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Only fed offices shut for Presidents Day

Presidents' Day is a federal-only holiday for public employees; all state and local government offices will be open Monday, including city hall, courthouse offices, the senior center, library and Extension service. Local banks will be closed, however, and the mail will not run Monday.



Animal adoptions half-off this month

The Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter is running its "Sweetheart Special" all month, offering reduced adoption rates for dogs and cats from the no-kill shelter just outside of Marion.

Adoption fees will be half-price for approved individuals. All animals are or will be spayed or neutered and current on vaccinations. The cost of adoption during February is \$37.50 for cats and \$50 for dogs. Trained dogs can be adopted for \$87.50, but that does not include the current class of animals.

The shelter, open 1-5 p.m. every day, is located just of Ky. 120 at the intersection with Just A Mere Road and can be reached at (270) 965-2006 or by email at MaryHallShelter@yahoo.com. Animals can be viewed on the shelter's Facebook page, at Mary HallShelter.blogspot.com or on PetFinder at https://goo.gl/osRd6E.

Public meetings

- **Marion City Council** will convene at 6 p.m. Monday inside Marion City Hall for its monthly meeting.
- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library for its monthly meeting. It was originally scheduled to be held in the Rocket Arena conference room
- **Salem City Commission** will convene at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall for its monthly meeting.
- **Marion Tourism Commission** will convene at 1 p.m. next Thursday at Marion Welcome Center.
- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will convene at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday in the judge-executive's courthouse office for its monthly meeting.
- **Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees** will convene at 5 p.m. next Thursday at the library for its monthly meeting.



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Hiter: Well-being of health department at risk

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
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If proposed cuts in funding and mandated pension contribution increases are implemented, the regional health department that serves Crittenden County could be broke by 2020.

That's the bleak picture offered by Pennyryle District Health Department (PDHD) Director Charles Hiter to state lawmakers. Hiter, who oversees health department operations in Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Lyon and Trigg counties, issued the

warning early this week in a three-page open letter to legislators that was distributed to several area media outlets, including The Crittenden Press.

"We cannot move from being one of the top three unhealthiest states in the nation if we do not fund the public health programs that help in educating our citizens and preventing illnesses," Hiter surmised in his letter.

The five local health de-

partments under Hiter's supervision, including the one

in Marion, are designed to offer an array of affordable health care to residents of their respective county. Adult and child services include vaccinations, family planning, health and cancer screenings, restaurant scoring, well child exams, WIC and much more.

State Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, one of the six lawmakers representing the

counties of the PDHD, said health departments certainly have his ear, but so does every area of state government looking at a 6.25 percent cut in Gov. Matt Bevin's biennial budget proposal. That includes cities, counties and school districts facing their own swollen contributions to the state's ailing pension systems.

Halfway through the current 60-day legislative session, a plan for the state's retirement systems has not been introduced, and the House has yet to introduce

its own version of a two-year spending plan. The budget and pension fix are top priorities of lawmakers in 2018.

Hiter's biggest area of concern with continuing to provide the same level of health services to the 53,000 residents of his five-county region lies with skyrocketing pension payments. In September, State Budget Director John Chilton released new assumptions for fully funding the state's eight pension systems in coming

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Prospects for justice center brighten



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Crystal Carr puts away court files Tuesday morning inside the Crittenden Circuit Clerk's office at the courthouse. According to state officials, funding for a new justice center in the county could come as early as the 2021-22 biennium, giving the circuit clerk and other court-affiliated functions in the county a new home.

Facility moves up priority list

STAFF REPORT

Although it's a few years away, Crittenden County may well be in position to get a new judicial center and some renovation of the courtroom at the courthouse.

According to officials on both the judicial and legislative sides of state government, the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is scheduled to fund courthouse improvements in Marion during the 2021-22 biennial state budget, which would need legislative approval in the 2020 session of the Kentucky General Assembly. The chances of it coming

any earlier than that are pretty slim, said state Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson.

With the state's current financial situation, Ridley believes that all available funds in the Kentucky Court of Justice will be used toward improving salaries, perhaps even a boost for deputy clerks across the state.

Fifth Judicial Circuit Judge Rene Williams, who presides over Crittenden, Webster and Union counties, was cautiously optimistic last week when she talked about the prospects

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Crittenden County Courthouse



Constructed in 1961



Former courthouse, built 1871

School still out late May

Board weighs use of NTI in event of snow, sick days

By **ALEXA BLACK**
STAFF WRITER

The flu epidemic currently sweeping the U.S. is not only affecting places of employment, but also education.

Kentucky officials warn that the virus strain this season has been a serious issue. Some schools across the commonwealth have closed

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Flu epidemic continues

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due to widespread illness, and Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said at a recent meeting of the local board of education that attendance was at a critical stage for considering closure locally.

"Today's attendance has been one of the worst that they have

had," he said at the Feb. 5 meeting. Overall, district attendance was down to 87.69 percent last Wednesday, with the elementary and middle schools the worst hit. Clark said the rate in huge contrast to normal attendance around 95 percent. At one time, said Director of Pupil Personnel Al Starnes, more than 150 of the 1,300 students in the district were absent due to illness.

To hopefully counteract and prevent further illness, Clark went with his team of administrators, school nurses and other staff members to educate students on the importance of preventing influenza with proper sanitation. They advised students to remain home if showing obvious symptoms of the flu.

Though some schools statewide are closing two days at a time as a result of the epidemic, locally, there are doubts that the method would solve the problem entirely. Considering the amount already missed for weather-related issues – seven as of press time, with four non-traditional (NTI) days having been used to prevent extending the school calendar – the board doesn't want to push the last day of classes any deeper into the spring.

As a result of those cancellations of classes,

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Indian trail marker trees part of living history

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There are a number of Indian trail marker trees in Crittenden County, making the anomalies, literally, a piece of living history.

The trees are an ancient form of navigational tools and a routing system, which served multiple purposes centuries ago. Native Americans would bend trees in order to create trail markers. Researchers believe the trees were used by many tribes and differed in their appearance from region to region. They most commonly indicated where water and shelter was, a warning of rough traveling, as well as grave and ceremonial sites or other

points of interest.

Trail markers were formed when the trees were in the early stages of development. The young tree would be cut between 3 feet or more above the first branch, and pulled over or bent in the direction desired. Native Americans would then either tie it or stake it to the ground, usually weighted with a large rock. The smaller branch would point upward, and over time, become the tree trunk itself. The crook or bend in the tree served as the indicator for points of interest.

Located on a farm in southeastern Crittenden County on the Caldwell County line, there are two

oddly bent trees that have been recognized as trail markers. They are approximately 1,000 yards apart and identify an area with three active springs nearby.

It can only be left up to speculation on which tribes were responsible for the various trail markers located throughout Crittenden and Livingston counties.

As documented by Professor W.D Funkhouser in 1931, the Algonquians – or Round Head tribes – lived near Tolu. Chickasaw tribes of Tennessee sent hunting parties through what is now known as Flynn's Ferry Road and are

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Located on a farm in southeastern Crittenden County, these two Indian trail marker trees are about 1,000 yards apart, both pointing toward a nearby area with three active springs.

Crittenden NTI days put to good use

Some lawmakers in Frankfort would like to see non-traditional instruction (NTI) days phased out or significantly tweaked. Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner Stephen Pruitt is also in favor of at least seeing changes to the program that allow approved school districts to avoid up to 10 make-up days due to weather or other causes by instructing students at home through technology or pre-arranged take-home assignments.

In Crittenden County, NTI days are called Rocket Way Snow Days. Four have been used this academic year, leaving just three days



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that must be made up through an adjusted calendar.

I can attest to the benefit of NTI days in a couple of ways.

First, I was enlightened and encouraged to see the work my fourth-grader did during a recent snow day. As a very driven 10-year-old, she made out her snow day agenda, which not only included playing in the snow and warming up with hot chocolate, but also time carved out for completion of her Rocket Way Snow Day packet.

Rarely does she have homework, so I was glad to see her perform her work, which included a thought-provoking writing assign-

ment and worksheets in other content areas. Without the NTI day assignments, I would not have the opportunity to watch her work, help her think through her assignments and get a small glimpse into her fourth-grade content.

Teachers say, and I agree, that it is beneficial for my children to work alone on occasion in order to encourage independent learning and to develop initiative.

Secondly, I commend the Crittenden County School District for encouraging teachers to send home meaningful and engaging assignments. Feedback I have received from the district is that assignments in the Rocket Way Snow Day packets are aligned to Kentucky Core Standards, and I have heard students say the work is just as challenging –

or harder – than it is in class in some cases.

Additionally, I was encouraged that mid-day on our first snow day, I received an email from one of my daughter's and one of my son's teachers offering assistance should they need it. Those teachers very easily could have taken a snow day, but obviously they encouraged their students and made themselves available, albeit from home.

The completion rate for the first three NTI day assignments at Crittenden County Elementary School was 97-98 percent. Middle and high school participation was slightly lower, but as a whole, the district average was 92 percent or greater each day; and students are encouraged to submit any missing assignments, therefore, that participation rate may increase.

Finally, I find it hard to believe that more stimulating work is done the last few days of the school year – especially if those days are at the beginning of June – in the event that NTI days are discontinued and all make-up days are again tacked on to the end of the calendar. More than likely, the rigorous review students receive on NTI days are much more valuable than a couple days added onto the calendar to fulfill the state required days of instruction.

"I agree with you 100 percent on Crittenden's use of NTI Days," said state Sen. Dorsey Ridley. "They make them useful. It's some of those other school districts that are using NTI and they are not doing it correctly that has caused this bill to come to the forefront."

Ridley explains legislation currently being considered "sunssets" the current NTI provision, which allow Pruitt to create structure and rules.

"Then the General Assembly can/will re-instate the law with the changes that work," Ridley assured. "I'll make the recommendation that the state use Crittenden County NTI as a model."

It is my hope that the legislature will see the value in NTI days, perhaps using Crittenden County as a model. School districts should be held accountable for the value of work they send home on NTI days instead of the legislature moving to scrap this beneficial program altogether.

The legislation, Senate Bill 73, cleared the Senate 36-0 on Jan. 22 and awaits a vote in the House.

Archives website gives access to state government records

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) has launched the Kentucky State Digital Archives (KSDA) website at KDLA.access.preservica.com to give Kentuckians increased online access to state government digital records from more than 240 agencies, boards and commissions.

KSDA contains public records of permanent value and includes annual reports, photographs, videos, meeting minutes, audio recordings and state publications. The robust search capabilities allow researchers to perform full-text and keyword searching within each collection or across the entire repository. KSDA also gives viewers of

digital photographs, audio and video enhanced capabilities such as zooming, scanning and fast forward.

"The new Kentucky State Digital Archives allows us to permanently preserve and provide access to digital records of historic value to the Commonwealth," said Kentucky State Archivist Beth Shields. "These public records can be searched, viewed, downloaded and printed for free."

The majority of records span from 2000 to present day. However, as various historic collections are digitized, they will be transferred to KSDA. These include scans of the Governors' Executive Journals and Work Projects Administration (WPA) photographs.

Pension reform bill missing

I was hopeful that a bill addressing the state's pension crisis would be filed last week, but I was disappointed. The halfway point of this year's regular session of the General Assembly was reached on Valentine's Day, and right now (Monday evening), I am not sure that the bill will even be filed by then. The failure to have a bill at this point is my biggest frustration of the session.

Other work, however, continues. House Bill 10 proposes an amendment to the state constitution that, if ratified by the state's voters, would allow the Kentucky General Assembly or its committees to void administrative regulations of the executive branch between regular sessions. Currently, this is only allowed during sessions. Passage of this would be a step in moving the decision making process from a non-elected government official from the executive branch to the elected members of the General Assembly, thus keeping the legislative branch as a co-equal branch of the government. I voted yes, and HB 10



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passed and was sent to the Senate for its consideration.

HB 141 seeks to establish an emergency loan account for school districts that because of extraordinary circumstances that are of no fault of their own, are struggling financially. This would allow them to finish the school year. This legislation is aimed primarily at school districts in both western and eastern Kentucky that are suffering due to the decline of coal severance revenue combined with erosion of property tax revenue.

HB 141 would allow school districts that meet certain criteria to apply for up to \$500,000 in loans from the Kentucky Department of Education. These are zero-interest loans, which have the potential to greatly assist schools in serious financial trouble. While this is not a long-term fix, it will help school districts remain solvent in the short-term so they can continue to properly educate students.

