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GUEST EDITORIAL

Trump vows to ungag pastors

It's hard to imagine why our government would have ever stricken the right to freedom of speech or freedom of religion for any segment of the population.

So, it was truly refreshing to hear President Donald Trump vow recently to repeal the Johnson Amendment, an IRS rule barring pastors from endorsing candidates from the pulpit.

"I will get rid of and totally destroy the Johnson Amendment and allow our representatives of faith to speak freely and without fear of retribution," Trump said during remarks at the National Prayer Breakfast, a high-profile event bringing together faith leaders, politicians and dignitaries.

Trump first made the pledge during his campaign. That, along with the promise of a faith-friendly Supreme Court nominee, led to the groundswell evangelical support that got him elected to the nation's highest office.

Trump has proven over and over again in his first days as president that he's a man of his word. Evangelicals are trusting that he will unmuzzle our nation's pastors, restoring to them their constitutional rights to freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

In Trump's words, religious freedom is a "sacred right." It's a terrible shame that it has taken a half century to get someone into the White House who is willing to restore that right to the nation's pastors.

— Kentucky Today, Feb. 2, 2017

Tax, pension reforms loom

The General Assembly returned to Frankfort last week after a three-week organizational break, with committee meetings, floor votes and the Governor's State of the Commonwealth address taking place.

In his address, Gov. Matt Bevin spoke of the need in Kentucky for tax and pension reforms and indicated that these issues will be addressed in a special session later this year. Kentucky's tax code is outdated and is not only harmful to business, but burdensome to its citizens. Reforms are needed that broaden the tax base and cut loopholes, and I look forward to working with the Governor to put forward a fair tax code that is beneficial to individuals, businesses and the operation of state government.

Pension reform will also be addressed. Kentucky has



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several public pension systems and overall, they are some of the worst funded in our nation. The system needing the most help is the one supporting the majority of our state's retirees. As I have stated time and again, I am firmly committed to fulfilling the promises made to our state's retirees and reforming our pension systems to make them viable in the long term.

Three bills were heard by the full House last week:

- House Bill 38 modified current law by more clearly defining some ambiguity regarding where and when a registered sex offender could be on a publicly-owned playground. The bill passed, and I voted Yes.
- HB 67 would limit the distribution of autopsy photographs,

recordings, etc., to specific individuals and agencies

Stay informed

There are several ways to keep up with the 2017 legislative session and share your thoughts with lawmakers.

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such as family members and law enforcement. Once the images have served the purpose for which they were requested by non-family members, the images must be destroyed by the user. The bill passed, and I voted Yes.

- HB 174 would allow vehicles engaged exclusively in the transportation of feed for livestock or poultry to exceed the current gross weight provisions by 10 percent. The rationale for this is that the weight variance would allow

fewer trips to be made for the same total weight, thus saving wear and tear on our state roads. However, there were no studies made substantiating this assertion. Certain other trucks already have been approved for the 10 percent variance, and it seems that our roads are already deteriorating because of this. Additionally, I believe that over time, the number of trips will increase, thus causing even more damage to our roads. The language around exclusivity is also vague. Because of these concerns, coupled with the fact that I feel the law should be the same for all, I voted, No. The bill, however, did pass.

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 House District.

(Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, has represented House District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and portion of Christian counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly since 2013.)

Bevin offers sweeping changes, but no solutions

Lawmakers returned to Frankfort last week to reconvene the 2017 Regular Session with plenty of issues on the table. Many of those were addressed Wednesday night in the governor's State of the Commonwealth Address. Unfortunately, Gov. Matt Bevin touched on a variety of issues, but never really offered any solutions to the problems.

Bevin spent almost an hour on the concerns facing Kentucky families and promising that he would fix them. Yet he did not offer a proposal to correct these problems or reveal any vision toward that goal. He spoke rapidly, and even emotionally. However, his address appeared to be more campaign sound bites than a plan for Kentucky's future. He said an overhaul is



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needed in the state's foster care and adoption programs, but did not offer insight into how it would be changed. He said we need to crack down on drug dealers, people who don't respect law enforcement and deadbeat dads, but gave no direction. He mentioned changes to higher education and public education, but other than affirming that charter schools are coming, he shared nothing to bring us closer to solving the problems plaguing education. It was the same with the other issues he mentioned. Problem, but no solution.

The Governor challenged us to "think big, be bold" in regards to tax reform. He suggested a tax increase – and said there will be sacrifices, or in his words, sacred cows turned into hamburger. For consolation, he promised to cut the state's inventory and estate tax. He also criticized

the state of the Kentucky Retirement Systems and suggested major changes are needed. Both, he said, will be addressed in a special session later this year. He gave no hint to a solution. Furthermore, that special session will cost taxpayers money we don't have – approximately \$70,000 a day. I propose that the General Assembly reduce this 30-day session by five days – the number needed for a special session – to save funds. I do not see that being met favorably by the Republicans.

As you can see, there are many different opinions before us. But some issues we agreed on last week in the Senate included transparency in the retirement systems, delaying the school start day and freedom of religious expression.

Senate Bill 2 would make state retirement systems' transactions more transparent, hold the systems accountable when contracting out services and require that pension trustees have actual investment experience. SB 2 is another attempt to provide legislators insight into the systems so we can provide appropriate oversight.

SB 50 would allow for a later start to the school year. Under this measure, schools would have the option to

start later, a move that would help tourism and have an economic impact on local communities. Schools that start later would not have to adhere to the current 170-day academic year, instead slightly extending the school day to reach the required 1,062 instructional hours a year. This would not affect teachers' salaries.

In response to the prohibition of scripture readings in a public school's stage adaptation of "A Charlie Brown Christmas," SB 17 would strengthen the expression of religious or political viewpoints in public schools and public postsecondary institutions.

These and all the bills that passed the Senate this week are now before the state House of Representatives for further consideration.

Along with passing bills on the floor, we have been hearing testimony and passing bills out of committee that are now before the full Senate. Some notable measures moving in committee last week include:

- Tobacco use on school property: SBI 78 would prohibit the use of tobacco products by students, school personnel and visitors in schools, school vehicles, properties and activities. If

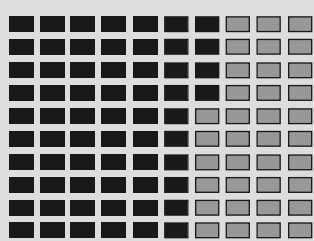
Party power

Of Kentucky's 138 state legislative seats, Republicans hold a 91-47 advantage over Democrats, maintaining a super majority in each chamber.



Kentucky Senate

■ Republicans - 27
■ Democrats - 11



Kentucky House

■ Republicans - 64
■ Democrats - 36

SB 78 gains approval of both chambers, the policies would be in place by the 2018-19 school year.

- Bicycle safety: SB 56 would require vehicular drivers to allow a distance of 3 feet when passing a cyclist on the left. It also allows vehicular drivers to cross the double yellow line when

Taxpayers' bill for legislative session: \$3.86 million

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

Kentucky's 2017 law-making session, which resumed last week, will cost state taxpayers about \$3.86 million. Most of that is to pay legislators.

The session's daily cost to taxpayers is \$67,697.33, according to the Legislative Research Commission's public information office.

If lawmakers stick to their schedule of ending this year's session on March 30, they will pick up an additional day of pay. That's because they held a rare Saturday meeting on Jan. 7 to approve seven bills, which Republican Gov. Matt Bevin signed into law, before adjourning until Feb. 7.

After meeting for five days in January, the state's 100

House members and 38 state senators did not get paid during the break after the Jan. 7 meeting. Starting Tuesday, they will get paid every day, including holidays and weekends, through March 30.

That amounts to 57 total paid days for this year's 30-workday session.

If lawmakers are called back to Frankfort later this year for a special session on tax and pension reform as Gov. Matt Bevin has promised, taxpayers will be on the hook for at least another \$340,000. Special sessions must last at least five days.

When the General Assembly is in session, rank-and-file members receive \$188.22 per day in pay. They also receive \$156.20 per day for expenses

that cover lodging and meals.

That's a total of \$344.42 for each day in session, including holidays and weekends. For the 57 paid days in this year's session, a rank-and-file legislator will make \$19,631.94 — \$10,728.54 in pay and \$8,903.40 in expenses.

Lawmakers also receive a stationary allowance at the start of each session. Members of the Senate get \$500 while members of the House get \$250.

