registration form will be available from the Dugout Club's Facebook Page or at The Crittenden Press or YTG Insurance.

Assessment day and registration deadline will be Saturday,

March 3 at the Crittenden County Middle School gym. Assessments are only for players new to the league or who are moving up from one age division to the next.

Cost is \$40 for boys and girls ages 5-12 to play baseball or softball. Babe Ruth baseball for boys 13-15 is \$50 and kickball for boys and girls age 4-5 is \$25.

The season for baseball and softball in the 7-12 age groups will last six weeks starting on April 30. Those games are played

as part of a league that includes teams from Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon, Trigg and Dawson Springs. Travel to those communities is required. Kickball will not be organized until mid April and Babe Ruth baseball will be played in July.

For more information, call Tanner Tabor at (859) 333-9751.



Recruiting woes ones some schools might love

Now that Zion Williamson is definitely not coming to Kentucky, maybe it's time to focus more on the three players that UK coach John Calipari has already signed in his 2018 recruiting class.

Not only did UK not get Williamson, he went to Duke to give the Blue Devils the top three players in the 2018 recruiting class. However, FoxSports/247Sports recruiting analyst Evan Daniels says Kentucky fans are going to like Tyler Herro, Keldon Johnson and Immanuel Quickley. ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale already does.

"I know about 350 other schools that would like to be having the so-called recruiting problems that Kentucky is," said Vitale.

Johnson is the highest ranked of the three players and, like Quickley, is a McDonald's All-American.

"Keldon really plays hard," Daniels said. "He's a driving, slashing guard who can get to the rim and finish or dish. He's a good athlete and a really tough kid. I think he really has a bright future."

Johnson is ranked as the No. 6 player in the class in the latest ESPN rankings and was named to the Naismith Trophy Midseason Team.

Quickley is the point guard Calipari targeted in this recruiting class from the start and he played on the USA under 18 team that Calipari coached last summer. If both Quade Green and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander return to UK next season as most expect, Daniels said Quickley would have no problem playing with either one. He's dropped from 12th to 17th in the rankings after missing the first month of the season with mononucleosis.

"Quickley is going to be good. He has great court vision, can run and can distribute the ball," Daniels said. "He's 6-3 with long arms. He really competes hard on both ends of the floor. He's made strides with his jump shot, and he can shoot with distance better now. I really like his approach to the game and his mental ability."

Herro is the best shooter of the trio of guards, but Daniels says he's a scorer and not just a shooter. He also jumped into the No. 25 spot in the latest ESPN rankings.

"He is pushing 6-5. He's an above average athlete who can really score off the bounce, hit from midrange. He can make runners, floaters. He knows they need a shooter and he can make a shot from both 3-point range and the midlevel area," Daniels said.

"He has a lot of swagger and athletic ability. He is a fine defender. He'll have to get better defensively like any high school senior, but he has the ability to defend his position. I don't see that

being a problem for him."

What about Kentucky? How big a problem is it for

Kentucky that Williamson picked Duke, not UK? Where will UK turn for an inside presence in its 2018 recruiting class?

"Truth is there is not a lot of talent at the big man spot still out there in the 2018 class," Daniels said. "I am not sure what direction they might take. Maybe they will wait for the grad transfer market. Somebody will pop up for Kentucky. Somebody always does."

"There's also no certainty at Kentucky this year on who will or who will not be back next year. There's nothing certain yet on who may or may not leave for the draft, so that's a little different for UK, too."

Calipari has not signed a top five recruit in the last three years, something that led many UK fans to speculate about what has happened to the once dominant recruiting hauls Calipari had.

"We don't get every kid. I've said that all along. We get the ones that need to come here. Others chose not to and that's fine. That's their choice," Calipari said. "Obviously, the kids who have come here are worth over a billion dollars. Seventeen have graduated. Thirty-five, or whatever, got drafted. Three No. 1 (overall NBA draft picks). I mean, kids who have come here belonged here. It doesn't mean that everybody needs to come here. I don't think it's changed much at all."

Kentucky last week offered 6-10 E.J. Montgomery, the No. 1 player in Georgia and top 15 player nationally, a scholarship. Duke, North Carolina, Clemson and UCLA are among other schools that have offered and he's already indicated he will visit Duke. He is a McDonald's All-American. He originally committed to Auburn before changing his mind after the FBI probe into college basketball started.

Kentucky has also shown some interest in shooting guard Anfernee Simons, a one-time Louisville commit who is the highest ranked uncommitted player in the 2018 Class at No. 7. Tennessee and Florida are viewed as his leaders.