HB 141 limits the loan to no more than five years, but does not limit the frequency that a loan request could be made. I filed an amendment

that would have limited school districts from receiving any more than one loan in any five-year period, but the amendment was defeated. In spite of the defeat of my amendment, I reluctantly voted yes, and the bill passed the House. Hopefully, the department of education will institute enough controls so that the same school districts are not requesting loans year after year.

HB 148 is an effort to limit the supply of prescription drugs reaching those without a prescription. HB 148 seeks to require hospice programs to dispose of or remove all controlled substances left behind in the households of deceased patients who were under their care at the time of death. The hospices would be required to seek written permission from the legal representative of the deceased patient to remove or deactivate those drugs. If the hospice is not granted written permission, the Kentucky State Police would be responsible for removing the drugs and deactivating them. I voted yes, and the House passed the bill. It now resides in the Senate for further action.

HB 52 would require children under the age of 12 to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle as either the operator or passenger. In testimony, we heard that research suggests helmets are more than 84 percent effective at preventing brain injuries. The bill would not fine anyone if a child doesn't wear a helmet, but the child or the

child's parent or guardian would be given a courtesy warning.

This is a well-meaning bill, but seems to me to be unenforceable. What about children riding bicycles in their front yard without a helmet? Are members of the law-enforcement community going to pull in the driveway and stop them from doing so? Why stop at age 12? There was no testimony indicating that 12 was the magic age. I would have been supportive if the bill would it simply have encouraged everyone riding a bicycle to wear a helmet, but HB 52 went further. Therefore, I voted no, but the bill did pass the House.

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..

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Bill would allow for heavier feed trucks on road

Thousands of visitors filled our offices and hallways last week advocating for legislation that would impact health care, public education, school-teacher and public employee pensions and services to Kentucky's most vulnerable citizens. Dozens of bills were considered on the chamber floor or in committee with many of those receiving favorable approval of the Senate.

Absent from the bills considered in committee or on the floor as of Friday was a budget bill, which we are constitutionally required to pass this session. There has been talk that the House is working on its two-year spending plan, but so far, we have seen nothing. We even had speeches on the floor last week about doing the right thing concerning the spending plan and pension reform. But, still we wait. The only proposal we have seen so far is the Governor's budget "train wreck" that would impose a 6.25 percent across-



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the-board cut to most state agencies and eliminate all funding for 70 programs.

Also missing as of Friday was any kind of legislation to address the unfunded pension liability. Again, the Governor's proposal is the only one that anyone has seen and, I assure you, I cannot and will not support his proposal in its current form. The Governor's plan further penalizes taxpaying citizens, school-teachers, public employees and retirees.

As we wait on two of the biggest issues before us, we passed a measure that would prohibit the state from imposing unfunded mandates on cities. A provision of the bill made it clear that it would not apply to contributions to the County Employee Retirement Systems. Senate Bill 88 passed 36-0.

Another bill that passed out of our chamber would set a lower pricing tier, around \$2,500, for an entertainment destination center when the applicant is a

county or city government. SB 98 does not change current alcohol licensing regulations. It would only reduce the fee for municipalities and small cities. SB 98 is considered a tourism and economic development bill. It passed by a 35-0 vote.

Removing barriers for a trending business was the intent of SB 106, which passed unanimously out of committee and on the Senate floor this week. SB 106 creates a limited license for beauty salons that provide only blow-drying and styling services.

These blow-dry only salons are rapidly expanding across the country. Currently in Kentucky, these salons must obtain a full salon-license and employ fully trained cosmetologists who have completed 1,500 hours of training. Under SB 106, the requirement would be 450 hours of instruction – the minimum required of students seeking federal scholarships and aid. This bill would have an economic and education impact by encouraging continued growth in a new and growing segment of the salon industry. That would offer individuals a less expensive and less time-consuming entry into the changing field of cosmetology.

Other legislation to pass the Senate and move to the House for further consideration included:

- SB 96 would correct

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some outdated names in statutes and change reporting requirements on the disposal of unused prescription drug in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. It would not eliminate the smoking cessation program as rumored. SB 96 passed by a 36-1 vote.

- SB 101 would change the number of days certain school district job postings are required to be advertised from 30 days to 15 days. It also would require school board candidates to confirm they have earned a minimum of a GED diploma or equivalent certificate. SB 101 passed by a 37-0 vote.

House bills that passed in

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the Senate and were delivered to the Governor include:

- HB 153 would allow a weight variance for feed trucks. For an annual \$150-per-vehicle fee, HB 153 would allow all nine sections of a typical feed truck to be filled. The aim of this bill is to make Kentucky more competitive while trying to attract and retain agricultural industries. Kentucky's number one agricultural industry remains poultry, and this bill hopes to expand the industry. It passed by a 32-5 vote.

- HB146 would reorganize the state agriculture department. It merges some offices within the agency to reduce

expenses. HB 146 would also reduce the number of times the Kentucky Board of Agriculture is required to meet. It passed by a 36-0 vote.

- HB 157 would allow some "minor parties," such as the Green Party or Libertarian Party, to participate in their own caucus campaign committees. HB 157 is the result of a federal lawsuit relating to First Amendment and free speech rights. Under current law, the majority and minority caucuses in both chambers may have campaign committees. It passed by a 36-0 vote.

The session is nearing the halfway point and work will only intensify. Legislation may seem slow moving at times, but the vetting process is long and hard, as it should be.

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Essay contest winner

Crittenden County Elementary School fifth-grader Paityne Buckman is the 2018 winner of the Crittenden County Retired Teachers Association's essay contest. Buckman is the daughter of David and Britne Buckman. The topic of the essay contest was "Why my grandparent should be the AARP Kentucky grandparent of the year." Presenting Buckman with her award is Crittenden County Retired Teachers Association president Phyllis Sykes. Buckman won \$20 and will now compete at the regional level. The contest is held in conjunction with the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association and the AARP.

County, school district consolidation not likely

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The way in which counties across the commonwealth are structured could soon see a change, based on one bill that seeks to amend county lines and another that proposes a change in school districts.

State Rep. Toby Herald, R-Beattyville, introduced two bills last month in the General Assembly that, if passed, would consolidate the 120 counties across Kentucky into 34 and merge all county and independent school districts, consolidating 173 districts into 55 established school districts. Supporters believe the consolidation would lead to more efficient, cost-effective government.

But both local county and school officials do not believe either measure stands much hope of being approved.

"It will go nowhere," said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. "...Simply because of the history of the state and the strong county identity of our state citizenry. (Kentucky is) one of the only states that when people are asked where they are from, the answer is the county name. Rarely the city."

Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark agrees.

"Not a chance that will pass," he said.

The two men are not alone in their thinking. School and county officials across the state believe consolidation is a thorny issue that is not likely to be approved any time soon.

The first bill, House Bill 242, would create 55 school

Proposed county consolidation boundaries



Under two pieces of legislation proposed in the Kentucky House of Representatives, Kentucky's 120 counties and 173 school districts would be consolidated, reducing the numbers to 34 and 55, respectively. Above, the map shows proposed redrawn boundaries for counties (black lines) in conjunction with present borders (gray lines). A new joint Crittenden-Union-Webster County is lightly shaded. The darkened areas are heavily populated counties where no consolidation is proposed. Both bills remain in committee and have little chance of being approved, believe local school and county officials.

districts by eliminating independent districts. It would also abolish all local school boards of education and create new boards by July 2020.

In the proposal, for instance, Crittenden, Webster and Union counties would combine into one county and one school district. Livingston County would join Caldwell and Lyon counties for a single county and school district. Large counties like McCracken, Henderson and Christian would be unaffected by the measure.

Under HB 242, the Kentucky Department of Education would select superintendents for the new districts for one-year terms, set their salaries and establish the location of each board of

education. It calls for the governor to appoint school board members to serve from 2020 to 2022 and establishes school board members to be elected thereafter for four-year terms.

The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) sent a legislative update to its schools, in which the association said it is not on board with this proposal.

"KSBA is strongly opposed to any such legislation that would eviscerate local decision making in our local schools. This bill would destroy the identity of the community schools in every community of the state," the statement said. "No independent districts would remain after the mergers. Many county districts

would be merged together."

Under the county consolidation bill, HB 243, would abolish 100 of 120 counties and consolidate them into 34 county governments. It would start in 2021, when county judge-executives of each unconsolidated county would be required to appoint a commission of three voters who would divide the area of the new county into voting districts. Voters would choose officers for the new county officials in 2022.

Only Texas and Georgia have more counties that Kentucky.

Both bills have been posted to House committees but have not been discussed.

(Kentucky Today contributed to this story.)

half-million dollars from this rainy day fund has been needed the last few years to balance PDHD's budget.

Ballooning pension contributions and Bevin's proposal for slashing state funding could lead to an illness the regional health department may not be able to shake.

"When combined with a worst-case scenario of paying the full 84.06 percent into KERS, the PDHD will see a cumulative loss of just over \$1 million," Hiter points out. "This loss will be transferred to the local health department reserve funds, of which the

PDHD could only sustain for 1.5 years."

Bechler, in the midst of his third two-year state budget session, said this is the toughest to date. He believes not many people will be happy with what comes out of Frankfort by the time the session ends in mid-April.

"There's no doubt health departments need more money. Mental health needs more," Bechler said, continuing a list of areas facing hard times. "Who doesn't need the money becomes the question. The key is trying to find what is absolutely necessary."

THANK YOU

The family of Doris (Jane) McWorthy wishes to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards and all acts of kindness shown our family following the loss of our mother and grandmother on Jan. 14, 2018. We would like to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful and loving care shown to Mom by everyone. Thank you to the Family Practice Clinic staff, nurse practitioners and doctors, Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center staff, nurses and aides, to her neighbors on Leland Ave., in Marion and the Gilbert Funeral Home staff. She will be greatly missed.

Herran and Henshaw Families

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Flu epidemic not slowing down

STAFF REPORT

The flu outbreak in Kentucky continues, with 5,264 lab-confirmed cases and 102 deaths reported as of Friday. Influenza remains widespread across the state and nation, having killed thousands.

The Kentucky Department of Public Health reports flu numbers each week, releasing the information on Friday. Last week's report showed 660 new cases affecting 17 regions of the commonwealth. Twenty deaths were reported.

So far in the commonwealth, 4,480 of the 5,264 confirmed flu cases are from different strains of Influenza A. Type B cases accounted for 766. Influenza B is less likely to become widespread, but according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), infection from Type B is equally as severe as Influenza A.

As of last Thursday, there was still only one lab-confirmed case of influenza reported for each Crittenden and Livingston counties,

though flu-like illness continues to plague schools and the community. Ten cases have been confirmed in Webster County, two in Union County, one in Lyon County and none in Caldwell County.

According to a USA Today report, a 10th of last week's total deaths in the U.S. were due to the flu, and there is no sign the epidemic is slowing. It is possible to catch different strains of the influenza virus in one season. The flu can lead to pneumonia and other complications, becoming

deadly most commonly for infants, elderly and those with underlying health issues.

But this year's outbreak has caused numerous deaths beyond those most susceptible to complications.

Flu season is far from over. Since the 1982-83 season, reports the CDC, the flu has peaked in February 14 times and six times in March. The season typically runs October to May.

The flu vaccination is still available at Crittenden County Health Department.

Input sought on Atmos rate proposal

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) is holding a public meeting next week to provide information and receive comments on a proposed increase to natural gas base rates by Atmos Energy Corp. that would raise the average monthly bill by \$3.

The public comment period will be preceded by a presentation by PSC staff on the regulatory processes governing the case and an overview of the Atmos application.

"This meeting is an opportunity for affected ratepayers to make their views known directly to the commissioners who must decide this case," PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt said.

The presentation by PSC staff and a question-and-answer period will last an hour. Public comments will follow at about 6:30 p.m.

Atmos serves Marion, Fredonia and some residents between the two cities.

The utility is seeking to increase its annual base revenue by approximately \$10.4 million, or about 6.1 percent. According to Atmos estimates, the adjusted rates would increase a typical residential monthly natural gas bill by \$2.99, or about 5.74 percent.

In its application, Atmos states the reasons for requesting an increase include an inadequate rate of return on investment and the need for additional revenue to operate and maintain its distribution

system. Atmos also is requesting PSC approval of a mechanism that would adjust rates on an annual basis to reflect changes in operating costs.

The natural gas utility has already upgraded its distribution system in Marion and is currently undertaking a massive project to replace a main line between Marion and Fredonia.