When lawmakers aren't in session, they receive \$1,788.51 per month for home office expenses.

Lawmakers have not received an increase in their daily session pay since 2010, said LRC public information officer Rob Weber.

However, their daily expense allotment increased slightly, Weber said. Last year it was \$154. This year it is \$156.20.

Lawmakers also get mileage reimbursement for one round-trip to Frankfort each week during session. The rate went down this year to 53.5 cents a mile., down from 54 cents.

The daily pay is higher for legislative leaders during sessions.

Floor leaders receive \$225.62 per day. The Senate president and House speaker each receives \$235.57 per day.

The pro tems, whips and caucus chairs each receive \$216.88 per day.

Also, committee chairs receive an additional \$18.71 for each meeting they lead.

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Man sent back to jail on sexual assault charge

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Rene Williams last Thursday revoked probation for a convicted felon who was found guilty of third-degree sexual assault last month in a lower court.

A Crittenden District Court jury on Jan. 25 said Phillip Sitar, 46, of Marion was ordered to sexually assaulting a female neighbor in August of last year. Sitar was on probation at the time for a 2012 wanton endangerment conviction.

In the 2012 case, Sitar was originally charged with second-degree rape for allegedly having a sexual relationship with a girl under the age of 16. However, a pretrial agreement amended the charge to felony wanton endangerment and he pleaded guilty. After serving a portion of his five-year sentence, Sitar was released on probation.

Sitar's attorney, public defender Lindsey Turner, asked the court to consider probation again, and to put Sitar in an alcohol treatment program. He admitted in court to

CIRCUIT COURT

having a drinking problem.

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell opposed probation and Judge Williams agreed, ordering Sitar to complete the balance of his original five-year sentence from the 2012 case.

- Roy Tipton, 48, of Marion pleaded guilty to a 2014 charge of first-offense cultivation of marijuana (five or more plants) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Tipton was charged almost three years ago for growing 134 pot plants in an indoor growing operation on East Depot Street in Marion. He had left the area not long after his arrest and was recently brought back to Marion on a fugitive warrant after authorities in Arizona located him. He was sentenced to five years and given probation.

- Clayton C. Dickerson, 21, of Salem pleaded guilty to 11 charges and was sentenced to a total of two years in prison.

Probation was denied. Dickerson led police on an automobile chase through town in December. He was later apprehended and charged with multiple traffic and drug offenses, plus fleeing or evading police. He received a pair of two-year sentences on two felony counts of first-degree fleeing or evading and first-degree possession of methamphetamine. He got 90 days for driving on a suspended license, 90 days on third-degree criminal mischief, 12 months for second-degree criminal mischief, 12 months for second-degree fleeing or evading, 45 days for possession of marijuana and was fined for speeding, reckless driving and disregarding a stop sign. A charge of possession of a legend drug, one that can legally be obtained only with a prescription, was dismissed.

- Kayla Elliot-Claycomb, 22, of Marion admitted to violating terms of her probation and waived a formal hearing. Judge Williams ordered her probation revoked, requiring

Elliot-Claycomb to complete her original three-year sentence issued in 2014 for trafficking in a controlled substance

- Cassandra N. Atwell, 25, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony charges of attempting to or obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and forgery of a prescription. She was sentenced to five years on each count with the time to run concurrent. Atwell was given pretrial diversion.

- Benjamin Williams, 42, of Paducah pleaded guilty to a felony charge of flagrant non-support. He was sentenced to five years and given probation.

- Amber Louise Graham, 28, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony flagrant non-support. She was given five years in prison, but the time was probated for five years.

- Jacob Selph, 41, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony flagrant non-support and was sentenced to five years. Selph was given pre-trial diversion for five years.

- Probations in separate

cases of flagrant non-support against Aaron Glenn Haney and Michael Paul Martin were revoked.

- Probation was revoked for Jayce Lynn Smith, 21, of Marion, and she was ordered to begin serving her original five-year sentence for complicity to stealing a set of tires from a residence on U.S. 641. Smith had originally been awarded a pretrial diversion, but failed to meet terms of her release.

- Probation was revoked for Catina Tolley, 39, of Marion who admitted to violating terms of early release. Tolley was originally convicted in 2014 for trafficking in a controlled substance. She was ordered to serve the remainder of her five-year prison sentence.

- Stacy L. York, 47, of Sturgis pleaded guilty to felony flagrant non-support for being in arrears in child support payments in excess of \$1,000. She was given a five-year sentence probated for five years.

- Michael Chester Knight, 55, of Marion was formally sentenced to 2 1/2 years in

prison after pleading guilty to fourth-offense DUI, a Class D felony. He was charged Oct. 22 after crashing his vehicle in front of Food Giant on Sturgis Road.

Judge Williams has ruled that Knight's DUI was his fourth within 10 years, making it a felony. Knight has appealed her ruling because he says the new 10-year look-back period, the length of time offenses remain on a driver's record, established by the Kentucky legislature last year should not be retroactive to DUIs previous to the new law being enacted.

The old law included a five-year look-back period. If the five-year look-back were applicable in this case, it would have been Knight's first offense because his last conviction was in 2009.

Judge Williams accepted Knight's request for probation because he had been jailed since October and had met the necessary threshold for early release. The judge approved probation on a \$5,000 unsecured bond.

Grand jury indicts 9 on variety of charges

STAFF REPORT

A newly seated Crittenden County Grand Jury last week indicted nine individuals on a variety of charges, mostly in drug-related or child support cases.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence, it merely decides whether a case should continue being prosecuted as a felony in circuit court.

Indicted last Thursday were the following:

- Patrick Asbridge, 49, of Marion was indicted on two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. Court records indicate that cooperating witnesses on two occasions purchased hydrocodone tablets from Asbridge in June and September of last year. Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement and Special Investigations Branch brought the charges. Asbridge is alleged to have sold a total of 42 doses on the two occasions.

- Tyler Blake Bivens, 22, of Marion was indicted on charges of fourth-degree assault (domestic violence), third

GRAND JURY

or greater offense in a period of five years – which makes it a felony – and third-degree criminal mischief. Court records indicate that Marion Assistant Police Chief Bobby West was called to a residence on Bridwell Loop on the afternoon of Dec. 30. His police report says Bivens is alleged to have assaulted a juvenile relative and also injured another teen when he threw a knife. The teen was not cut, but allegedly suffered an abrasion.

- Jerome L. Brown, 20, of Princeton was indicted on a charge of receiving stolen property. Court records say that on Jan. 6 during an investigation at a residence on North College Street, police found a .380 Walther handgun that the defendant admitted to possessing for personal protection. It was later determined that the weapon had been reported stolen from Princeton.

- Luther Burton, 47, of Marion was indicted on a sin-

gle charge of trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Court records indicate that Burton was charged by the KSP Drug Enforcement and Special Investigations Branch. He is alleged to have sold meth to a cooperating witness on Sept. 20.

- Phillip R. Goff, 42, of Marion was indicted on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (meth). Court records indicate that KSP Tfc. Darron Holliman was investigating a hit-and-run traffic accident on Jan. 27 when he arrived at a residence where the suspected vehicle was located. He observed Goff going inside the residence on South Church Street. After gaining consent to search the residence, a drug-sniffing dog helped officers locate what they alleged was 10 grams of crystal meth. A set of scales was also found inside the home.

- Amber Graham, 28, of Marion was indicted on a felony count of flagrant non-support for allegedly being in arrears in child support pay-

ments in the amount of \$6,514.20.

- Joshua Haley, 31, of Paducah was indicted on a felony charge of flagrant non-support for allegedly being in arrears on child support payments in the amount of \$4,418.15.

- Crystal J. Lockhart, 37, of Salem was indicted on two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (meth). Court records indicate that the KSP Drug Enforcement and Special Investigations Branch brought the charges after alleging that Lockhart sold meth to cooperating witnesses on two occasions in June and July of last year.

- James E. Smith Jr., 65, of Marion was indicted on two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (hydrocodone). Court records indicate that the KSP Drug Enforcement and Special Investigations Branch brought the charges after alleging that Smith sold a total of 40 pills to cooperating witnesses on two occasions in August and September of last year.

Ag Tag donations help local FFA, 4-H programs

STAFF REPORT

In Kentucky, 4-H has an opportunity to raise funds for Crittenden County and statewide 4-H programs through the state's Ag Tag Donation program.