Another possibility is point guard John Lecque, the No. 9 player in the 2019 recruiting class who has indicated he might consider reclassifying to the 2018 class. Don't forget 6-9 James Wiseman of Memphis, the top player in the 2019 recruiting class. He has a UK offer and many still believe he will reclassify to the 2018 class even though he continues to insist he will not.

NIT season for UK?

At halftime of Kentucky's game at West Virginia, social media was predicting a likely NIT season for Kentucky.

After UK overcame a 17-point, second-half deficit to win, the outlook totally changed.

"I don't care how young you are, if you can win in Morgantown you can get to the Final Four. Huge win for Kentucky," ESPN analyst Jimmy Dykes, a former UK assistant coach, posted on Twitter.

Another ESPN analyst, Dick Vitale, said before the game "never ever" count on Calipari.

"He has talent / not the super talent of the past but certainly good enough to win / You saw it today baby," Vitale posted on Twitter after UK's win.

Lewis headed to UK

Jacksonville offensive lineman Nick Lewis flipped his commitment from Washington State to Kentucky and was expected to sign with the Wildcats this week. He's a 6-10, 350-pound tackle who is a three-star prospect.

He's a former Bolles School teammate of Alabama quarterback Mac Jones, a one-time Kentucky commit before he flipped to Alabama.

Jones was the one who first encouraged him to come to Kentucky.

"When I first got the Kentucky offer, Mac told me that Kentucky was the spot for me. Not Alabama, but Kentucky and he is at Alabama," Lewis said. "He told me I would love Kentucky. I just thought it was funny for a guy at Alabama to tell me to go somewhere else."

Here's another oddity about Lewis — he is a Duke basketball fan because Duke star Grayson Allen is also from Jacksonville and Lewis trained with Allen and played some pickup basketball with him.

"Kentucky always has one of the best basketball teams in the country. I know that," Lewis said. "But I was a Duke fan. I do love Duke because I played with Grayson Allen and we are friends. He's my man. I got to be for him."

Peters headed to FSU

The flip side of the flip came with Ohio linebacker Xavier Peters, the highest rated commitment in UK's 2018 class, when he switched to Florida State over the weekend.

When he didn't sign with UK in December like other players who had verbally committed, it indicated he might no longer be all-in with UK. He announced he would visit Florida and Miami, but then flipped to Florida State.

UK baseball No. 8

Senior catcher Troy Squires is as good as anyone in the Southeastern Conference at throwing out runners trying to steal bases. That's one reason he was an all-SEC player last season.

However, he's got a gift for two other things — sacrifice bunts and getting hit by pitches.

"I don't like to toot my own horn but I take pride in the short game," Squires, an all-state player at Central Hardin High School, said. "I take



PHOTO BY VICKY GRAF

Junior guard Taylor Murray needed a midseason attitude adjustment and has now elevated her play.

pride in bunts. It started back in high school. I batted second because if a guy got on I was getting him over (to second base) with the hit and run or bunt. At an early age my dad really taught me how to control the bat. I just added that to my arsenal."

The catcher ranked 19th nationally in sacrifice bunts last year with 13. That's tied for fourth on the UK single-season list and he is tied for ninth on UK list for career sacrifices with 21.

He also got hit by a pitch 10 times last year, the second highest total on the team.

"If they are going to give me a free base and throw inside, I am going to take it. That's part of our offense and our identity," Squires said. "We are not going to move. If they want to give us a free base, we'll take it. It's just part of my game. I take pride in that as well."

Kentucky goes into the season ranked No. 8, its highest preseason ranking ever.

UK cheerleading

Kentucky cheerleading coach Jomo Thompson challenged his team when practiced started.

"This was a year that a lot of people said we were not supposed to win (the national championship) and I even told the team at the beginning of the year we were not as good in some areas as we needed to be," Thompson said.

If that was true, it changed because Kentucky executed a near flawless performance in its final routine at the nationals in Orlando last month to win its third straight national title — and 23rd overall. Thompson said UK did that even though four team members had the flu and the team also had a stunt mishap in the semifinals.

"I do not worry about hitting a perfect routine in the semifinals because that can make their heads too big. That kind of humbled us," Thompson said. "We were still head and shoulders above everyone else coming out of semifinals, but I didn't

"I walk out when we first pull up (to Memorial Coliseum) and she's already out there on the floor. That's pretty special and you know says a lot about her," Curry said.

It does considering the struggles coach Matthew Mitchell's team has had this year. Those struggles weighed on Murray, a junior guard, at times.

"I thought she lived in a place of disappointment and discouragement for some time, and you can't get better in that. It's been some discouraging times and disappointing results, but you can't live there. You've got to pull yourself out of it, and to her credit, she has done that," Mitchell said.