The request for a rate increase applies only to Atmos' base rate, which covers the utility's cost of operating and maintaining its system, as well as any profit margin. The commodity cost of the gas itself, which is adjusted quarterly to reflect market prices, is determined separately and is passed through to consumers on a dollar-for-dollar

basis by Atmos, with no additional profit for the utility.

Atmos' last rate increase took effect in August 2016.

In addition to the public meeting, the PSC will conduct a formal evidentiary hearing in the case March 22 at PSC offices Frankfort.

Written comments will be accepted through the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing. They may be mailed to: PSC, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, faxed to (502) 564-3460, e-mailed from the PSC website or submitted in person at the public meeting or at the PSC offices.

Atmos Energy's application and other records in the case are available on the PSC website, PSC.ky.gov. The case number is 2017-00349.

CCES WatchDOGS becoming extinct

By ALEXA BLACK

STAFF WRITER

The number of WatchDOGS at Crittenden County Elementary School is about as low as it can get and still be an active program.

CCES explores many avenues to help students, including the WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) program, where men act as positive role models and help mentor students in need. Initially, the program was designed to provide added safeguards to the elementary school campus, but it now focuses on offering a positive influence and helping make a connection with at-risk students.

WatchDOGS was designed to encourage dads and other male role models to get more involved in their children's education, starting with spending a day volunteering at school.

"Times and situations have changed, therefore kids have changed. The needs of kids are so much greater now," said Laura Poindexter, school guidance counselor. "Any extra help we can get from people wanting to influence them for the better, we wel-

come it. Whether helping out with homework, talking, tutoring and so on, we all want to see this program flourish and seek to make a difference in these students' lives."

The program has been in operation since 2012, but numbers have decreased, leaving only two men mentoring about 15 children. School officials like CCES Guidance Counselor Laura Poindexter would like to see an increase in the number of WatchDOGS recruits, either on a regular or semi-regular basis.

Jobs for volunteers are centered around a man's abilities and how comfortable they are with personal or general help. In what area they assist the students is largely dependent on their strengths and skill set. For instance, if a member of WatchDOGS is good at connecting with youth, offering advice or helping with homework, their role in the school will be related to those factors.

Of course, one man interested in joining the program is required to get a background check and is assessed accordingly to ensure student safety.

CALENDAR

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the board of education is focusing on an efficient calendar update for the remainder of the year. Currently, the school year is expected to end on May 25, leaving graduation unaltered from its original date, which was also May 25.

There are six possible NTI days remaining to be used at the superintendent's discretion in the event of unpredictable circumstances such as inclement weather, excessive illness or other emergencies. Clark said some parents believe that using further NTI days rather than adding makeup days on to the end of the school year would be the best answer to more days off.

However, if further cancel-

lation of classes is necessary, the superintendent would like to see students in school for the continuity of learning rather than use all of the remaining NTI days. He prefers a balance, making up at least some of any future days missed but ending the school year in May rather than early June.

"It may not be the best option to support learning," Clark said of simply matching any potential cancellations of school with Rocket Way Snow Days, the local moniker for NTI days. "It is very important that kids are in the classroom. If any more days are missed and we somehow get into June, we will find balance and make adjustments for them. But I am absolutely against going one for one. I want to protect learning as much as possible."

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PRIORITY

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of a justice center. She and 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers recently returned from a trip to Frankfort where they met with the area's legislative leaders, Supreme Court Chief Justice John D. Minton and other budgetary leaders in the General Assembly.

"We are in better position than we have ever been to get something done," said Williams.

She characterized Crittenden County as the top-priority on a short list of counties that can expect some movement on courthouse improvements within the next four years.

Although plans are very preliminary, Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill said her office would move into a new annex that would be built behind the county courthouse. Inside that building, which would likely be connected to the courthouse in some fashion, would be a couple of small courtrooms and holding facilities for inmates awaiting their turn before the judge.

Williams said the project would also include renovation and safety upgrades to the current circuit and district courtroom at the courthouse, which would still be used for court proceedings.

"We're doing everything we

Courthouse concerns

Following is a list of some of the deficiencies experienced at Crittenden County Courthouse:

- A single point of entry and exit from the courtroom presents a serious safety concern.

- The chairlift making top floors and basement handicapped accessible is cumbersome and distracting to courtroom procedures when in use. It has also experienced periods when it is inoperable.

- The HVAC unit makes so much noise in the courtroom it has to be turned off when people are speaking.

- There's not enough seating when large jury pools are called to the courthouse.

- The ceiling leaks.
- The men's and women's restrooms each have plumbing issues.

can to get this moving," Ridley said. "Every county in my district has a nice judicial center, save Crittenden County."

As it currently stands, this project would not include any renovations to the other part of the courthouse occupied by county government – judge-executive, clerk, sheriff and

Neighboring courthouses, justice centers from CourthouseHistory.com

Livingston County



Justice Center, built 2009
Some county offices offsite



Courthouse, built 1844
No longer in service

Caldwell County



Courthouse, built 1938
Some county offices offsite

Union County



Courthouse, built 1871
Remodeled in 1938
Some county offices offsite

Lyon County

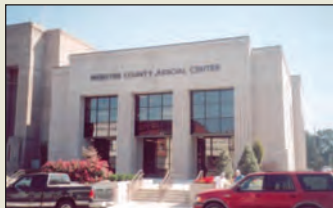


Justice Center, built 2000



Courthouse, built 1961

Webster County



Justice Center, built 2005



Courthouse, built 1939

PVA. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the cost for changes to the building for those offices would be born by the fiscal court, and the county just doesn't have the money.

"Basically, everything would stay status quo," he said of non-court-related areas.

Justice center ambitions

According to the Kentucky Court of Justice website, since 1998, the judicial branch of state government has completed, authorized or begun construction on 70 new judi-

cial centers, including the \$8.9 million, 28,950-square-foot Livingston County Justice Center in Smithland.

"These new facilities have given Kentucky citizens safe, efficient, cost-effective buildings in which to exercise their legal and constitutional rights," the website reads.

There are two judicial centers in various stages of development in Kentucky, both of which had funding approved by the Kentucky General Assembly in 2014. In Nicholas County, a new 31,500-square-foot justice center will cost an estimated \$10.37 mil-

lion. The new center in Henry County is estimated at \$12.23 million and will be 37,500 square feet.

When a new justice center gets approved for Crittenden County is uncertain, but local judicial officials are optimistic the state's 2021-22 budget will fund construction. A decade ago, a judicial branch priority list proposed a new 38,500-square-foot justice center for the county between 2012-14 at an estimated cost of \$21.17 million.

The project description outlined the need: "The current courthouse is grossly de-

ficient in space and configuration for safe, effective and efficient Court of Justice operations. The current courthouse cannot be cost-effectively adapted and expanded to meet judicial needs."

Only a fraction of the funding estimated in the document 10 years ago is now expected for a new justice center.

According to local historian Brenda Underdown, Crittenden County voters in 1959 overwhelmingly approved a \$175,000 bond issue for building a new courthouse. It was dedicated Dec. 14, 1961.

Ky.'s leading cattle numbers down; goat, sheep inventory up



FILE PHOTO

Kentucky cattle numbers are down a bit in 2018, but the state is still the leading producer east of the Mississippi River.

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky remains the top cattle producer east of the Mississippi, but the overall number of cattle was down to start the year over the estimate from Jan. 1, 2017. Meantime, the sheep and goat inventories increased.

The Kentucky cattle and calf inventory for Jan. 1, 2018, was estimated at 2.16 million head by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Total inventory was down 10,000 head from last year.

"The cattle industry is one of the most important sectors of Kentucky's agriculture," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "Kentucky ranks 14th in the

United States in total cattle, including calves inventory, and eighth in beef cow inventory. In 2016 gross receipts from the production of cattle totaled \$734 million, ranking it fifth among all commodities."

Despite a slight retreat in total inventory, the report shows the large breeding herd will continue to produce sizeable calf crops, Knopf added. Heifers held for beef cow replacement dropped slightly to the lowest level in three years, but inventory is not showing a longer term trend.

Cows and heifers that have calved were estimated at 1.09 million head, up 10,000 head from the 1.08 million for 2018. Beef cow inventory was estimated at 1.03 million

head and milk cows were estimated at 57,000 head.

The 2017 calf crop was estimated at 990,000 head, up 10,000 from the previous year's estimate.

All cattle and calves in the United States, as of Jan. 1, 2018, totaled 94.4 million head, one percent above the 93.7 million head on Jan. 1, 2017.

Meantime, the total number of sheep in Kentucky on Jan. 1 was estimated at 50,000 head, an increase of 2,000 from the previous year's estimate.

All breeding sheep and lambs were estimated at 39,000 head and all market sheep and lambs were estimated at 11,000 head. Breeding ewes were increased

to 31,000, but breeding rams remained constant at 2,000 head. Replacement lambs numbered 6,000, unchanged from 2017. Lamb crop for 2017 decreased by 3,000 from last year to 35,000 head.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States totaled 5.23 million head, down slightly from 2017.

All meat and other goats in Kentucky were estimated at 57,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 2017. Milk goats at 6,000 head, were up 500 head from the previous year's estimate.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States to start the year totaled 2.62 million head, down 1 percent from 2017.

AG BRIEFS

Wheat school aims to aid area growers

THE TIMES LEADER

The first in a series of Wheat Field School events planned this year at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton is two weeks away.

The wheat school will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 1 at the research center on Ky. 91.

The schools are a series of "in-depth, hands-on trainings led by UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment researchers said Katie Pratt of UK Ag Communications.

Trainings are scheduled at critical production times and help producers in decision-making processes.

Topics for the March 1 event will include assessing early-season crop condition, techniques for managing nitrogen and weed identification and control options.

The cost is \$60, and lunch will be provided at the school.

Registration is required and the class is limited to 30 people. To sign up, visit WheatGreenup2018.eventbrite.com or call (270) 365-7541.

Website gives new tools to producers

With the growing season just around the corner, Kentucky farmers and agribusinesses have a new tool to help them tackle crop management challenges in the Crop Protection Network's (CPN) redesigned website.

The CropProtectionNetwork.org site features timely videos, newsletter and blog articles, featured articles and Twitter updates from CPN partners on important management issues for a variety of field crops as well as the network's corn and soybean publications. The website also includes an encyclopedia of crop diseases to help farmers identify diseases in their fields using extensive image galleries and keywords to filter

results.

"The new website still has all of the great CPN content that users are familiar with, but also adds new resources, and will be updated frequently," said Kiersten Wise, co-director. "Our goal is to help farmers make crop management decisions with rele-

vant and timely information."

"Farmers and agricultural personnel will be provided with information to help with decisions to protect field crops," Mueller said. "Information on wheat management and other crops will be added in 2018, expanding resources for farmers."

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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.



Large raffle items include:

Super X4 Winchester shot gun,
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40 inch square reclaimed lumber high top table with 4 stools

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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Introducing Sandy Urbanowski, Market President.

Sandy Urbanowski has joined First United Bank as Market President in Crittenden County. A resident of Marion, Sandy brings 20 years of local banking experience to her new position.

She will be working at the new banking center in Marion, Kentucky when it opens this summer. Until then, you'll see Sandy out and about in the county working to bring a better banking experience to the community.

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City of the Dead later named Mapleview

The history of our town cemetery, Mapleview, began in the year 1890. It seems the old Marion cemetery (located on the corner of Moore and Gum Street) where many of our early citizens were buried had become full with no way to expand for future grave sites.

The Crittenden Press
Sept. 4, 1890.

The people of Marion and vicinity ought to take steps for providing a new cemetery. The work of old time, during the past 50 years, has filled the present cemetery with our friends and acquaintances, and it is so located that an extension cannot be made. Arrangements for a new one would not only be good taste, but is is an absolute necessity. The old one ought to be sacredly cared for and kept.

The organization of a stock company for this purpose would not be out of place. If an organization of this kind would purchase it, improve it properly and the citizens, we believe, would purchase lots in sufficient numbers to pay all expenses and leave a nice profit for the company.

John Lamb owned the land now occupied by Mapleview Cemetery. He had it plotted for graveyard purposes and recorded the plan on April 1, 1893, in Deed Book 1, page 279 of the Public Records of Crittenden County.

J. Bell Kevil is supposed to have prepared the plat for Lamb and was involved in a change of its ownership. On Aug. 23, 1893, a deed was recorded in Deed Book 1, page 401, whereby John Lamb and his wife, A. A. Lamb, conveyed the cemetery to R. W. Wilson and J. B. Kevil with the exception of certain specified lots; these evidently had already been sold or committed to various individuals. The deed makes reference to a certain agreement between the sellers and purchasers.