Since 2012, Kentucky Farmers have had the option to make a \$10 voluntary donation when they purchase or renew their license plate. Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles will again equally divide the amount raised among 4-H, FFA and Kentucky Proud. As an individual that makes the voluntary donation for your farm vehicle, you help 4-H grow strong leaders for tomorrow, advance agricultural education in Kentucky and promote Kentucky farm products.

Farmers can make the donation of \$10 when renewing their farm tags at the county clerk's office in March. With more than 184,000 farm plates bought or renewed each year in Kentucky, the commissioner's action can generate significant funds to support these three outstanding programs.

"Kentucky 4-H has again been given a tremendous opportunity by Commissioner Quarles to raise significant funds to support 4-H," said Melissa G. Miller, Interim Executive Director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "The donations made to the Ag Tag Donation program will help 4-H give young people around the Commonwealth opportunities that develop leadership, citizenship, and life skills in a learn-by-doing atmosphere."

More than 255,000 youth are involved in Kentucky's 4-H program. Kentucky ranks in the top 10 in several 4-H enrollment categories nationwide. All 120 counties in Kentucky have 4-H programs, and all counties will receive a portion of the support from the Ag Tag Donation program.

Last year Kentucky 4-H received \$184,238, from the Ag Tag Donations, which is a \$4,000 increase from the pre-



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Crittenden County High School FFA and 4-H officers joined County Clerk Carolyn Byford last Friday to help promote Kentucky's Ag Tag program that benefits the two organizations. Pictured above are (front, from left) 4-H President Jessi Brewer, Byford, FFA President Cali Parish, (middle) 4-H officers Emmalea Barnes and Mauri Collins, FFA officers Alexis Tabor, Alyssa Curtis and Alyssa Snow, (back) 4-H officer Madison Champion and FFA officers Baylee Barnes, Emily Hall, Megan Chambliss and John Claude Duvall.

vious year. These funds are split between the county where the funds originated and the Kentucky 4-H Foundation for state level programs.

That means half of the Ag Tag donation stays in Critten-

and more.

Crittenden County 4-H's share for 2016 was \$327.61 and benefited local programs, clubs and youth sent to retreats and conferences across the state.

"This year, Crittenden County has a great opportunity to increase financial support for our local 4-H Councils, clubs and programs by encouraging farmers to make the donation," said Leslea Barnes, Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Youth Development Agent. "Last year only 23 percent of Crittenden County Ag Tag holders made a donation, a 7 percent increase from the previous year."

"I ask you to please make that donation when renewing your farm plates."

Making the \$10 donation on each farm license plate at renewal in March is an excellent opportunity for our agricultural community to support the youth of our community and help fund the programs that can make a lasting difference in their lives.

In August, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture presented checks for \$184,237.61 each to the Kentucky 4-H Foundation and the Kentucky FFA Foundation as their shares of proceeds from voluntary Ag Tag donations in the 2016 fiscal year. Half of that money will come back to local 4-H and FFA organizations.

For more information about Crittenden County 4-H, visit its Facebook page by searching for "Crittenden County Extension Service" or call the office at (270) 965-5236.



Barnes

Police activity report

Last month was a little slower for Marion Police Department than the first month of 2016. The following is an activity report for the police department, reflecting information from January 2017 compared with figures from January 2016. The data are provided by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

CATEGORY	JANUARY 2017	JANUARY 2016
Miles driven/patrolled.....	1,737	2,643
Criminal investigations.....	24	17
Domestics.....	10	15
Felony Arrests.....	5	3
Misdemeanor arrests.....	5	7
Non-criminal arrests.....	6	15
DUI arrests.....	1	4
Criminal summons served.....	12	10
Traffic citations.....	26	28
Traffic warnings.....	13	10
Other citations.....	30	34
Parking tickets.....	0	0
Traffic accidents.....	3	7
Security checks/alerts.....	75	90
Calls for service.....	215	261

Salem man, 34, killed in single-vehicle crash

STAFF REPORT

A 34-year-old Livingston County man was killed Tuesday morning in a single-vehicle wreck south of Salem.

According to Kentucky State Police, Aaron E. Nolan of Salem was traveling north on Ky. 133, also known as Shelby Store Road, in a 2007 Chevy Trailblazer when for an unknown reason ran off the left side of the highway. He then overcorrected, causing the vehicle to overturn.

Nolan was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the SUV. He was pronounced dead at the scene by the Livingston County Coroner.

The wreck occurred around 11:35 a.m.

Master Trooper Chris Smith is continuing his investigation into the collision. KSP was assisted on the scene by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, Livingston County EMS and the Salem Fire Department.

Kentucky starts processing state tax returns week early

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky taxpayers who have submitted their individual tax returns and are expecting a refund will not have to wait any longer for processing.

Kentucky Department of Revenue's tax return testing and processing was completed earlier than planned and refund checks began being processed last week, nearly a week before the original Feb. 15 date.

Another reason the processing began earlier than anticipated, is the willingness of taxpayers to file electronically.

E-filed returns are typically processed within 2-3 weeks for taxpayers who choose the direct deposit option, while paper checks take an additional week to process. Paper filed returns can take up to 8-12 weeks to process.

For tax refund status visit, <https://goo.gl/7Gn0yD>.

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Marion's most historic landmark has undergone major renovations to make it the premiere special event and reception venue in the region.

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Nunn Room (parlor)	\$100

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NEWS BRIEFS

Princeton teen shot, killed Monday night

A Caldwell County teen was shot and killed Monday night in Princeton.

According to multiple news reports, Princeton police responded to reports of gunfire around 8 p.m. and found a 15-year-old boy lying in the middle of the road in the 300 block of North Seminary Street, which is about three blocks northwest of the courthouse.

The teen has been identified as De'Aryn Hamilton. He was transported from the scene by ambulance and later pronounced dead at Caldwell County Medical Center.

At press time, authorities were still searching for a suspect they have identified as the suspected shooter.

Hamilton is the second member of the high school's football team to die in the last six months. In September, Avery Warfield was killed in an ATV accident.

Scam threatens to cut utility service

Kentucky State Police are warning of another telephone scam going on in western Kentucky. KSP report an unknown person is making calls to individuals claiming to be from Kentucky Utilities Co., stating their power would be shut off if they did not make an immediate payment over the phone.

Authorities warn that if

anyone receives a call like this, do not give the caller any information or payment over the phone and do not call the number they provide you.

"Contact your local power company with a number you have verified, and speak with them about your account," a state police news release said.

Only federal offices closed for holiday

Monday will be a federal holiday, but all city, county and state offices will remain open for President's Day, including the senior center, public library and Extension service. However, that means the mail will not run Monday, making delivery of The Early Bird a day late.

Caldwell vocational school gets \$1.5M

Caldwell County's Area Technology Center (ATC) has been awarded \$1.5 million for renovations at the vocational school that serves students in Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon, Trigg and Dawson Springs school districts.

The funding through Kentucky's Work Ready Skills Initiative will help modernize the facility in Princeton, but it fell far short of the \$3.9 million requested by Caldwell County Board of Education to modernize the ATC with a new HVAC system, roof, electrical work and classroom renovations. The heating and air system is the one installed when

the facility was built 42 years ago.

It is not clear how or if Caldwell County Board of Education will close the \$2.4 million gap in requested funding. ATC Principal Donna Wolfe told The Times Leader that they are already forced to rely on area businesses to donate many of the materials need in classrooms.

The ATC currently offers courses in culinary arts, health sciences, carpentry, automotive technology, welding, information technology and electricity.

Pot 'gummies' sold at Princeton shop

A search warrant served at a Caldwell County business last week led to a marijuana trafficking charge against the store's owner.

Princeton police and Penyrile Narcotics Task Force units executed the search warrant last week at Princeton Smoke Shop, according to police reports released Friday.

The search led to the confiscation of three individual packages of Experience CBD Edibles gummy candies. The "gummies" contain cannabidiol, or CBD, a compound derived from the cannabis plant.

The store's owner, Pankajkumar G. Patel, was cited to Caldwell District Court on a charge of trafficking in marijuana less than 8 ounces, first offense, a class A misdemeanor.

— The Times Leader



PHOTO BY ALLISON EVANS, THE PRESS
Crittenden County Middle School Principal Tom Radivonyk sits in the back of the classroom as fellow classmates work Susan Baker's (left) bell ringer assignment at the beginning of math class. The principal spent the day Monday as a student to gain a new perspective on his job.

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with others, noting areas which could use improvement and turning those observations into opportunities.