"She has really listened to us. I think all of us at some point have to surrender to what's going on and not fight it. I'm really proud of her resilience and being a big enough person to admit she needed to change her attitude and she has."

Quote of the Week

"Auburn has probably played the best of anybody in our league. They have just got a lot of weapons that are difficult to defend. The environment down there looks tremendous, too," LSU coach Will Wade on playing at Auburn, something Kentucky will do Feb. 14.

Quote of the Week 2

"She is one player that has the ability to change the game in one swing. If she was a man, she would be worth a million dollars," UK softball coach Rachel Lawson on third baseman Abby Cheek.

Quote of the Week 3

"I really want to be a politician. Not the president, that's a little too high. Maybe a senator or representative. Maybe the mayor of my home town. I really have an interest in politics," UK pitcher Justin Lewis on what he would like to do after baseball.

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Bill would ensure better Kentucky organ, tissue donation procedures

STAFF REPORT

Coroners or medical examiners would be required to verify the organ and tissue donation wishes of a deceased person in their care under a bill passed today by the House.

House Bill 84, sponsored by Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, would require coroners or medical examiners to release identifying and other relevant information about the person to Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) if the person's body is suitable for medical transplant or therapy.

Such information is now released by coroners and medical examiners upon KODA's request, but Bechler said more urgency is needed.

"Timing is critical—once a person's heart stops beating, the vital organs quickly become unusable for transplantation, which means that timing is of the essence," he said.

Bechler filed HB 84 in honor and memory of the late Courtney Fear, a 19-year-old Princeton woman who was killed in a traffic wreck in 2015. Although Fear had signed up to be an organ donor on her driver's license, Bechler said KODA was never



LRC PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill 84 sponsor Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, speaks in favor of his organ and tissue donation bill Monday on the floor of the Kentucky House of Representatives.

contacted upon her death.

A provision in HB 84 would allow the bill to be cited as Courtney's Law in honor of Fear.

Concerns about whether HB 84 would require KODA to be contacted before the family of the deceased were raised by Rep. Rick Rand, D-Bedford, who ultimately voted for the bill. "I'm a big supporter of

organ donation," Rand told his House colleagues, "but I believe the wishes of the family are primary."

Nothing in the bill would preclude coroners from notifying the family of the deceased at any time, Bechler said.

HB 84 passed the House by a vote of 88-0 and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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bid notice

The Crittenden County Board of Education will be accepting sealed bid(s) on a 1989 Ford truck VIN # 1FTDF15Y5KLB10452. Sealed bids must be marked as such on the outside of envelope and delivered or mailed to the Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion, KY 42064 ATTN: "Vanessa Shewcraft" no later than February 8th, 2018 by 1:00PM at which time they will be opened. The Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to decline any or all bids. Please contact Wayne Winters with any questions at 270.965.3866, or wayne.winters@crittenden.ky-schools.us (3t-30-c)

INVITATION TO BID
Crittenden County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for the non-exclusive franchise agreement to provide solid waste service to residential customers in the County; and bids for the operation of the convenience center. All bids for a franchise to provide solid waste service to residential customers must also include a bid for operation of the convenience center. Bids shall be in accordance with applicable County Ordinances related to disposal of waste and include proposed monthly rates for Residential solid waste and recycling if available. Commercial customers and rates for commercial recycling if available must also adhere to the County Solid Waste Ordinances however, are not necessary

to submit for bid due to commercial services being open for negotiation with all commercial customers within Crittenden County accordingly. Bids shall also include operation of the local convenience center and bids shall alternatively include rates for hauling waste from the local convenience center with payment of a host fee to the County in the event the County operates the convenience center. Said franchise shall be for a term of five (5) years to be renewed each year by agreement of both Crittenden County Fiscal Court and the franchisee for a total term not to exceed five (5) years. Bids shall include the following: proof of workers compensation insurance, proof of one million dollars minimum (\$1,000,000.00) liability insurance, both federal and state employer's tax identification numbers, agreement to provide both City and County business license. No bid will be accepted from any bidder that does not include these documents with their bid packet. Bids shall be received at the office of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court until 8:30 a.m. on February 22, 2018 at 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208, Marion, KY 42064. Local Ordinances may be obtained by contacting the Judge Executive's office at 270-965-5251. (1t-30-c)

legal notice

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, Ky. do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement:
Myra Grace Paschal of 93 Tim-

ber Bend Rd., Calvert City, Ky. 42029, administratrix of Harold Wayne Grace, deceased, whose address was 2501 Blackburn Church Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064.