This agreement, signed on Aug. 17, 1893, was recorded in Deed Book 1, page 415. It stipulated that John Lamb was to be responsible for laying out the cemetery and for building and maintaining its roads. He was permitted to make

use of the undeveloped acreage but not for the purpose of grazing livestock. John Lamb died Sept. 7, 1894 and was buried in his plot in the new cemetery.

The new cemetery was known as the John Lamb Cemetery and was later simply called the New Cemetery and/or the City of the Dead.

November 1901

A walk to the new cemetery has just been completed at a cost of \$115. Mr. W. D. Baird was the prime mover in securing this much needed improvement.

Sept. 8, 1905
Highway to the Silent City of the Dead

It is a spirit born in every noble man and woman to love and cherish the memory of loved ones who have closed their eyes to things that are mortal and whose souls have been wafted away on the wings of love to God.

The new cemetery is a lonely spot; it is the city of the dead where its mounds have been watered by the tears of the bereaved; where flowers have been made to bloom over our loved ones. Then why should it not be our pride to make it a place beautiful?

Some months ago, one of our worthy citizens, Mr. W. D. Baird, who is ever alert to do a public service, took the initiative to build a roadway to the new cemetery and he called upon the voluntary service of the good women of this city to devise a way whereby this road might be built. A committee was appointed and it was arranged to have a public dinner, the proceeds to go to the "cemetery road fund." The dinner was served, which netted about \$90, and it was arranged to have another dinner.

They continued to hold their meetings and mature their plans, and finally it was decided to appoint a committee of two to solicit funds. They looked about them and selected for this work two noble creatures – Misses Kitty Moore and Fanny Gray. They at once took up the work assigned to them and collected funds until they had a total of about \$220, enough to build the new road. The road is now complete and every citizen is

proud of the work accomplished.

May 23, 1907
Marion's new cemetery, "The City of The Dead" organizes Cemetery Assoc.

The Record-Press is glad to announce to the people of Marion that the much vexed problem of cemetery supervision and care, which has been before us for a number of years, has at last been solved. A cemetery association was organized with Henry K. Woods, Pres., H. V. Stone, J. F. Dodge, T. H. Cochran, Mrs. George

M. Crider and Miss Nell Walker were made directors and Miss Nell Walker, secretary, and Mrs. G. M. Crider, treasurer.

The above named directors were authorized to see J. Bell Kevil, the present owner of the cemetery grounds, and secure if possible an option thereon, that the association can purchase the cemetery from him and make it public property. This has been done and the option is good for 30 days. The cemetery association is now making an effort and hopes to be able to sell enough lots at a reduced price during the next 30 days to pay for most, if not all, of the option price of \$300. Lots in this new cemetery have been selling for \$20 apiece for several years, but in view of this emergency and in the endeavor to get this affair in shape, the cemetery association has decided to sell 20 lots at \$15.

In the meeting it was decided to call upon lot owners for \$3 per year for work on their lots. We have employed John Brantley at \$25 per month to do this work. He is taking the lots in rotation as pay comes in and will care for only those paying the \$3.

June 20, 1907
At the meeting of the cemetery committee Monday night enough lots have been sold to raise the required amount of \$300 to pay Mr. Kevil.

June 11, 1908
The cemetery association has made many improvements during the past year. I believe with the planting of the maple trees this is when and how the new cemetery got its name of Mapleview and then later into one word, Mapleview Cemetery, for in earlier articles is was referred to as the New Cemetery or the City of The Dead.



The cemetery association during the past year has made many improvements in the cemetery, they include having planted a nice lot of maple trees along all the drive ways, erected a new fence around the entire cemetery, kept all of the walks and drive ways cleaned and put gravel on many of the walks. All of this has been paid for by the money collected from lot owners who were willing to put their lots in the care of the association and pay the nominal expense of three dollars per year for keeping of same.

The association also earnestly asked for families to please put markers on your unmarked graves. There are a number of unmarked graves, and even if the markers are only made of boards, it would help to identify the burial locations.

Other notes of interest about the cemetery

Jan. 5, 1893. Henry Bros., the marble men of this place, have contacted for the erection of a monument over the grave of Mr. R. L. Moore, Sr. It is a \$1,400 piece of work and when completed will be the handsomest in the county. It is to be of gray granite and the shaft rises sixteen feet in the air; it is six feet square at the base. The handsome and tasty piece of work will probably be the first to adorn the new cemetery at Marion.



The impressive monument of Robert Love Moore Sr., (photo at left) was the first monument in the new City of the Dead Cemetery in 1893. The gray granite monument is over 16 feet tall and was created by Henry Bros., the marble men of Marion. The beautiful brick entrance to Mapleview Cemetery (above) was donated by Maj. Stephen Hayward in honor of his mother,

The remains of Mr. Moore now rest at Mt. Zion, will be moved to Marion.

The beautiful brick entrance to Mapleview cemetery was built during the winter of 1941. In the spring of 1942 it was christened the Hayward Memorial Entrance. This impressive feature was provided by Major Stephen Hayward, in memory of his mother, Sallie Hunter Hayward. The stone is native granite from Missouri, the home state of Mrs.

Hayward. Major Hayward, brought here expert stonecutters to do the work. On the right side of the entrance on a square piece of granite imbedded in the wall are these unadorned words "A Memorial to my Mother, Sallie Hunter Hayward." Due to the interest of this young many in the community of his boyhood days, this memorial was built in memory of his mother that she would be remember by all who saw it.

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Every time you get paid, set something aside for retirement. A little can go a long way. For example, if you save \$200 per month for 40 years without earning any interest, you will have saved \$96,000. If you can invest that money at 2.5 percent, you will have more than \$164,000 built up — and that's not much for retirement.

Develop and maintain a budget that includes saving

as much as you can. When you begin your career, work with an investment professional to pick the plan that is best for you. If you don't have Social Security or a pension upon retiring, you will still have something to help get you through your retirement years.

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2006 DODGE DURANGO SILVER	\$9,000.00
2006 FORD F150 WHITE	\$12,500.00
2005 BUICK PARK AVENUE GREEN	\$5,500.00
2004 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE BLACK	\$7,000.00
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Dust off stifling powers that dampen the spirit

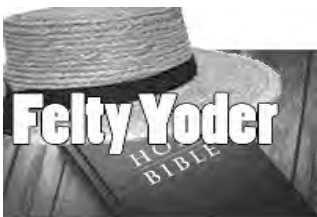
BY FELTY YODER

Anxiety, discouragement and timidity are spirit powers that have oppressed people for all times.

These stifling powers are active in our day and want to oppress us.

Jesus spoke against these destructive forces in Luke 12:22. “And He said to His disciple, For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, nor for your body, as to what you shall put on.” On this occasion Jesus spoke to His disciples.

If we have become disciples of Jesus, then we have also forsaken everything contrary to true discipleship – the flesh, world and the devil. Then the promises and blessings in the Bible are on our side of the battle. Then Jesus becomes our guarantee. He is the Head of His Body, which is the church, and the first born among many brethren. He has received all power in heaven and on earth.



We have nothing to fear if we are members of His body. Therefore, we shall cleanse out all restless thoughts, and bring it into Jesus’ death. With a life in Christ Jesus we can be content with what we have.

All too often we have a tendency to get dismayed and upset when we don’t get our wants. Discouragement, depression and self-pity set in. Would to God all this ugly disturbance be brought into Jesus’ death? The result would be contentment and rest of soul and spirit, and would put most all of the counselors in the world and in the church out of business.

We must be tested if we are to be trained in our life-

time. We must be tested if we are to receive a tested faith about which Peter writes about in 1 Peter 1:7. “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”

With faith in God’s word always in our heart, we will also have a message to give to each other that will serve to edification. Our life will be giving and blessings without making demands.

We must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God.” (Acts 14:22)

Tribulations put pressure on the body of sin, so we can get light on what needs to be put to death. We have need for endurance in the many trials that come our way, lest we be tempted to draw back because our vision is on the tribulations. Sin in the flesh goes deep and is multi-sided. It will take many and diverse tribulations to set us free from the honor of man, love of money, irritation, impatience, etc. These tribulations are light and monetary if we fight the good fight of faith.

We can rejoice when we experience temptation, for it will lead to a perfect work, which is divine nature. We are exhorted not to lose heart, “for we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus sake.” The purpose of these tribulations is that we manifest the life of Christ in the tribulations.

“And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of faith unto the end. That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” (Heb. 6:11-13)

(Editor's note: Felt Yoder, of the Salem area, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Can fear of dying cause true repentance?

Can the onset of death cause true repentance? Maybe, but rarely ever.

Soon after I was born again, I came to Crittenden County to try to help people get saved.

A person came to me to ask if I would please go to the hospital to speak to a man they knew who was unsaved and close to death.

It was in the old hospital and as I went in I began to talk to the gentleman and he was kind and friendly.

After we talked for a while, I asked him if he was a Christian.

His demeanor immediately changed and an awful look came over his face. He yelled out, “That is none of your (expletive) business, and you get out of here.”

It broke my heart, but I obeyed him, and he died that night.

So dying does not always cause anyone to repent, which is turning away from sin and being Godly sorry for their sins.

Many people think they can go on in their sins and when they think they are going to die ask God to forgive them for their sins and all is well.

How many people die before they know they are going?

Remember the Scripture: “He, that being often reproveth hardens his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.” Prov. 29:1.

Some will point to the thief on the cross being forgiven by Jesus just before he died, forgetting he had been hanging there for several hours.

The thief also confessed his sins before Jesus and asked to be with Him when He would come into His Kingdom.

Paul told the Corinthians that “Godly sorrow brings repentance to salvation that keeps, and that the sorrow of the world works death.” 2nd Cor. 7:10

Before I was born again, when I would get on a plane, or go on a long trip, I would ask God to forgive me for my sins, just in case I got killed on the way.

That was all forgotten at the end of the trip, until I started back.



Lucy Tedrick
Guest Columnist
Religious and Political Views

As you can see, I was not sorry for my sins like God was, but sorry like the world is. I just did not want to go to hell.

Paul also tells us that true repentance has to come from God: “If God perhaps will give repentance to acknowledge our sins, so we can recover ourselves from the devil who has taken us captive at his will.” 2nd Tim. 2:25.

So we see God has to give us that power to hate sin as He does and turn away from it, stay turned away, and follow Him.

He told the Romans that “the goodness of God leads us to repentance.” 2:4.

May we be reminded of what God said concerning those who stubbornly refused to turn from sin and unto Him in the time of the Flood? “My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh.” Gen. 6:3.

Faithfully, I praise God with all my being, He ever called after me in answer to prayers by members of my family and friends until I went to Him in full confession and surrender. Even before then I had been so ashamed to have been ignorant enough to let “the Devil take me his captive.”

•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.

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Bro. John Robertson, Pastor

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Area Deaths

Taylor

Vicki Taylor, 54, of Ledbetter died Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.



Taylor was a member of Union Baptist Church. She liked to draw and paint.

Surviving are two sons, Adam Reynolds of Ledbetter and Jake Flannery of Texas; parents, Phillip and Faye Dae of Ledbetter; and seven grandchildren, Rylan, Aislee, Alexia and Gunner Flannery, and Isaac, Xaander and Saalem Reynolds.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Orville and Elsie Cox and Homer and Euline Dae.

Services were Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Justin Mason officiating. Burial was at Tyner's Chapel Cemetery.

Gilland

Veronica Gilland, 68, of Sturgis died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville.

Formerly of Central Falls, R.I., she resided in Sturgis for many years until her death. She and her husband had recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 16, 2017.



She enjoyed traveling, knitting, bingo and making candy with her husband. She was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Sturgis.

Surviving are her husband Rickie Gilland of Sturgis; three children, Robert Gilland of Morganfield, Christie Shuecraft of Tolu and Kayla Gilland of Breckinridge Place in Morganfield; two sisters, Irene A. Laramée of Central Falls, R.I., and Kathryn M. Dunham of Searsport, Maine; two brothers, John M. Gorton of Pawtucket, R.I., and Walter E. Gorton of Central Falls, R.I.; a mother-in-law, Wilma Gilland of Salem; four grandchildren, Jamie and Adrianna Gilland and Summer and Cameron Shuecraft; 12 nieces and nephews from Rhode Island; a nephew from Wisconsin; one niece and one nephew from Texas.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Robert Gorton; her father-in-law, J.D. Gilland; and her parents, John F. and Rose Marie (Haver) Gorton.

Services were Monday, Feb. 12 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem with Fr. Ryan Harpole officiating. Burial will be at a later date at St. William Catholic Church Cemetery.