"One of the first things that struck me during my experience as a sixth-grader is that it is a lot more relaxing and comfortable being a student than an administrator," Radivonyk said Tuesday. "It was my best day here at this school, the classes were really warm and inviting places to be. My first three teachers met me at the door, and that set the tone for the day."

"I was really proud to see that, it's something I talk about – setting the weather for the day." Radivonyk debriefed Guess to find out if Monday was a true representation of a typical day. Guess admitted his classmates were definitely on their best behavior knowing their principal was on the other side of the room.

Radivonyk prepared in advance to disconnect himself from his phone and email, following the state program's recommendations to have other administrators prepared to step in and handle problems if they arose.

Monday was the first time middle schoolers were allowed to access their phones during their lunch period. And since issuing Chromebooks a month ago, Radivonyk was interested to see how students used the devices in their free time, something administrators in other schools had said was important – to allow students to have free time with their de-

vices.

"I was interested in what they were doing with them when they were not on Google Docs, writing documents and building PowerPoints. They were playing a tank game or some game where a cube is going over a hill looking out for obstacles, basically flash animation games like they have on smartphones," Radivonyk said.

The big takeaway, the principal said, was feeling what it was like to be engaged in the learning process. As an administrator, he has done plenty of walk-throughs and teacher observations; however, seeing a lesson from a student's point of view gives a true picture of the understanding, pitfalls and frustrations in a lesson plan.

"Only by engaging in those activities can you find out," he said. "How I could have failed (Monday) was to

go and just observe, but I would have just been doing what I've always done, seeing what is teacher doing, hearing what the teacher is saying, but it was about me engaging with students and doing what a sixth-grader does."

Finally, Radivonyk was amazed at how differently the classroom operates with the use of the Chromebooks, and he's curious how it will look even next school year.

"Teachers are trying new things, and this is a safe place to do that because if doesn't work, we make adjustments and move forward," he said. "In no way are the Chromebooks taking the place of teachers, because teachers are simply imbedding quality instruction in technology, so I don't ever see it going that way – that doesn't go along with what we believe, the Chromebooks are just another tool but a really awesome one."



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Moving day at the park

The scoreboard at Guess Field at Marion-Crittenden County Park found new home earlier this month. When the scoreboard was installed a few years ago, it was placed at dead center field, making for a less than ideal hitters' background. Above, Scott Burke of Burke Concrete of Marion provided the truck and crane to do the heavy lifting while Todd Riley of Riley Tool & Machine in Marion and his employee Chadd Carner did the moving.

NICKEL

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news," Clark said.

A second phase of the campaign would start after the school district gathers and weighs all the initial input and concerns from the public.

The board of education is aware that a tax increase could be hard to swallow by taxpayers, particularly a 5-cent increase on the current rate of 46.3 cents per \$100 of real estate. That construction nickel would match another already built into the tax rate and free up state matching funds to bring the district's bonding potential high enough to build a new school.

The average Kentuckian pays about 62 cents per \$100 of real estate to school districts, and local officials are hoping to convey to the public that they would still be getting a relative bargain for their tax burden while improving edu-

cational opportunities to future generations.

Any tax increase by the five-member board would be subject to recall by voters, so before moving on such a decision, they want to put their best foot forward.

"We've got one shot at getting this right the first time," said board member Eric Larue.

Clark expects to learn from those who have failed and those who have succeeded in urging voters that education is a community responsibility. In fact, he has already spoken with school officials in Marion County, where a second nickel was recently approved by voters, and those from Hancock County, where the construction nickel was shot down at the polls.

The superintendent said multiple forums may be scheduled over the next couple of months to keep the public in the conversation.

"This will give people a chance to hear the plan presented and give folks time to

ask questions to help the community understand where we're at," explains Clark. "We want to be as transparent as we can be."

As a stopgap measure to help a middle school building bursting at the seams, the CCMS library will be combined with the high school's before the 2017-18 school year. To accommodate, a portion of the CCHS library at the front of the building will be walled off over summer break to provide separate study areas for students from the two schools. Also, to provide a noise buffer, the entire library will be glassed in to the ceiling above the concrete half-walls, and doors will be installed at the two entrances from the hallway. The projected cost is about \$96,500.

The middle school library will be turned into space for classroom instruction to accommodate next year's incoming sixth-grade class of 137 students, which is about 40 more than the average class size.

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Church’s role big in county history

This article was written over 137 years ago by someone looking back at the county's history and the way things were in 1880. It's interesting now to read these old articles and learn some early history of the county, its people and how the early churches played such an important role.

Dec. 8, 1880
There is now living at Covington, Ga., an estimable old gentleman who 75 years ago immigrated to this section with his father's family and who, after remaining a few years, returned to his native state. Were this gentleman to immigrate to Kentucky again, he would find a marvelous change even though we are disposed to think among ourselves that we are a slow growing people.

My old friend on the occasion referred to – after a perilous journey of many weeks during which some of the party perished at the hands of Indians – found this county covered for the most part with unbroken forests and beyond all means of communication with the outside world. The absence of the conveniences of life, which were at that time known in the older states, together with the danger from predatory Indians from Illinois and west of the Tennessee River, made life here but a succession of privation and hardships.

The county today remains to a great extent isolated from the world, not even having a railroad. And the population has grown principally by the natural increase of the pioneer families who settled here at the beginning of the century, but there has been progress as is shown by the general improvement in the conditions of life.

The history of the advancement is well worth the attention of the future historian who shall attempt to record the lessons taught by the life of the state.

Eighty-four years ago (1797), a county was formed in western Kentucky and named in honor of Col. William Christian. Since that time, several counties have been formed from it so that the section which formerly occupied the center of Christian is now included in Crittenden and Caldwell. This

section was peopled with a church-going, Sabbath-observing class who brought with them their ministers and erected churches alongside their first humble dwellings. Neither the French infidelity improved by aristocratic Lexington nor Unitarianism brought from Boston by Dr. Horace Holly found a footing here, but the churches transplanted from South Carolina in the last century still exist.

The result of this beginning of the county's history is to be seen by instantiating a comparison with other counties having the same advantages as regards to location and natural resources. Crittenden County was formed in 1842, and when the county seat was located, a spot was selected which had been occupied for 40 years by a Presbyterian church.

This comparison would furnish a text for a more practical sermon than many of us hear from the pulpit now days; and it might afford the statesmen of the legislature an idea. Men who go to church every Sunday as a matter of principal are not likely to ride over the country after dark, calling themselves "Regulators" or to parade the street of the county town, flourishing pistols, swearing and enriching barkeeps.

The transition from the society of 1800, when the pale faces were scarcely more comfortable in their homes than the Indians in their wigwams, to that of today when the masses are well to do and intelligent, if not wealthy, is faithfully recorded in the archives of the churches of the community.

As in many other session church records, here were the only written documents relating to social affairs of any kind. And the church was the nucleus around which social circles grew. The infant was baptized in the churches; the young people met together at church, engaged in their courtships on the way to and from "meeting" and were finally married at church; the church and Sunday school hymns were the music of the fireside; the conversation between neighbors was more frequently than otherwise of the church organization or of the last sermon; the regular visit of the pastor was an eagerly



Above, John Travis, whose family settled in what is now Crittenden County in the early 1800s, was distinguished by being the first Methodist preacher sent west of the Mississippi River to lead men to God. At left, the historical old Piney Fork meeting shed is one of the oldest congregations in existence. The church and campground was widely noted for the extensive camp meetings that were held in August. Located nearby is Piney Fork Cemetery, where many of our early pioneer settlers are buried.

looked for event; the school in which the young were educated was often taught by the minister; and the last event in the existence on earth of old or young – the burials – was performed in the church yard.

It was thus that the church became such an important item in the history of every life and that the "church book" became the receptacle of so much important personal history. Then there were causes of church discipline. Scandals would arise now and then and to be investigated by ministers and elders or deacons. The discipline of the churches was at an early day more severe than now, and the records of a particular church show that more than once members were required to rise before the congregation, confess to being intoxicated and ask to be restored to fellowship in promise of reformation.

When there are many church members now living

whose parents and grandparents belonging to the same organizations 75 years ago, it will easily be seen that the relations between church and society have not changed greatly.

There are in some of these records many items of general historical interest. The first Protestant minister who preached west of the Mississippi River was John Travis, a Methodist circuit rider, who was sent from this county in 1806. He was distinguished by being the first Methodist preacher who was ever sent west of the Mississippi River to lead men to God.