The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on March 7, 2018. All persons having exceptions to said Settlements are to file same at once.
Melissa Guill, Clerk
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(1t-30-c)

Notice is hereby given that on January 24, 2018 David R. Byler of 1974 Mt. Zion Church Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administrator of Mervin D. Byler, deceased, whose address was 1974 Mt. Zion Church Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064. Robert Frazer, attorney.
All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administrator and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.
All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle

said debts immediately.
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On January 24, 2018, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission for consent to transfer control of the license of WMJL-FM, 102.7 MHz, Marion, Kentucky, and WMJL, 1500 KHz, Marion, Kentucky from the shareholders of Joemyers Productions Inc (Transferor) to Samuel K. Stratemeyer (Transferee). A copy of the application and related material is available for public inspection at www.fcc.gov. The executive officers, directors and 10 per-

cent or greater shareholders of Transferor are: Joe Myers and Barbara Myers. Samuel K. Stratemeyer is an individual with attributable interests in Radio Station WJLI, Metropolis, Illinois as well as translators W277CH, Paducah, Kentucky - W248CP, Paducah, Kentucky - and W263CT, Centralia, Illinois. (3t-32-p)

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S AMENDMENT TO ITS 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") on January 26, 2018 in Case No. 2017-00483, an Application pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183 for approval of an amendment to Project 36 of its 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan for the purpose of recovering the capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities ("Amended Project 36") through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning August 30, 2018 under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR, also known as the environmental cost recovery surcharge. The total capital cost of Amended Project 36 in KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan is estimated to be \$14.7 million.

On August 8, 2016, the Commission approved KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan, including the original Project 36, and granted an associated Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Case No. 2016-00026. The total capital cost of the original Project 36 was then estimated to be \$11.9 million. Following the approval of this project, KU continued to evaluate the timing of and capacity needs for Phase II of the landfill at the E.W. Brown Generation Station ("Brown"), and construction did not begin prior to the one-year expiration of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorization. The increase in the total capital cost between the original Project 36 and the cost of the now proposed amendment to Project 36 is estimated to be \$2.8 million.

Federal and state environmental regulations require KU to build and upgrade equipment and facilities that produce energy from coal to operate in an environmentally sound manner. Specifically, KU is seeking Commission approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction of Phase II of the landfill at Brown and to cap and close any remaining surface area of the Brown Main Ash Pond. This construction project is an amendment to Project 36 of KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan that was approved by the Commission in 2016.

Additionally, KU is seeking an order approving Amended Project 36 for purposes of recovering the costs of the new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. Amended Project 36 is required for KU to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's federal Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities ("Federal CCR Rule"), and other environmental requirements that apply to KU facilities used in the production of energy from coal. The total capital cost of the new pollution control facilities for which KU is seeking recovery at this time is estimated to be \$14.7 million. O&M costs related to amended Phase II will be similar to O&M costs incurred in Phase I and are not distinguishable. If Amended Project 36 is approved, KU plans to continue to recover its Brown CCR Landfill O&M costs through its environmental surcharge as part of Project 29 in KU's 2011 ECR Plan.

The impact on KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.05% increase in 2018 with a maximum increase of 0.13% in 2020. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules RS, AES, and all Lighting Rates. For a KU residential customer using 1,122 kilowatt hours per month (kWh/mo), the initial monthly increase is expected to be \$0.06 during 2018, with the maximum monthly increase expected to be \$0.15 during 2020. AES customers using 21,341 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.97 up to \$2.50. Lighting Energy customers using 9,307 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.34 up to \$0.87. Traffic Energy customers using 160 kWh/mo and Lighting Service and Restricted Lighting Service customers using 61 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.02.

The impact on KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.08% increase in 2018 with a maximum increase of 0.19% in 2020. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules GS, PS-Secondary (PSS), PS-Primary (PSP), Time of Day Secondary (TODS), Time of Day Primary (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), School Power Service (SPS), School Time of Day Service (STOD), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (ODL).

GS customers using 1,805 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.13 up to \$0.34. PSS customers using 39,535 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$1.85 up to \$4.78. PSP customers using 82,036 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$3.92 up to \$10.14. TODS customers using 245,344 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$8.76 up to \$22.67. TODP customers using 1,241,109 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$35.48 up to \$91.81. RTS customers using 4,160,317 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$106.75 up to \$276.26. FLS customers using 46,076,466 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$1,033.18 up to \$2,673.67. SPS and ODL customers could expect monthly increases consistent with PSS and PSP customers using the same kWh/mo. STOD customers could expect monthly increases consistent with TODS customers using the same kWh/mo.

The Environmental Surcharge Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Public Service Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KU's Environmental Surcharge Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's Amendment to Project 36 of its 2016 Environmental Surcharge Plan and Application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention in Case No. 2017-00483 to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the Application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>), on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.ky.gov>), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after January 26, 2018.

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