LaRue

Dan LaRue, 88 of Mayfield, a former longtime resident of Salem, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018.

He was a member of Salem Baptist Church.



LaRue graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in education and received a master's degree in education from Murray State University. He retired from the Livingston County Board of Education in Smithland and worked as art teacher and guidance counselor at Livingston Central High School.



He was a four-year veteran of the United States Air Force.

Surviving are a daughter, Danna (Don) Simpkins of Mayfield; two grandsons, Brent (Rachel) Simpkins of Lexington and Jonathan (Nikki) Simpkins of Mayfield; and two great-grandchildren, Isaac and Nora Simpkins of Mayfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Mable LaRue; his wife, Georgia (Ramage) LaRue; a brother, Douglas LaRue; and a sister, Jimmie Browning Miller.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Salem Cemetery with Pastor Chris Clarke officiating.

Memorials may be made to Happy Trails Ministry, P.O. Box 907, Nortonville, Ky. 42442.

Apodaca

Bonnie Lee McClure Apodaca, 51, of Marion died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Survivors include her children, Matthew Morris of Slaughters and Donald Morris of Marion; sisters, Connie Vaughn of Marion and Bette Haggerty of California; a brother, Lon Farley of Paducah; father, Donald (Carrie) McClure of Marion; grandchildren, Dalton, Harli, Eian, Seth, Savannah and Caylee Morris; a niece, Ashley Antkowiak; nephews, Christopher McClure, Josh Stallins and Michael Farley; and several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Tracy McClure and three brothers.

Services are scheduled for 1:00 PM Saturday February 17, 2018 at Main Street General Baptist Church with Bro. Gary Murray officiating.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17 at Main Street General Baptist Church with Bro. Gary Murray officiating.

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Historic number of lives saved saved in 2017 thanks to DL organ donation

Last year was a groundbreaking year in national and local efforts to save lives through organ donation. In the Kentucky region, 2017 marked the second highest number of lives saved. Thanks to 108 heroic organ donors and their families, 361 organs were recovered and transplanted and 330 tissue donors healed thousands of patients.

Nationally, according to preliminary data from UNOS, 34,768 organ transplants were performed in 2017 provided by both deceased and living donors. This total is a 3.4 percent increase over 2016 and marks the fifth consecutive record-setting year for transplants in the United States. Nationally, the number of deceased organ donors in the United States surpassed 10,000 for the first time. For the year, organs were recovered from 10,281 donors, representing a 3.1 percent increase over 2016 and an increase of 27 percent since 2007.

More than 1.8 million Kentuckians are registered donors thanks to the support of the Circuit Court Clerks.

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In 2017, 1387 generous Crittenden County residents donated \$1 for public education about donation. In total, 3,768 Crittenden County residents have joined the Organ Donor Registry. All registered donors are a bold symbol of hope to those waiting.

Kentucky's Registry rate has grown quickly in recent years due to strategic public education efforts and new regional training program.



This year's Trainings featured keynote speakers Derek Fitzgerald, heart recipient and IRONMAN, and Shannon Adkins, donor mom. Eight trainings were held in four cities across the Commonwealth - Owensboro, Frankfort, Paintsville and Somerset. Nearly 700 people attended representing 85 Circuit Court Clerk's offices.

Since Fitzgerald received the gift that saved his life in 2011, he has used his strong heart to accomplish amazing things and honor his donor family. "Eight months after the heart transplant, I finished my very first 5K. Over the past five years, I've finished over 80 endurance events, including a bicycle ride across the country and five full IRONMAN triathlons. I've made it my life's mission to honor my donor's gift and live like my hero is watching. The most significant event to happen since my transplant is the birth of my daughter, because while I received the gift of life, she is a true miracle."

For Adkins, keeping the memory of her son Keegan alive is of utmost importance and she enjoys sharing him with others.

"This year I began a new journey. One where Keegan will guide my every step," said Adkins, who now works as a philanthropy officer.

"Although we may not be able to save a person's life today, we are able to give hope simply by registering as a donor," explains Guill. "Each day, 22 patients will lose their fight, and their life, waiting. Everyone can be hope. Together, we can end the wait."

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Church Notes

— **Marion United Methodist Church** held an Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m., Wednesday at its worship center on North College Street across from the U.S. Post Office. Everyone is welcome.

— **Maranatha Baptist Church**, located at 1442 Cedar Grove Rd. in Salem, will host a community singing at 6 p.m., on Saturday. Refreshments will be served.

Kemper benefit is Saturday

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. 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.

McWorthy service honored

The family of the late Doris E. McWorthy received a memorial tribute from State Rep. Lynn Bechler on behalf of the House of Representatives last month highlighting McWorthy's service to the Commonwealth. She was a postmistress in Henshaw, Ky., for many years, worked on several U.S. Army posts and was an employee of the Breckenridge Job Corps center. McWorthy died Jan. 14. Her children include Nancy Herran, John Henshaw and Mark Henshaw, all of Marion, and Lorrie Voyias of Florida.

Pay fines, help CC Food Bank

Pay your fine with food to help hungry local residents this weekend at Crittenden County Public Library. On Saturday, CCPL will waive fines for overdue materials in exchange for canned goods to be donated to Crittenden County Food Bank. Food items cannot be outdated. The library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call (270) 965-3354 for more information.

Calendar

— Crittenden County Elementary School will host its annual **Family Fitness Night** at 6 p.m. Thursday, tonight 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. Former UK football quarterback Jared Lorenzen will be on hand to promote his Get Fit tour.

— **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!

— Teens are invited to Crittenden County Public Library Friday 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**, Saturday, 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.

Extension

— **Crochet Corner** will meet at noon, Feb. 21 at the Extension Office.

— **Diabetes Support Group** meets at 10 a.m., Friday. This month's speaker will be Denise Adams, APRN.

— **After Hours** will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office.

Rosie the Riveter coming to Marion



Kelly O'Connell Brengleman portrays "Rose Leigh: Rosie the Riveter" in a free Kentucky Chautauqua performance at Fohs Hall next week.

STAFF REPORT

Rosie the Riveter is coming to Marion next week to tell her story of sacrifice and ambition in the mid-20th century.

Mind you, it won't be the real Rosie — Rose Leigh of Pulaski County, Ky., who died in 1997 — but a Kentucky Chautauqua actor portraying the World War II inspiration for many women in the workforce. Kelly O'Connell Brengleman will perform as Rosie the Riveter at Fohs Hall on Saturday, Feb. 24. The 7 p.m. performance is free to the public courtesy of the Community Arts Foundation and Crit-

tenden County Historical Society in conjunction with the Kentucky Humanities Council.

"Leigh was just a regular girl from Science Hill, Ky., when she arrived at the Willow Run Bomber Factory in Ypsilanti, Mich., in 1942 to work as a riveter on B-24 bombers during World War II," reads a background on woman found on the Kentucky Humanities Council website. "Although she arrived with personal obstacles that included single motherhood, Rose found her way around the plant, found her ambitions, and found temporary stardom when she

met Walter Pidgeon and appeared on the big screen as 'Rosie the Riveter.'"

Leigh was one of 6 million women to join the workforce during the war, but became famous as a war bond promoter after Norman Rockwell depicted her on the Saturday Evening Post. She caught the eye of Hollywood producers casting a "riveter" for a government film about the war effort at home used to encourage women, including many in Crittenden County, to join the workforce building war materiel. Her name "Rose" was one of the factors leading to her selection to star in the film.

"Fame was never Rose's aspiration. Her real dream — to fly airplanes — was sidetracked as Rose continued to work after the war in a society where women were being urged to return to housework," continues the performance background. "Rose finally earned her pilot's wings in the early 1970s, but her solo flying career sadly ended a few years later when a plane crash damaged her left eye and kidney. Her film portrayal as Rosie the Riveter has inspired many, but she was just one of the many women who faithfully served her country."



Students in Ken Geary's financial literacy class at CCHS are (from left) Jayden Carlson, Alex Maynard, Clay Croft, Anzie Gobin, Ashleigh Dunkerson, Hannah Bell, Trinity Hayes, Shelby Cooper, Lauryn Faulkner and Natalie Hutchings and Geary.

Bell wins investment essay

Crittenden County sophomore Hannah Bell said it was her father who first piqued her interest in the stock market. That knowledge clearly took root, as the 16-year-old recently was awarded first place in Kentucky with her essay, "Do Something And Invest."

Students in math teacher Ken Geary's financial literacy class were invited to participate in the essay contest in conjunction with InvestWrite, an education platform integrated into Geary's classroom content. In his course, students participated in InvestWrite's Stock Market Game, to learn more about stocks, bonds and trading. Students formed teams and used virtual cash in an attempt to yield the most profit by diversifying portfolios.

Competing against teams

from across the state, Geary said one of his teams has led continuously and others are in the hunt for statewide accolades, as well. The stock market game continues through April.

To demonstrate knowledge gained through the game, students like Bell responded to a "real world" prompt in essay format. In her essay, Bell selected a



Bell

non-profit organization and thoroughly explained investment strategies that would benefit that organization the most in given time parameters. The essay required critical thinking skills, application of learned financial skills and

precise writing skills to clearly communicate a comprehensive and realistic plan.

Bell said she was shocked and excited to learn her essay captured first place in the state. It will now be entered in a national competition where a trip to the New York Stock Exchange awaits the overall winner.

"Definitely, a shock," smiled Bell. "This experience has given me confidence to using this knowledge to invest on my own one day," she added.

Geary said his first experience using the InvestWrite platform for his students will not be his last.

"I'm not accustomed to giving writing assignments in my classroom," laughed the math teacher, "but I look forward to participating again."

Konstanty pens 2nd book

By ALEXA BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Author Marilyn Gidcumb Konstanty is in the process of publishing a new book titled "Making a Living," a memoir focusing on the adventures and struggles of her childhood. The memoir is a portrayal of her upbringing, the daughter of a Kentucky tobacco farmer in the 1950s.

The shaping of her life through traumatic events later unfolds, and the story takes twists and turns into the life of a young Konstanty, one of nine siblings. "Making a Living" uncovers the lessons learned thanks to the blessings of her family, friends and neighbors in Butler County, Ky.

The memoir is Konstanty's second book, but her first attempt at nonfiction. Her experiences shaped her as an educator.

Konstanty is a retired teacher, having spent time at Livingston Central, Henderson Middle and Crittenden Elementary schools. Her work with students goes beyond the realm of education, as she made an effort to relate to students while teaching special education.

"When I taught school, I was sensitive to kids that came from a difficult home life," Konstanty said. "Their academic needs weren't always a priority, which is hard for a teacher like myself to admit. But if kids are upset from some awful event that happened at home, they can't perform. So my own



Author Marilyn Konstanty's new memoir chronicles her upbringing in Butler County and includes a look at the contrast of life in the 1950s and 2018.

struggles in my life helped me out with encouraging students like that."

In the process of writing her memoir, Konstanty and her sister returned to their old home and relived many memories — good and bad. They hurdled locked cattle gates, climbed beneath fences and traveled over endless pastures, much like they did as children.

"A burst of youth must have pumped through our veins as we recaptured places and events for that brief and meaningful walk," Konstanty recalls in her memoir.

In "Making a Living," Konstanty expands on her struggles

and triumphs through her childhood, teen years and pivotal events which changed the dynamic of homelife itself.

The memoir details many adventures before and after the events, between helping with picking tobacco, learning to swim in the local watering hole, warfare within the home after her stepfather's arrival and her struggles of entering college. Konstanty also touches upon the contrast of life when she grew up verses now with the major technological advances and the general pace of life itself. However, she feels "people's hearts and spirits are still the same."

"Each time I revisit my home, I find another story from my childhood, and am able to look at it from a place of clarity," Konstanty said. "You become more objective about everything that happened, and by 68, you've recovered from most of the hurt. As an adult, you learn to only care about the good times there were. The fussing and fighting becomes more irrelevant as time goes on and you're able to focus on the good moments, to the point that it is the only thing that comes to mind. If you heal when you're younger, you're more grateful when you view those memories through adult eyes."

"Making a Living" will be available will be available from Amazon in March.

Senior Menu

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

— Thursday (today): Menu is baked chicken, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and banana pudding. A nutrition lesson will begin at 10 a.m. with Sue Parent, and Tai Chi also will begin at 10 a.m.

— Friday: Menu is hashbrown ham casserole, lima beans, wheat roll and ambrosia fruit salad. Bingo sponsored by Lifeline Home Health begins at 10:30 a.m.