(Note: Rev. John Travis, after traveling eight years re-located back in Crittenden County and married Miss Cynthia Traylor. She is buried in the little Travis Cemetery on the farm that belongs to Michael Crider on Travis Cemetery Road. It is believed that Rev. John Travis is also buried there, but he doesn't have a stone.)
The eccentric Peter

Cartwright began preaching in this county and obtained his knowledge of books in the long since forgotten academy of the Rev. Samuel Brown, who was educated from the college at Carlisle, Pa., in 1787, and came to Kentucky and taught a school of a high order for 25 years in a log house now used as a stable.
(Note: The academy spoken of in this paragraph was known as "Brown's Academy." It was located near the former Piney Creek Baptist Church about 6 miles southeast of Marion. It was built in 1816 of logs, was two stories in height and contained four rooms.)
The Cumberland Presbyterian Church originated in this section. One of the oldest congregations in existence in that church is at Piney Fork, in this county, organized in 1810 with 14 members the last of whom has died within a year. The church at Piney Fork has become widely noted for the extensive camp meetings which

have been held in August of each year since 1810, the meeting this year being as large perhaps as on any former occasion.
In the records of the Marion Presbyterian church are frequently seen the name of Chester C. Cole, who is now an LL.D. (Legum Doctor is a doctorate-level academic degree in law) and was for several years Chief Justice of Iowa.

In a county graveyard is seen the grave of Esther Calhoun, a cousin and early associate of the South Carolina statesman. She was married 82 years ago, came to Kentucky with her husband William Love and became a widow a year later through the brutal crime of the Harps band of desperadoes described at length in Collins' "Historical of Kentucky."

It is not surprising that in a community where so many people go to church as a matter of course, that some idea should prevail that would be novel in some other communities. Only the other week, at a revival meeting, a young man professed conversion and was at once surrounded by a group of rejoicing brethren. When the young man's father came up, he grasped the son by the hand and began, "Well, Jim, I'm real glad, but if you had got religion four years ago, you'd have saved about \$100 you've spent going around to dances."

Many stories of this kind are told and relished by ministers and their flocks as well as by outsiders.

The temperance people here are in a quandary. Local option has prevailed for several years, but recently, a brandy distillery has been opened, the proprietor having license from the general government to sell his product in any quantity. This is something for which the Good Templars are not prepared, and the matter will at once be tested in the courts.

The Crittenden Press, by R.C. Walker, is just 18 months old, and edited by a young man just from the schoolroom, with as yet a very moderate support, but, with two or three exceptions, it is already the best local newspaper in the 1st District.

So ends our recollections for this time.

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

USDA Ledbetter weigh-out sale | Feb. 14, 2017

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Recapits: 527 **Last Week:** 477 **Last Year:** NA
Compared to last week: Feeder cattle traded steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 higher. Sale consisted of 24 stock cattle, 100 slaughter, and 403 feeders. Feeders consisted of 21% feeder steers, 32% feeder heifers, 22% feeders bulls and 33% of feeders were over 600 pounds.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	250-300	277	165.00-173.00	170.49
4	300-350	318	156.00-166.00	160.14
5	350-400	385	151.00-161.00	156.13
4	400-450	430	146.00-151.00	148.76
10	450-500	469	140.00-148.00	143.58
4	500-550	504	135.00-142.00	136.76
4	550-600	561	128.00-132.00	129.29
5	600-650	610	121.00-129.00	122.97
11	650-700	658	115.00-123.00	121.19
10	700-750	708	112.00-117.00	115.49

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	245	140.00	140.00
2	250-300	278	144.00-157.00	150.91
3	300-350	326	130.00-140.00	136.78
9	350-400	383	131.00-142.00	137.76
1	400-450	465	130.00	130.00
1	500-550	505	131.00	131.00
3	550-600	550	122.00	122.00
2	600-650	620	110.00-114.00	112.51
2	650-700	675	100.00-103.00	106.69
2	700-750	730	103.00-109.00	106.06

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	250-300	286	133.00-138.00	136.73
9	300-350	331	128.00-140.00	130.49
7	350-400	389	130.00-134.00	133.16
11	400-450	413	123.00-133.00	128.63
12	450-500	469	116.00-122.00	119.41
10	500-550	515	114.00-123.00	119.61
15	550-600	582	107.00-111.00	109.20
9	600-650	629	104.00-109.00	106.67
5	650-700	673	98.00	98.00
9	700-750	710	94.00-101.00	96.09
1	750-800	775	94.00	94.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	250-300	283	110.00-120.00	115.04
1	300-350	310	136.00	136.00
1	350-400	365	125.00	125.00
2	400-450	422	121.00	121.00
7	450-500	474	110.00-116.00	112.30
8	500-550	531	110.00-112.00	111.50
3	600-650	632	98.00-102.00	99.98
1	650-700	685	90.00	90.00
8	700-750	741	88.00-92.00	90.75
3	750-800	765	92.00	92.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	325	150.00-163.00	156.40
10	400-450	426	141.00-149.00	145.34
17	450-500	477	137.00-142.00	138.18
6	500-550	520	123.00-128.00	127.13
11	550-600	566	120.00-126.00	122.18
4	600-650	625	110.00-117.00	113.44
7	650-700	661	106.00-114.00	110.72
10	700-750	732	101.00-108.00	105.92
1	750-800	750	98.00	98.00
3	800-850	846	97.00	97.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	300-350	341	123.00-134.00	126.37
2	400-450	415	134.00	134.00
5	450-500	483	128.00-135.00	132.62
2	550-600	572	115.00-117.00	115.99
3	600-650	633	100.00-101.00	100.66
1	650-700	675	100.00	100.00
4	700-750	718	89.00-99.00	91.99
1	800-850	845	86.00	86.00

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	1200-1600	1432	47.00-55.00	51.04
1	1200-1600	1500	60.00	60.00 HD
6	1600-2000	1787	50.00-57.00	52.97

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	800-1200	1068	52.00-60.00	55.11
1	800-1200	1050	62.00	62.00 HD
12	1200-1600	1313	50.00-60.00	55.11
1	1200-1600	1255	62.00	62.00 HD
2	1200-1600	1375	47.00-50.00	48.47 LD
2	1600-2000	1672	52.00-53.00	52.51

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
17	800-1200	1007	45.00-52.00	48.86
2	800-1200	940	54.00-57.00	55.56 HD
5	800-1200	1002	40.00-45.00	42.61 LD
9	1200-1600	1313	46.00-53.00	49.32
1	1200-1600	1225	55.00	55.00 HD
1	1200-1600	1290	41.00	41.00 LD

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1000-1500	1352	72.00-73.00	72.49
3	1000-1500	1235	60.00-69.00	64.07 LD
4	1500-3000	1916	68.00-78.00	73.08
1	1500-3000	1850	83.50	83.50 HD
2	1500-3000	1638	64.00-67.00	65.58 LD

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Young

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	745	680.00	680.00
4	800-1200	968	660.00-850.00	782.95

3-6 Mos Bred

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1200-1600	1305	1170.00	1170.00

4-6 Mos Bred

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1200-1600	1115	660.00	660.00
1-3 Mos Bred				
1	800-1200	885	890.00	890.00
4-6 Mos Bred				
4	1200-1600	1349	810.00-900.00	842.88
1-3 Mos Bred				

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- **HISTORICAL 2 Story Home** with basement, 3 BR, 2 Bath, detached garage. 251 W Bellville St. \$88,490.
- Hidden in town, 3 Br, 2 bath home with large front porch, sun room, shop with bath inside on 15.72 +- ac. 232 Old Bellville St., Marion. \$127,900.
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- 3 BR, 1 Bath, brick home located near city park. All appliances stay. City utilities. 262 Country Drive. \$49,900.
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Evil is lurking, even in America

Since returning home from around the world in 1962, I have tried to follow the command God gave me. I had seen all the thousands of white crosses and was grieving over the sacrifices when God told me to go home and give my life, with His Word, for the America they gave their lives for.

Reading much about World War II, the Holocaust, and Communism I began to cry out everywhere I went warning America was being deceived and communistically infiltrated.

I printed the 45 goals that were read into the Congressional Records in 1965 more than once and tried to get people to see what was happening to our beloved nation that so many gave their all for.

Now we are seeing all of these 45 goals come to pass in the thronging agitators, seditionists, paid criminals and full-blown communists filling our streets doing what these goals trained them to do.

As far back as 1951, 11 years before the list of goals was discovered and read in Washington, Gen. Douglas MacArthur warned us of these very goals already being implemented in our culture.

In July 25, 1951 he addressed the Massachusetts State Legislature in Boston, and made the following remarks about how upset he was about what was happening to America: "It is not of any external threat that I concern myself but rather of insidious forces working from within which have already so drastically altered the character of our free institutions – these institutions which formerly we hailed as something beyond question of challenge, those institutions we call the American way of life.

"Foremost of these forces is that directly, or even more frequently indirectly, allied with the scourge of imperialistic communism. It has infiltrated positions of public trust and responsibility – into journalism, the press, the radio and the school.

"It seeks through covert manipulation of the civil power and the media of public information and education to pervert the truth, impair respect for moral values, suppress human freedom and representative government, and in the end destroy our faith in our religious teachings."

Gen. MacArthur continued with his presentation, "This evil force, with neither spiritual base nor moral standard, rallies the abnormal and subnormal

elements among our citizenry and applies internal pressure against all things we hold dear and all things that we hold right – the type of pressure which has caused many Christian nations abroad to fall and their own cherished freedoms to languish in the shackles of complete suppression.

"As it has happened there it can happen here. Our need for patriotic fervor and religious devotion was never more compelling. There can be no compromise with atheistic communism, no half way in the preservation of freedom and religion. It must be all or nothing."

He also said that "we must maintain the moral courage to spiritual leadership to preserve that mighty bulwark of all freedom, our Christian faith."

Please now read some of the following goals which I see already in our very lives under the guise of tolerance, and the hypocritical politically-correct deception. See how many he referred to in his warning.

Goal 15. Capture one or both of the political parties in the United States.

Goal 17. Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current communist propaganda.

Goal 19. Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or organizations.

Goal 20. Infiltrate the press.

Goal 21. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures.

Goal 25. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.

Goal 26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as normal.

Goal 27. Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with social religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK
Guest columnist
Religious and Political Views

maturity, which does not need a religious crutch.

Goal 28. Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of separation of church and state.

Goal 29. Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.

Goal 30. Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the common man.

Goal 31. Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of the big picture.

Goal 40. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.

Goal 41. Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents.

Goal 42. Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use united force to solve economic, political or social problems.

Recent demonstrations in our cities are horrifying evidence of just how many have been influenced by all these goals. They are left ignorant of a horrible evil communism that has always been in every nation in which it rules.

Thank God He is opening the eyes and minds of some.

To me the recent turn of our country at the ballot box is only a reprieve. Let's see if we can win millions to Jesus – those who are being controlled by Satan. Pray that God can bring us back to One Nation Under God, a Christian Nation.

Please, every one of you who knows how to get God's ear, pray for that very gift from a God that wants to do it, and I'm giving the rest of my life for that gift.

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



Mark GIRTEN
Guest columnist
Pastor's Pen

On this Presidents' Day (Monday), let us contemplate one of the strangest falls from, and restorations to, power ever – that of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

As the Bible says, "pride goes before a fall." There's certainly no shortage of pride in today's political realm, but we need to learn the lesson Nebuchadnezzar had to learn in Daniel 4:25. The prophet reluctantly told the king, "They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with beasts of the field and they shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times (years) shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High (God) rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."

Wow! That's quite a verse and quite a lesson.

Too bad many in this country still haven't learned it. We see a strange parade of malcontents "kicking against the goads," as the risen Lord Jesus put it to that chief sinner and malcontent-turned-saint, the Apostle Paul, on the Damascus Road. These malcontents come in a wide variety of types, expressing their outrage and demanding their rights even as they deny others theirs. They see themselves as crusaders and revolutionaries, and they are, in the most reprehensible mode of Marxist socialism. But they really are just deluded, childish and selfish – definitely not something to be admired and looked up to.

I'm tired of celebrities whose personal lives are in shambles, spouting drivel to us all as if they're God's gift to wisdom. "Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man – and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things," reads Romans 1:22-23. The cuckoo, donkey, weasel and snake come readily to mind.

I'm sometimes astounded that human beings can proudly express such utter nonsense with a straight face and without any sense of shame, but Paul also spoke in Romans Chapter 1 of the "reprobate" mind, which is a natural result of repressing the knowledge of God and His word. Actions do have consequences, and often unanticipated ones. Just ask our nation's lawmakers,

Some of the "fine" Hollywood types are also part of the popular "wisdom" of the day. Their motto is, "No cause too ridiculous! No crusade too hypocritical!"

I recently heard Dr. Herschel York make a very interesting observation

- Thoughts for Presidents' Day -
Hollywood's misfits provide little in the form of wisdom; let us know the Truth

about Hollywood as he spoke at a pastors' conference in Lexington. He observed that for years, Hollywood has been preaching the gospel of sex, money and power. Then, when a man who has been criticized for the same things (sex, money and power) gets elected, Hollywood cries, "How could this be?"

Really? Seriously? Physician (Hollywood) heal thyself!

On this President's Day, let us consider the many and varied kinds of presidents this nation has had – some wonderful, some good, some not so good and some down-right questionable, some we liked and some we didn't – but all, in some way, serving the purpose and plan of the Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer.

As Daniel the prophet put it, you may have to endure some "stuff" – maybe even the weirdest election season ever – before you "know that the Most High (God) rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses." As Isaiah 33:22 says, "...the Lord (Jehovah) is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us..."

Let us return to the battle cry of this nation in its infancy, voiced by the Committees of Correspondence, "No king but King Jesus!" And He has chosen.

Therefore, let us pray for and support our president. I heartily agree with Sister Lucy Tedrick. We dodged a bullet by the grace and mercy of God ... and a lot of prayer. Thanks to Franklin Graham and his national prayer tour. But, most of all, thank you, Lord.

Let us all make the most of it. As Sister Lucy reminded us, we owe it not only to our merciful God, but also to those brave men and women who served this nation, defended it and did not dodge the bullet. May their tribe increase! God bless them! And God bless the President of the United States, Mr. Trump, as he leads this nation.

That is my prayer this Presidents' Day and throughout these next few years. I hope it is yours as well.

Don't listen to a bunch of brain-dead Hollywood deadbeats or ridiculous reprobate revolutionaries. Listen to the all-wise, all-good, Almighty God who "rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."

(Editor's note: Rev. Mark Girten of Marion is a local minister. He holds a Master of Divinity degree and shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

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Area Deaths

Chittenden

Margaret Christine Chittenden, 89, of Marion died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017 at her home.



She was an 80-year member of Good Hope Baptist Church and lifetime member of Lola Joy Homemakers.

Surviving are daughters Cathy Curnel of Joy and Linnie M. Tinsley of Marion; sons, Paul Chittenden of Burna, Terry Chittenden of Joy, Micky Chittenden of Marion, Timmy Chittenden of Paducah and Johnny Chittenden of Joy; 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Chittenden; parents, Louis and Nellie Lanham Driver; and sons, Robert and Greg Chittenden.

Services were Saturday,, Feb. 11 at Good Hope Baptist Church. Burial was at the church cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Shewmaker

Mary "Johnnie" Shewmaker, 88, of Elizabethtown, Ky., died Feb. 10, 2017 at McKendree Village Healthcare Center in Hermitage, Tenn.

She was a native of Crittenden County, graduating from high school in 1946. She lived in Elizabethtown most of her life and was a member of Severns Valley Baptist Church for more than 60 years. She was a retired telephone operator.

Surviving are a son, Eddie D. (Jo) Shewmaker of Lebanon, Tenn.; grandchildren, Tyler (Nancy) Shewmaker of Hendersonville, Tenn., and Alisha (Nathan) McFarland of Smyrna, Tenn.; a niece, Rita (Skip) Hatfield of Elizabethtown, Ky.; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death

by her parents, Burnie Oman Matthews and Willabelle (Asbridge) Matthews; her husband, Leroy Shewmaker; and a great-grandson, Stetson McFarland.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 14 at Brown Funeral Home in Elizabethtown. Burial was at Elizabethtown Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Severns Valley Baptist Church, 1100 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Tramble

James Roy Tramble, 75, of Burna died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017 at his home.

He was a retired operator for Local 181. He was a member of Lola Pentecostal Church and the Professional Kennel Club.