— Monday: Menu is meat balls with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, biscuit and pears. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

— Tuesday: Menu is ham and bean soup, hot spiced beets, buttered spinach, pear crisp and cornbread. Legal aid will be offered at 10 a.m.

— Feb. 21: Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, Mandarin oranges and garlic breadstick. 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.



Tabor

Crittenden County Detention Center's employee of the month of February is Deputy Dylan Tabor.

Deputy Tabor was born and raised in Crittenden County. His dad is a business owner and his mother is a foster parent. He is married with two children and learned the value of his mom's foster parenting when he became a dad himself.

Deputy Tabor joined the Army Reserves two years ago and his base is at Camp Robinson in Little Rock, Ark. He is a member of the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion as a human resource specialist. In addition to meeting his military training requirements,

Deputy Tabor is enrolled in community college and is working towards his associate's degree in business administration-human resources.

Since joining the staff at Crittenden County Detention Center one year ago, he has become a valued member of the staff by establishing himself as a self-motivated, hard worker, jail administrators say. He has become certified in OC (pepper spray), taser and firearms and has excelled in anything he is asked to do including becoming a member of the Federal Transport Team.

Jailer Robbie Kirk said Tabor sets a standard for others to strive for both in his professional and personal life.

"We are so proud to have him as a member of the detention center's staff," he said.

PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

The center is a service of Penrynire Allied Community Services.

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

Starts Friday, Feb. 15

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Sat. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30
Sun. 1, 4, 7
Mon.-Thurs. 6:30

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Sun. 1, 4, 7
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League Standings
5th District Basketball

Boys		
Team	Overall	District
Livingston Central	17-12	4-2
Trigg County	11-12	4-2
Lyon County	7-16	4-2
Crittenden County	5-18	0-6

Girls		
Team	Overall	District
Livingston Central	14-13	6-0
Lyon County	18-8	3-3
Crittenden County	12-13	3-3
Trigg County	8-16	0-6

Upcoming Games

Friday
Rockets at Fort Campbell
Lady Rockets at Fort Campbell
Next week
5th District Tournament at Marion

Hunting Seasons

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

Earn cash for dove fields

Kentucky farmers can earn some extra cash by enrolling in the Cooperative Dove Field Program. Enrollment is underway and continues through March 1. The Cooperative Dove Field Program pays landowners to lease fields on their property for public dove hunting. Landowners may earn up to \$10,000 in the Cooperative Dove Field Program. They earn \$300 per acre planted. The department has accepted fields ranging from six to 40 acres with additional lease payments offered for buffers around planted fields. Farmers may plant sunflowers, millet or another acceptable crop for a public dove field by working with a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife private lands biologist and following some simple guidelines. Call 1-800-858-1549 for more information.

Youth baseball sign ups

Registration deadline for youth baseball, softball and kickball is Saturday, March 10. Registration forms will be sent home with students at Crittenden County Elementary School in the coming days. You may also get a form at YTG Insurance in Marion or at The Crittenden Press. Additionally, an online form is available at <http://www.the-press.com/2018YouthBallRegistration.pdf> or find a link at The Press Online. Costs vary depending on division and number of children in your family who sign up. Play is available for boys and girls ages 4-15. For more information, call Tanner Tabor (859) 333-9751.

Golf to benefit puppies

Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter will be hosting a four-person golf scramble, "Fore the Luck of the Pups," next month at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. The tournament is March 17 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Along with four-person teams, the shelter is looking for \$100 sponsors for each hole. For more information or to register, contact the shelter from 1 to 5 p.m. at (270) 965-2006 or email MaryHallShelter@yahoo.com.

Soccer registration

Youth soccer registration is from 10:30 a.m., until 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Dairy Queen. There will be assessments and a final registration opportunity at 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 12 at Marion-Crittenden County Park soccer complex. Cost is \$40 for 4u, 6u and 8u and \$50 for 10u, 12u and 14u. Registration forms will be sent home with students from school in the coming days. For more information, contact Shana Geary at (270) 704-1069.

Alumni basketball Saturday

Crittenden County will be participating in a Fifth District Alumni Basketball Tournament on Saturday at Livingston Central High School. The former Rockets will be playing at 2 p.m., against Caldwell County. They will advance if victorious. Lyon, Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston and Trigg will have teams.

Tough birds right off the bat

Crittenden boys face Livingston in district opener

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County opens Fifth District Tournament play on Monday against arguably one of the best teams in the Second Region.

Livingston Central, statistically and competitively, has been among the area's best teams. After losing their first four games of the season – to Ballard Memorial, Graves County, McCracken County and Murray – the Cardinals haven't dropped two in a row. In the games it has lost, Livingston has been in the game right down to the wire, including a five-point loss at Henderson and a two-point defeat at Marshall County in the last couple of weeks.

"It's the best Livingston team I haven't seen in over 20 years," Rocket basketball coach Denis Hodge said. "They've been one of the top rated teams in the region all season and they will come into the district tournament as heavy a favorite as we've seen in the last few years."

The Cardinals have been tripped up too much, but one might note that two of their 11 losses were against Lyon County and Trigg County. Lyon has only six wins this season – two against Crittenden and single triumphs over Dawson Springs, Trigg and Fort Campbell. Meanwhile, Trigg had lost four in a row as they headed to Ballard Memorial Tuesday.

Save Livingston, the Fifth District doesn't stack up too well against the rest of the region and



BOYS
Monday, Feb. 19
Livingston vs. Crittenden, 6pm
Lyon Co. vs. Trigg Co., 7:30pm

Thursday, Feb. 22
Championship game, 7pm

GIRLS
Tuesday, Feb. 20
Livingston vs. Trigg Co., 6pm
Crittenden vs. Lyon Co., 7pm

Friday, Feb. 23
Championship game, 7pm

Admission \$6

perhaps that is why the Crittenden skipper is tipping his cap to the Cardinals as the postseason approaches.

Hodge says his club is preparing a plan that he thinks can exploit some things in Livingston's armor. However, his greatest concern is the play of his squad.

"We have played pretty well at times, but we haven't put a full four quarters together," Hodge said. "We played pretty good for a half at Marshall County before we wore down."

A poor second period at St.

Mary Friday and a slow start against Hardin County Saturday were also largely to blame for Crittenden's undoing.

"But our guys are still very excited to be playing and we're still having fun," Hodge said.

For Livingston Central, seniors Seth Hosick and Cameron Dean lead the offense, both averaging 14 points a game.

Crittenden finished last in the league standings after failing to win a single district game this season. Livingston, Lyon and Trigg tied for first place and a coin toss determined that Livingston would get the No. 1 seed for the tournament, which will be played at Rocket Arena.

The Rockets played Hopkins Central (14-11) tough for almost three periods, but foul trouble stagnated Crittenden's effort down the stretch and the Rockets ran out of juice in a Senior Night loss at Marion.

Hopkins Central 75, Crittenden 58
Hopkins Central 15 22 53 75
Crittenden Co. 11 30 46 58
HOPKINS CENTRAL – Almon 9, Hobgood 7, Putty 22, Moore 5, Mann 16, Miller 14, Phillips 2, Pyle, FG 24. 3-pointers 4 (Almon 2, Hobgood, Putty, Moore). FT 20-38.
CRITTENDEN – Towery 9, Mott 8, Belt 5, Turley 13, H.Boone 4, E.O'Leary 9, S.O'Leary, Winders 1, Carlson 1, T.Boone 8. FG 18. 3-pointers 5 (E.O'Leary 3, Towery 2). FT 17-25.

Marshall 66, Crittenden 37
Crittenden Co. 11 19 27 37

Marshall Co. 13 25 50 66
CRITTENDEN – Towery 5, Mott 2, Belt 6, Turley 10, H.Boone 3, E.O'Leary 6, S.O'Leary 1, Winders, Carlson, T.Boone 4. FG 12. 3-pointers
MARSHALL – Powell 9, Nichols 4, Smith, Reed 10, French 8, Riley 2, Flatt 14, Stokes 4, Nimmo 6, Morgan 2, Wooten 3, Riley, Driver, Miller, Parker 4. FG 23. 3-pointers 2 (Flatt, Powell). FT 16-24.

Hardin Co. 53, Crittenden 39
Hardin Co. 10 27 42 53
Crittenden 2 18 25 39
HARDIN COUNTY – Cullum 16, Hicks 6, Austin 11, Fowler 10, Cowsert 8, Johnson 2, Wallace, Smock. FG 16. 3-pointers 2 (Cullum, Fowler). FT 19-29.

CRITTENDEN – Towery 1, Mott 11, Belt 7, Turley 14, H.Boone 2, E.O'Leary, S.O'Leary, Winders, Carlson, T.Boone 4. FG 14. 3-pointers 2 (Mott). FT 9-17.

St. Mary 63, Crittenden 54
Crittenden 9 19 37 54
St. Mary 10 31 46 63
CRITTENDEN – Towery 10, Mott 10, Belt 15, Turley 6, H.Boone 3, E.O'Leary 3, S. O'Leary, Winders, Carlson, T.Boone 7. FG 14. 3-pointers 4 (Towery 2, H.Boone, O'Leary). FT 22-26.
ST. MARY - Sims 13, Weatherington 3, Mathis 15, Livesay 8, Eggameyer 2, Johnson 5, Lafont 11, Bell 6, Hrdlicka, Luetz, McCauley. FG 15. 3-pointers 8 (Sims, Mathis 3, Livesay 2, Lafont, Bell.) FT 25-37.

Championship encounters common for Rocket, Lyon girls

STAFF REPORT

Coach Shannon Hodge and her Lady Rockets are quite accustomed to seeing purple this time of year.

Crittenden County opens the Fifth District Tournament Tuesday at home against Lyon County, a common post-season adversary in recent years.

Over the past six seasons, the two have met four times in the Fifth District Tournament championship game and once in the All A Second Region championship. Crittenden has a slight upper hand in those encounters, winning three times, including 2011 in their Second Region championship campaign and twice last year – once in the district tournament and once in the All A title game.

Their familiarity breeds a good bit of opportunity for Coach Hodge and Lyon skipper Jeff Doom to strategize.

"We know them as they know us," Hodge said. "I will be looking at video for some things we can tweak and do."

Hodge said her two seniors – Madison Champion and Mauri Collins – are ready for the challenge and have embraced their



Lady Rocket Coach Shannon Hodge tried to keep her team under control Tuesday night in a close one at Rocket Arena.

leadership roles as the postseason arrives.

"I think the Fifth District is wide open," she said.

This season, Lyon has bested the Lady Rockets twice in three meetings. Crittenden won the first game in December at Lyon, but the Lady Lyons have won by 11 and 10, respectively, in the last two games, including an All A Classic matchup. Lyon won the All A regional title this year.

The Lady Rockets beat St. Mary and Hopkins Central, over the past week, but lost to Union County.

Union sophomore Jocelyn Spaulding has been unstoppable in the teams' two meetings. She scored 25 Saturday at Morganfield. Union County improved to 9-16 on the season. Crittenden got 19 from Champion. Crittenden fell to 10-13.

At St. Mary on Friday, Crittenden got balanced scoring behind Champion's game-leading 17. Seven more players scored in the game and nearly everyone got into the action. It was the sixth straight loss for St. Mary (6-15).

The girls trailed by three a couple of times in the second half Tuesday at home, but won a close one over Hopkins Central. Champion had six points down the stretch and a steal in the last minute to help CCHS get the victory.

Crittenden 49, Hopkins Central 46
Hopkins Central 11 23 34 46
Crittenden Co. 11 23 33 49
HOPKINS CENTRAL – Ikeard 9, Baxter 7, Grigg 4, Tow 9, Moore, James 5, Stafford 10, Hollis 2, Keri Reynolds, Keli Reynolds, Fritz. FG 17. 3-pointers 2 (James, Baxter). FT 6-10.
CRITTENDEN – Collins 9, Champion

16, Moss 11, Summers 4, Woodward 6, Long, Guess 3. FG 17. FT 15-22.

Union 68, Crittenden 46
Crittenden Co. 5 23 38 46
Union Co. 17 34 42 68
CRITTENDEN – Collins 8, Champion 19, Moss 6, Summers 3, Woodward 3, Guess 3, Long 2, Duncan, Boone. FG 14. 3-pointers 2 (Champion). 3-point goals: 2 (Champion 2). FT 10-17.
UNION – Spaulding 25; Wright 11; Conway 4; Price 5; Sheffer 5; Roberson 9; Hibbs 7; Morris 2; Rubush; Greenwell. FG 26. 3-point goals 5 (Wright 2, Spaulding, Price, Hibbs). FT 11-15.