Surviving are his wife, Christi Tramble of Burna; sons, Greg Tramble, Mike Tramble and Shawn Tramble, all of Burna; step-sons, Scott Lofton and Cory Lofton, both of Burna; a sister, Faye Teitloff of Smithland; a brother Tony Tramble of Cadiz; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eula Belle Tramble; two sons, Jeff Tramble and Steve Tramble; and his parents, Norman and Fannie Hosick Tramble.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 11 at Lola Pentecostal Church in Salem. Burial was at Dyer Hill Cemetery.

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

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10820 Sunset Office Drive, Suite 220, St. Louis, MO 63127.

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Kersey

Reba Nell Kersey, 79, of Marion died Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 at Crittenden Hospital.

Surviving are two daughters, Cynthia Wheeler of Marion and Pam Campbell of Crayne; five sons, Gary Tinsley of Fredonia, Larry Tinsley of Salem, Mickey Tinsley of Marion, Roger Tinsley of Crayne and Steve Tinsley of Marion; a sister, Mary Jane Lynch of Marion; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Kersey; and her parents, Edward and Lillie Mae Clark Hunter.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 14 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Deer Creek Cemetery.

Cummings

Jeremy Ryan Cummings, 33, of Marion died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017 at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Lauren Cummings of Marion; children, Laura Faye and Ryan Cummings of Marion; mother, Hazel Tittle of Tiptonville, Tenn.; sisters, Tabitha Sisco of Marion, Doris Medina of Murray, Jaime Cummings of Sturgis and Chasity Carver of Sturgis; and a brother, Christopher Peek of Clarksville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert T. Shields and Audrey and Herbert Bell; cousins, Paula Millikan, Glenda Tinsley and Tommy Shields; and an uncle, Ronny Shields.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery.

Hice

Judith Ann Hice, 73, of Elizabethtown, Ill., died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017 at Baptist Health in Paducah.

She is survived by a

daughter.
A memorial service will be held at a late date. Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.



School District Employee of Month

Crittenden County Middle School Principal Tom Radivonyk (right) was recently presented Crittenden County School District's Employee of the Month for January by Superintendent Vince Clark. The superintendent called the first-year principal a real people person who values relationships and input. He's equally as qualified when it comes to instruction and curriculum, Clark added. Radivonyk was surprised by the recognition. "I'm really floored," he said at a recent board of education meeting where the announcement was made. "This is a really special place to be."

Foster parents needed in Crittenden, Livingston

Foster parents are needed in Crittenden, Livingston and 35 other counties in Kentucky.

Citizen Foster Care Review Boards in a number of Kentucky counties are seeking volunteers to make a difference in the lives of local children in foster care and other out-of-home care. The boards are in need of volunteers to review cases of children placed in care because of dependency, neglect or abuse to ensure they are placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible.

In addition to Crittenden and Livingston, counties in need of volunteers are Barren, Boyle, Bracken, Butler, Christian, Clay, Edmonson, Fayette, Floyd, Grayson, Hancock, Hardin, Hart, Jefferson, Knott, Laurel, Lawrence, Lincoln, Logan, Lyon, Magoffin, Mason, Monroe, Muhlenberg, Oldham, Perry, Powell, Russell, Simpson, Taylor, Todd,

Trigg, Trimble, Warren and Wayne. Volunteers are not required to live in these counties.

The Kentucky General Assembly created the state CFCRB in 1982 as a way to decrease the time children spend in out-of-home care. CFCRB volunteers review Cabinet for Health and Family Services files on children placed in out-of-home care and work with the cabinet and courts on behalf of the state's foster children. The volunteer reviewers help ensure that children receive the necessary services while in out-of-home care and are ultimately placed in permanent homes.

Volunteers must complete a six-hour initial training session. Potential volunteers are encouraged to apply as soon as possible so they may be scheduled for training in their area. To get more information and apply to be a volunteer, visit CFCRB online at <http://courts.ky.gov/court-programs/cfcrb/Pages/default.aspx>.

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– **Diabetes Support Group** is open to anyone with this disease, family members and caretakers for those with this diagnosis. Dr. Adria Porter will discuss eye care at 10 a.m., Friday at the Crittenden County Extension Office.

– A **new book club** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 22 at Crittenden County Public Library. Participants are asked to bring lunch. Agatha Christie's "Appointment with Death" will be the first selection. Call (270) 965-3354 to sign up.

– A **benefit barbecue** will be held from 5-7 p.m. March 4 at the Crittenden County Fire Department for Billy and Lisa Arlack. Meals are \$10 per plate. An auction including pies, cakes and gift baskets will begin at 7 p.m. For more information or to make a donation, contact Beverly Davidson at (270) 704-0793.

Extension events

– **4-H Cloverbuds** for ages 5 through 8 will meet Thursday (today) at school until 4:30 p.m. Call (270) 965-5236 for more information.

– **4-H Sew Much Fun** will meet from 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Extension office.

– **Learn to make t-shirt yarn** during a class from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday at Crittenden County Public Library. Participants should bring one or two old t-shirts, a large crochet hook or knitting needles, scissors or a rotary mat and cutter. Space is limited. Call (270) 965-5236 or email rebecca.zahrte.uky.edu.

– **4-H Dog Club** will meet Monday. Please call the office for more information if your child is interested in participating. Open to youth ages 9-18.

– **4-H Homeschool Club** will meet from 2-4 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Annex. All Homeschool students are welcome.

– A **Pruning Woody Small Fruits** class will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Ed-Tech Center. Learn how to maintain and prune brambles, grapes and more.

– **4-H Livestock Club** will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Annex. All youth ages 9-18 that are interested in learning more about livestock are welcome.

Senior Menu

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

– Thursday (today): Menu is beef stew, brown rice cole slaw, cornbread and chocolate pudding. Bible study with Bro. Garland begins at 10:30 a.m.

– Friday: Menu is BBQ pork on whole wehat bun, pinto beans, baked sweet potato and snickerdoodle cookie. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

– Monday: Menu is frankfurts/sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread and vanilla pudding. Ladies' exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Tax preparation available by appointment.

– Tuesday: Menu is sloppy Joe on whole wheat bun, hash brown casserole, baked pork 'n beans, baked apples and raisins. Legal aid will be offered beginning at 10 a.m.

– Feb. 22: Menu is Italian chicken breast, stewed potatoes, broccoli soup, pears, whole wheat roll and crackers. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Italian adventure

Marion native merges culture, outdoors for custom getaways

By MIMI BYRNS
PRESS CONTRIBUTOR

What once was a dream for Marion native Vernon McClure is now reality.

With a worldwide client base from Canada, Australia, Brazil, South Africa and Hong Kong, he is a successful businessman in Vicenza, Italy, offering his clients adventurous trips and an opportunity to explore this European country on bicycle, foot or using public transportation. What makes McClure's tours unique is that all the visitors who contact him get immersed in the Italian history, outdoors, culture and cuisine by a person with great knowledge of the area. Besides that, he puts lot of attention in the active side of the journey, finding information and organizing the routes so that the visitors are prepared for fun and educational bike touring, hiking or skiing.

The story of McClure that lead to his career in Italy started after he graduated Crittenden County High School and joined the U.S. Army as a parachute ranger in 1983.

"During the time I was in the military, I had the opportunity to go to Italy for training, and I fell in love with Europe as a whole," said McClure, who has a degree in European literature and history that he got

in Venice. "So, I decided that whenever I was going to get out, I was going to try to live in Europe for a couple of years. After the end of the Iraq War, I met my wife and decided to have a family."

Before he realized that active tourism was his passion, he gave teaching a try and thought that would be his career.

"I did some student teaching in an American high school at the military base in Vicenza.," he said. "I thought I was going to be a teacher, but I understood there are better ways to teach and to influence individuals. Instead of working with high school kids, I started teaching scuba diving and mountaineering for the military and their family members.

"I did ski trips around Florence. I taught scuba diving in Croatia. From doing this, I got a set of skills that let me do the activities I do now."