Crittenden 49, St. Mary 32
Crittenden Co. 10 22 39 49
St. Mary 4 12 19 32
CRITTENDEN – Collins 7, Champion 17, Moss 4, Summers 8, Woodward 7, Guess 2, Long, Duncan 1, Boone, Hayes 1, Perryman, Easley, Binkley, Keller, Driskill, Hadfield. FG 20. 3-pointers 2 (Collins, Champion). FT 7-12.
ST. MARY – Black 6, Doran 5, Brown 4, C.Doran 10, Addison 4, Brownfield, M.Brownfield, Carrico, Bondurant, Higgins 3. FG 11. 3-pointers 2 (Higgins, C.Doran). FT 8-17.

Undefeated



Crittenden County's third- and fourth-grade travel basketball team has been highly successful this season. The boys completed the regular season Monday night with a perfect 14-0 record. They open post-season play Feb. 24. Pictured are (front from left) Colt Bailey, Isaac James, Brady Dayberry, Avery Thompson, Davis Perryman, (back) Ethan Thomas, Caleb Riley, Quinn Summers, Brayden Poindexter and Bryson Walker.



Crittenden County sixth grader Chase Conyer looks for a shot from under the basket against Lyon's Peyton Williams during Saturday youth basketball action at Rocket Arena.

Cosby back behind plate in Arkansas

STAFF REPORT

Former Rocket baseball player Alex Cosby has landed a job catching at an Arkansas junior college.

Cosby, 19, graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2016 and went immediately to Ecclesia College, a four-year Christian college in Springdale, Ark. He played the fall baseball season there, but left at the end of the term.

Cosby said some players he met at



Ecclesia gave him a heads up about North Arkansas Junior College looking for a second catcher.

He contacted the coach and within in days he was signed and began playing last weekend with the club from Harrison, Ark.

Cosby caught two of the Pioneers' four games last weekend in a series in Dallas. He reached base twice and hit in the middle of the lineup.

Cosby said he's tickled to be back in baseball after sitting out for more than a year.

North Arkansas Junior College competes in NCAA JUCO Division III and plays a full schedule between now and the end of May.



Cosby

UK on way to 1st sub-.500 SEC play since ‘88-89

Since I started covering UK basketball in 1975, only once have the Cats failed to finish at least .500 in SEC play. That came in the 1988-89 season — Eddie Sutton's final season as coach — when UK went 8-10. The last time UK was below .500 before that was in 1966-67 when Adolph Rupp's team went 8-10.

Could it happen this year? Going into the Auburn game, Kentucky was 6-6 in SEC play with six games left after once being 6-3 before losses to Missouri, Tennessee and Texas A&M. Calipari has never lost more than six SEC games in his previous eight years at UK.

Alabama comes into Rupp Arena Saturday and has some big-time wins. It crushed Florida 68-50 in Gainesville. It beat Oklahoma 80-73 and had a 13-point lead at one time in the game. Last Saturday it destroyed Tennessee 78-50 after the Vols won at UK in their previous game for a sixth straight SEC win. Tennessee had not allowed more than 63 points to any team in its six-game win streak.

"I think there's an assumption that we practice different or something before we play a top-25 team or we don't practice the same way," Alabama coach Avery Johnson said.

Alabama also has wins over Texas A&M and Auburn.

Calipari just hopes his team can regroup before postseason play next month.

"We play for March. That's what we're playing for. We've got to get this thing right," the Kentucky coach said after the Texas A&M loss. "We've still got time. Been in this situation a couple different times at Kentucky and you know every team we play is giving us their best shot.

When we get this, we'll bust through, but it's getting old right now.

"And it's getting, each week that goes by, it gets harder and harder to get this thing to where you want it to go."

Kentucky was projected as a No. 7 seed in the NCAA Tournament going into this week.

WLEX's Alan Cutler

If you are a University of Kentucky sports fan, it's likely you've watched Alan Cutler plenty of times on WLEX-TV (Channel 18 in Lexington). He's been part of the Lexington TV market for 33 plus years dating back to 1981.

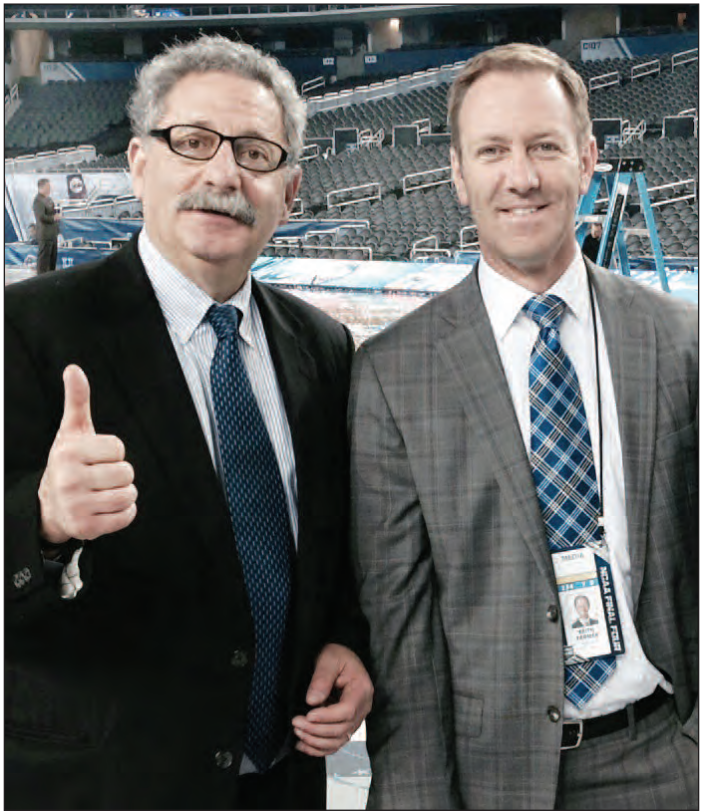
Recently the WLEX-TV sports personality announced he would retire after helping the station again cover the Kentucky Derby — an event he truly loves.

Many of you will remember him for UK basketball and football stories. But don't forget that Cutler, a New York native, had a big impact on the Lexington TV market when he arrived in 1981 (he left briefly in 1984 to work in Pittsburgh before returning for good in 1987).

"I think Cut did a lot to change sports coverage in Lexington. With all due respect to some of the other fine reporters working in TV, he just brought a different energy level and passion to his segments," Jeff Drummond, Cats Illustrated managing editor, said. "It was a bit of New York swagger that we probably needed here.

"And that big personality led to some great, candid responses from athletes during press conferences. I'll miss his ability to get players to open up and not give cliché responses. It helped all of us do our job better at times."

Larry Glover, host of Larry Glover Live on WVLK radio in Lexington, said there's no



WLEX-TV PHOTO
Keith Farmer grew up watching Alan Cutler on TV. Now he's working with him and knows the impact Cutler had on the Lexington TV market. (WLEX-TV Photo)

question Cutler helped shape the way TV covered sports the last 30 years in Lexington.

"I always liked the way he covered the Cats with personality but he never let the personality overshadow the story. That's not easy to do," Glover said.

It didn't take long when Cutler arrived for his impact to be felt. Tom Leach, play-by-play voice for UK football and basketball, remembers the aggressive, provocative style Cutler brought with him. He had his own swagger — but it worked for him.

"Anytime you shake up the status quo, it impacts the landscape of that particular business or group. Often that pushing of the envelope is a good thing and such was the case with Alan in the Lexington sports market," Leach said. "One thing you could always respect was his work ethic and his passion for the job and any young sports broadcaster would do well to adopt those qualities in his or her work. Alan's been a class act and I'll miss seeing him around the media rooms."

Mary Jo Ford was on the sports staff at WLEX with Cutler and Ryan Lemond. She said viewers now reap the benefits of a major change Cutler brought to Lexington.

"We are all so used to tuning in Friday nights to see high school football and basketball. None of that was around before Cutler. He changed how high school sports are covered," Ford

said. "Cutler came to central Kentucky and brought his New York mindset and it wasn't just covering the game — it was asking tough questions and digging to uncover stories. You cannot talk about sports in Lexington without mentioning him."

Keith Farmer, now a sports anchor for WLEX with Cutler, grew up in Richmond watching Cutler on the air. He knows Cutler's fun style impacted local TV sports coverage.

"It was a smile — if you could see it through the mustache. It was the way he talked and it was the way he pressed questions in the tough situations," Farmer said. "He also tells me he started the first high school show around here and now every station in the state does it."

Ryan Lemond was part of the "World Famous Prep Report" that Cutler started at WLEX that brought game highlights from central Kentucky to viewers that they had previously not been able to see.

"Lexington sports media will never be the same. Whether you liked him or not, you always tuned in to see what Cutler had to say," Lemond said. "His greatest legacy in this market will be his invention of the prep report where for the first time local TV sports coverage expanded outside Lexington. Cutler started that. Every local community tuned in every Friday night because he did that."

Hyde finishing master's

Former Kentucky defensive lineman Jacob Hyde of Clay County is finishing his master's degree this semester and will then head

"wherever the Good Lord takes me" to use his social work expertise. He's leaving UK with absolutely no regrets, too, despite never playing as much as he hoped.

He knows how many others from Clay County — or anywhere in eastern Kentucky — would have been thrilled to have spent five years on the UK football team and leaving UK with both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

"Playing football, going to school, doing an internship ... it was hard. But I loved it all," Hyde said. "Not many people where I am from — or in that whole region — get a degree in general. I was one of the fortunate ones to get all of mine paid for. I leave college with not one degree, but two, and I am healthy. And I got two bowl rings. Why would I not be happy?"

Hyde's weight reached 320 pounds at UK, a routine number for a SEC defensive lineman. Now he's trying to shed about 50 pounds before graduation in May, so he's spending a lot of time at the UK football facility doing cardio work.

"I see those guys (returning players) working and I believe in what they are doing. It kills me to watch them work and me not be in there with them," Hyde said. "You play this game for 14, 15 years and all of a sudden you wake up and you are done, it is a rough thing."

UK cheerleading

Former Kentucky cheerleader Emily Sawyer is now a registered nurse working in the labor and delivery department at the UK Medical Center. She was part of national championship teams at UK and couldn't be prouder that this year's squad is now in South Korea representing the United States at the Winter Olympics.

However, Saturday she'll be back at Rupp Arena cheering for the Cats. She's one of the alumni cheerleaders that UK cheer coach Jomo Thompson asked to come back to help with so many cheerleaders gone to South Korea.

"I'm really excited," Sawyer said. "I have my dream job right now. I couldn't be happier. What I

am doing is my passion and I am lucky I got the job right out of college. It's very rewarding. But I also kept up my training and train with the UK (cheerleaders)."

That training helped her get picked again to be part of the USA cheer team that will compete against international teams in Orlando in October. It's the third time the former West Jesamine High School graduate has made this team.

"You have cheerleaders all over the country try out. We train locally and then get together in April and train for 12 days to get ready for the competition," Sawyer said.

Sawyer is on the coed team and again will be one of the "flyers" that soar so high into the air that she admits it can be "horrifying no matter your skill level or years of experience."

She has to raise her own funds to finance being on the team. If you would like to help, go to her Facebook page for more information or contact her on Twitter @emilydelphia.

Quote of the Week

"She's a baller from the holler," UK junior Maci Morris after UK signee Blair Green of Harlan County scored 28 points against Letcher Central to reach 3,001 career points along with over 1,000 rebounds.

Quote of the Week 2

"We never felt like we were being snubbed because we had finished 11th last year. Who do you think we should have been picked ahead of? We might have felt we were better, but we also knew we had to prove it," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl on his team's surprising resurgence this season.

Quote of the Week 3

"It was a tremendous basketball game in the first half and then the second half a street fight broke out and we looked for the nearest dumpster and tried to hide. They punched us in the mouth and we kind of put our tail between our legs and ran away," UK assistant Joel Justus reflecting on UK's loss at Tennessee in January.

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

Standings

SEC basketball standings as of Tuesday morning.

TEAM.....	SEC.....	OVERALL.....
Auburn.....	10-2.....	22-3
Tennessee.....	8-4.....	18-6
Florida.....	8-4.....	17-8
Missouri.....	7-5.....	17-8
Alabama.....	7-5.....	16-9
Mississippi St.....	6-6.....	18-7
Kentucky.....	6-6.....	17-8
Texas A&M.....	6-6.....	17-8
Arkansas.....	6-6.....	17-8
LSU.....	5-7.....	14-10
Georgia.....	4-8.....	13-11
S. Carolina.....	4-8.....	13-12
Ole Miss.....	4-8.....	11-14
Vanderbilt.....	3-9.....	9-16

Remaining UK schedule

- Feb. 14: at **Auburn**
- Feb. 17: **Alabama**
- Feb. 20: at **Arkansas**
- Feb. 24: **Missouri**
- Feb. 28: **Ole Miss**
- March 3: at **Florida**

KU doubling WinterCare donation match

STAFF REPORT

With prolonged periods of sub-freezing temperatures this winter, Kentucky Utilities Co. (KU) and its sister utility Louisville Gas and Electric Co. (LG&E), will be doubling their annual support to the utilities' third-party heating assistance programs, matching \$2 for every \$1 donated by residential customers.

This increased assistance will retroactively take effect starting Feb. 1 and will continue through April 30. The matching funds will further extend the utilities' \$1.5 million in annual contributions and support this winter to local community organizations who are helping KU and LG&E customers struggling to pay their heating bills.

Coupled with this area assistance, the utilities also filed in January a request with the Kentucky Public

Service Commission to return nearly \$180 million in tax savings to customers this spring.

"We've experienced much colder temperatures this winter, when compared to recent years, and we understand how this is impacting our customers," said Beth McFarland, vice president of Customer Services.

"Doubling our customers' donations gives us the ability to stretch our customers' generosity even further, providing greater access to assistance funds and helping more community members this winter who may be struggling to pay their heating bills. Additionally, our proposed tax savings and increased assistance come at a key time for our customers," said McFarland.

KU WinterCare Energy Assistance Fund is operated by

area third-party nonprofit organization.

Over the last 10 years, customer donations and the utilities' matching funds have raised nearly \$4 million, helping thousands of KU and LG&E families. Eligibility for heating assistance is determined by the third-party nonprofit organizations. The utilities play no part in determining eligibility.

Residential customers can make a tax-deductible donation to the utilities' heating assistance programs by making a recurring monthly

pledge or a one-time contribution. Even rounding up a payment to the next whole dollar makes a difference.

KU encourages customers to contact the utilities right away if they find themselves faced with a bill they don't think they'll be able to manage. Customers can visit LGE-KU.com/helpingyou to find a full list of available local assistance agencies, resources and tips. Customers can also call to speak with a customer care representative. KU customers should call (800) 981-0600.


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MARKERS

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who some have theorized made the local trail markers. Judging by what is known of their presence in the area, the Cherokee are also majorly presumed to be responsible for some the trail marker trees.

Linda Chandler, who lives near Mattoon, recalls accounts of seeing marker trees as a young child close to the ruins of Old Eddyville with her father.

"My father was a very outdoorsy man and cut timber in different places. I remember going with him as a kid out into the woods, and seeing a tree bent in an odd shape. It looked intentional," Chandler said. "He told me the Indians

were responsible for the shape, as it was their way of communication. He explained the process of how it was done, and what to look out for when identifying the trail trees. It's easy to mistake naturally bent trees for actual trail markers though, as some commonly do that."

Although there are a few accounts of these trail markers in Crittenden County, many trail trees have been destroyed by storms, decayed from old age or have being cut down by people unaware of their significance. However, some of the markers have been preserved by people fascinated with an ancestor's culture, and the trees still stand as an indicator of the ancient knowledge used by these tribes that flourished in this area centuries ago.

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The Crittenden County Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for the demolition of all structures and removal of all building materials at property located at 420 & 424 East Bellville, Marion, Kentucky. Successful bidder shall remove all materials/debris from property and dispose of in accordance with state and federal regulations. Sealed bids will be accepted until February 28, 2018 at 1:00pm. The district is requiring that all interested bidders also submit with their sealed bid a certificate of liability insurance for at least \$500,000 per person and \$1,000,000 aggregate per occurrence and workers' compensations insurance in compliance with the laws of the State of Kentucky. Upon award of the contract, the Contractor must give the district a Certificate of Insurance naming the Crittenden County Board of Education as an additional insured. The board reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Said property must be demolished and all materials removed from property within 45 days of the contract signing.

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All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-executrixes on or before the 7th day of August 2018, and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent will please all and settle said debts immediately.

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(1t-32-c)

Notice is hereby given that on Feb. 7, 2018 Ginger Phillips of 1075 SR 120, Marion, KY 42064 was appointed administratrix of Paul Edward Phillips, deceased, whose address was 1075 SR 120, 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 administratrix on or before the 7th day of August 2018, and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent will please all and settle said debts immediately.

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Several sentenced in court

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Circuit Judge Rene Williams sentenced a number of defendants to prison time last week during the regular monthly circuit court session in Marion.

Following are the pleadings and cases that were before the judge.

- Jonathan N. Millikan, 30, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), first offense; and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Millikan was sentenced to one year on the felony charge and 12 months on the lesser crime. The time will run concurrently, but consecutively to a previous case for which probation was recently revoked.

- Rocky Glenn Doom, 40, of Marion pleaded guilty to one count of felony theft by unlawful taking. He was

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sentenced to five years in prison, but given felony diversion. Doom made complete restitution to the victim in the case and once the felony diversion program is successfully completed, the charge will be dismissed. Court records indicate that an investigation by Marion Police Department found that Doom took a total of \$3,500 from cash meant for ATM deposits while working as a manager at Ideal Market in Marion.

- A charge of second-degree assault against James E. Hutchinson, 50, of Marion was dismissed without prejudice by Williams. Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell told the judge that he has been unable to contact the victim and build a

case against the defendant. Hutchison was indicted on the Class C felony charge in October. According to court records, Hutchison is accused of striking a male victim with a steel pipe on Sept. 10 during an altercation on Jarvis Street in Marion. The police report, filed by Marion patrolman Heath Martin, indicates that the alleged weapon was more than 2 feet long. The victim sought medical treatment for broken bones and internal injuries, but has now apparently left the area. The judge indicated that if the victim can be found, the charge could be reinstated.

- Jason Keith Williamson, 25, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree fleeing or evading police and felony first-degree wanton endangerment, plus a variety of traffic violations, namely disregarding a stop sign, reck-

less driving and operating an ATV on a public roadway. He was given pretrial felony diversion. Williamson was caught operating an ATV on public roadways near Marion-Crittenden County Park and tried to elude police.

- Angela R. Maples, 43, of Marion pleaded guilty to charges of felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Her probation on a 2016 drug trafficking conviction was also revoked. Maples was sentenced to three years for the new felony drug charge and 12 months on the paraphernalia charge. The time will run concurrently, but consecutively to three years from the 2016 case. The commonwealth will not oppose shock probation into a treatment facility after she serves 30 days on the prison sentence.

MPD activity report

Police activity was down almost across the board last month for Marion Police Department compared to January 2017. Historically, crime is lower in the wintertime, perhaps due to frigid temperatures and wintry precipitation. Below is an activity report for the city's police department, reflecting information from January 2018 compared with figures from January 2017. The following data are provided by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

CATEGORY	JANUARY 2017	JANUARY 2018
Miles driven/patrolled.....	1,737	2,943
Criminal investigations.....	24	17
Domestics.....	10	10
Felony Arrests	5	1
Misdemeanor arrests.....	5	8
Non-criminal arrests.....	6	10
DUI arrests	1	2
Criminal summons served.....	12	1
Traffic citations	26	17
Traffic warnings	13	4
Other citations.....	30	28
Parking tickets	0	1
Traffic accidents	3	5
Security checks/alarms.....	75	8
Calls for service	215	200

NEWS BRIEFS

Free clinic adjusting hours March, April

The free clinic in Princeton will be adjusting its hours soon.

According to The Times Leader newspaper, the Caldwell County Free Clinic will be open only the first and third Thursdays for the next two months – March 1 and 15 and April 5 and 19 – due to declining patient numbers. The clinic, which is open to "working poor" residents of Crittenden County who do not have health insurance, is typically open every Thursday beginning at 5 p.m.

The change is due to declining patient numbers, said Debbie French, co-director who oversees operation of the clinic with Diane Cooper.

Since the Affordable Care Act, the number of clients utilizing clinic services has dropped. But there is still a great need said French.

"A lot of people out there think they don't qualify for our services, but that's not the case," she told the newspaper.

The clinic is not just for people who do not have insurance; those with a deductible of \$2,000 or great also qualify for service.

Madisonville rated ninth safest Ky. city

Kentucky places well in nationwide crime rate rankings, according to a report released Monday by the National Council for Home Safety and Security. The Bluegrass State's violent crimes place it in the top 10 in the U.S., and its average rate of property crimes is just low enough for Kentucky to crack the top 20.

The Council also ranked 38 Kentucky cities with a population of 10,000 or more based on violent and property crime rates. Fort Thomas, part of the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky metropolitan area, was rated at the top; but Madisonville cracked the top 10 at No. 9. Other nearby cities and their rankings are Henderson, 13; Hopkinsville, 17; Murray, 18; Mayfield, 20; Bowling Green, 32; and Paducah, 36. Lexington ranked No. 29 and Louisville Metro No. 32.

The cities were ranked based on the number of reported violent crimes (aggravated assault, murder, rape, and robbery) and property crimes (burglary, arson, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) per 1,000 people. These variables were then weighted, with violent crimes assigned a value 1.5 times (due to their severity) that of property crimes.

New Union County judge-executive set

The governor's appointment for Union Count Judge-Executive will move political affiliation of the county's top elected office to the right.



O'Nan

L a s t Thursday, Republican Gov. Matt Bevin tapped Adam R. O'Nan of Sturgis, as judge-executive of Union County. The appointee, who is also a Republican, will fill the unexpired term of Jody Jenkins, a Democrat who died unexpectedly at 44 last month of natural causes.

O'Nan, a farmer and owner of the Sturgis restaurant Doc and Betty's Place, had already filed to run for judge-executive in this year's election. He will serve at least until December, when the winner of the November election will be seated.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this appointment from Gov. Bevin," said O'Nan. "We continue to offer our condolences and prayers to the family and many friends of Judge-Executive Jody Jenkins. I am eager to work with the Union County Fiscal Court as we move forward for the great folks of Union County."

2018 state visitor's guide now available

Kentucky's new visitor's guide features unique Kentucky activities, attractions, lodging, shopping, entertainment, recreation and authentic dining options to inspire visitors to take a road trip across the Bluegrass State. The Kentucky Department of Tourism released the 2018 Official Kentucky Visitor's Guide this week.

For the first time, the visitors guide focuses on all the flavors of Kentucky. It highlights each of the nine tourism regions across the state and meals from each of those regions. It gives visitors an inside view of Kentucky's iconic culinary heritage and features dishes, restaurant ideas and culinary trails to inspire new food and drink experiences.

Five Crittenden County destinations – Marion Tourism Commission, the Amish Community, the Ben. E. Clement Mineral Museum, Crittenden County Historical Museum and Wheeler's Log Cabin – are listed in the Attractions

index for the Western Waterlands tourist region.

The 177-page guide is available in printed form at the state's seven staffed welcome centers or by calling (800) 225-8747. A printed version can also be requested online, viewed in an interactive format or downloaded for Kentucky-Tourism.com or directly at <https://goo.gl/FpXpRk>.

Tourism in Kentucky experienced the strongest overall growth in the last 10 years with an economic impact of more than \$14.5 billion. The Tourism industry supports over 193,000 jobs and generates more than \$1.5 billion in taxes.

STAFF REPORT

Four individuals were indicted last Thursday by the Crittenden County Grand Jury and arraigned before 5th Judicial Circuit Judge Rene Williams, who presides over Crittenden, Webster and Union counties.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It simply decides whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a case as a felony in circuit court.

Indicted were the following: Jeremy Gary Owen Boyd, 25, of Marion was indicted on a variety of drug charges, including two felony counts of first-degree

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possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Additionally, he was indicted on misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and having a controlled substance not in its original container. Boyd was arrested by Marion police on Aug. 18 while they were investigating another complaint on East Bellville Street.

- Christopher Kent Brantley, 42, of Marion was indicted on a felony count of first-degree trafficking in a

controlled substance (methamphetamine) and felony tampering with physical evidence. Additionally, he was indicted on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Brantley was charged by the Pennyrile Area Narcotics Task Force during a cooperating witness buy in December of 2017.

Also indicted last week were Angela R. Maples, 43, of Marion and Jonathan N. Millikan, 30, of Marion. See this week's article on circuit court pleadings (above) for details. Each of their cases was disposed of by the judge last Thursday after their indictment.



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