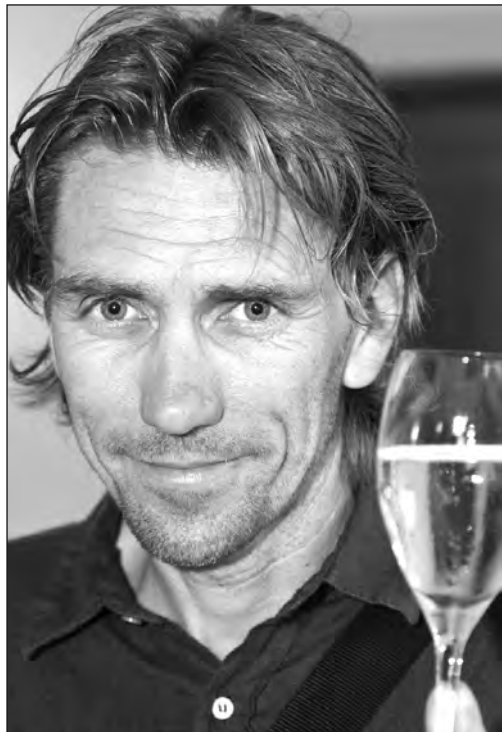
All of his clients get individually customized tours and an opportunity to explore some of the 20 regions of Italy that have their own charm. His website, ItaliaOutdoorsFoodAndWine.com, and the recommendations are the only way he advertises his business, and this has proven to be a great way for him to get connected to the right people.

His original idea for his business was to take the traditional skills of a mountain guide and turn them into an active type vacation guide. Not only does he introduce visitors to the architecture of and the general history of the area, he also involves them in the entire Italian culture. On his website, McClure has an entire section that focuses on the skills an adventurous person needs in unexpected situations, like smoking meat and fish and starting a fire in wet weather.

Before heading to Italy, nature lovers who are guided by McClure can find lot of useful information about the essentials mountain climbers and outdoorsmen need. Fire starters, matches, maps, a compass and flashlight are some of them.

"Nobody gets the same trip. But also, I don't do service for people I don't think I can fulfill the service for," explains McClure. "I do private, small, 2-8 people trips. Normally, it is either a family or a small group that knows each other. I organize a route that everyone can enjoy and do, so that no one is held hostage by anyone else during the vacation.

"My clients might know what they want to do based on their knowledge of Italy,



Vernon McClure found his calling in adventure tourism as a guide in Italy. He customizes Italian vacations in different regions of the country based on his clients' interests in skiing, hiking, climbing or bicycling while incorporating historical and culinary experiences.

but I try to educate them further before they come by sending them information. I link them to the bicycle rides, the cities we are going to visit and the food so that they understand what they are going to see even before we get there. That is the goal of the the Italian Outdoors website.

"I am passionate for climbing. I combine the program based upon the fitness level of the individuals, their travel interests and budget so that they get the most out of their vacation."

Another inevitable aspect of exploring Italy, McClure said, is the food and the wine.

"In order to understand the historical significance of western civilization, you have to go to Italy," he said.

"I also talk to the visitors about the food and the wine of the area we are in. For example, when I am in Treviso with a group of tourists, we talk about Prosecco wine and what is grown in that area. Then, my colleague, who is a certified gourmet chef, takes the clients to the appropriate Italian restaurant with great food where we do cooking classes and everyone can cook and eat their dinner. "

On his website, he provides a wide range of useful tips for the visitors so that they can choose a suitable month for their travel. Sometimes these customized travels are booked a year in advance so that they are planned to perfection.

Going for less may be best

As I am journeying through life and learning what it means to become a minimalist (please feel free to read more about minimalism at theminimalists.com) there are questions that keep popping into my head. Questions like, If I took away all my "stuff," the things in my life, like books, furniture, televisions, movies, clothes, etc. what is left of me as a person?

What defines me as a human being, a contributing member of society? Do I honestly get my status from all the stuff I have in my yard, or how big my house is; does that really make me who I am?

I am thinking about how many hours a week I devote just to keeping the house

clean and find myself asking; is that what I really want to do with my time? No! Of course not, I would much rather enjoy an evening writing, or reading a good book (my personal favorite is the Bible), or an enjoyable conversation and meal with friends and family.

But instead I am too busy caretaking for all the "things" in my life.

I always wanted the American Dream – a big house, picket fence, two kids, dog (or cats as in my case), nice car and a loving husband. Mission accomplished. I have achieved all there is in life right? Of course not, there is so much more. All my life I feel I have been told a lie.

If my possessions and my home size, type of vehicle define me as a person, then

what's left if all of that is taken away?

As I journey on this path, I am realizing that less is actually the key. The less things I have, the less time I have to spend cleaning/organizing them, which in turn means the more time I have for friends and family. That's who I really am. What's left if all my possessions are removed is someone who loves life and the people in it. So, what's left of you?

It has been an interesting transition to this place of less. Please follow me on my blog simplemeseimplelife.wordpress.com for more of my journey and life lessons.

(Becky Zahrte, a resident of Crittenden County, is a wife and mother of two. Her goal is to enrich other's lives as much as they have enriched her own. Her column appears periodically in this newspaper.)



Rebecca Zahrte
Guest columnist
A Simple Perspective

Kentucky colleges release dean's list

Two Kentucky colleges have shared their dean's list for the fall 2016 semester.

WKCTC

More than 500 students have earned recognition for their academic work by being named to the West Kentucky Community and Technical College Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must be a full-time WKCTC student earning at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) and successfully completing 12 hours or more of course work numbered 100 or above for the academic term.

The following Crittenden County students earning recognition for the fall 2016 semester are: Hannah Berry, Sylvana Hunt, Katrina Mast, Ashley McConnell, Brayden McKinney and Colby Wat-

son.

Livingston County residents named to the dean's list include Haley Adams, Alisha Boone, Madison Denfip, Matthew Edmonds, Trevor Faith, Stoy Gates, Sarah Hall, Victoria Henke, Jaden Hoskins, Keirsten Keith, Julie Lasters, Hannah Leidecker, Lydia Martin, Kara McKinley, Tonya Salyer, Matthew Snead, Jennifer Wright, Macie Young and Wayne Young.

University of Kentucky

A record number of students made the University of Kentucky Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester. The 7,408 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance. That's an increase of more than 200 over the previous record reached in fall 2015 when the number of students on a UK Dean's List

surpassed 7,000 for the first time. Last semester's dean's list includes over 700 more students than the spring 2016 semester's list.

Crittenden County residents included are Amelia Gilley, first year pharmacy; and Grishma Patel, a junior psychology major.

Livingston County resident Adam David Kinnes, a junior mechanical engineering major was also included in the dean's list.

To make a dean's list in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the dean's list.

the number of compensatory hours accrued on weekends.

The circuit clerk said Saturday traffic for licensing at her office has been rather low, and the types of transactions available on Saturdays are already limited because Frankfort offices are not open on weekends.



Valentine Royalty

Jenny and Charles Sisco last Thursday evening were crowned Valentine Queen and King at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center's monthly fundraiser. The honor was fitting for a couple who celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day. The center hosts a monthly dinner and entertainment on the second Thursday to raise funds for the services it provides. The meal begins at 5 p.m., and guests are asked to bring a \$5 donation and side dish to accompany an entree typically donated by a local business or organization.

CAPITOL
Cinemas

Starts Friday, Feb. 17

Matt Damon stars as a European Mercenary Helping Defend The Great Wall of China
The Great Wall
Fri. 4, 6:45, 9:15
Sat. 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:15
Sun. and Mon. 1:30, 4, 6:45
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PG-13

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Sat. 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:15
Sun. and Mon. 1:30, 4, 6:45
Tues.-Thurs. 6:30

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Nation's Box Office #2
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BASKETBALL

Upcoming CCHS Games

FRIDAY
Lady Rockets host Ft. Campbell
Rockets host Ft. Campbell
NEXT WEEK
Fifth District Tournament
Date and Times TBA
See The-Press.com Wednesday

Prep basketball event

Kentucky signee P.J. Washington of Findlay Prep will be one of over 30 future Division I basketball players featured during a three-day basketball event this weekend at Marshall County. Tan-ager Sports is hosting the Kentucky Lake Basketball Showcase featuring a number of the nation's top high school prospects. The event will include two games Friday night, three Saturday and one Sunday. Tipoff is at 6 p.m., Friday, 5 p.m., Saturday and 2 p.m., Sunday at the Reed Conder Gym on Marshall County's campus. There will be opportunities for fans to get player autographs and take photos. The event will include Duke signee Gary Trent Jr. of Prolific Prep and Arizona signee DeAndre Ayton of Hillcrest Prep. Tickets range from \$5 to \$10.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunt/Trap	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 26 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Snow Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Goose Conservation	Feb. 16 - March 31
Youth Wild Turkey	April 1-2
Spring Wild Turkey	April 15 - May 7
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round



Tough time for coyotes

Hodge's Outdoor Sports' annual coyote hunting contest produced the fewest song dogs ever last weekend. Weather played havoc on hunters who searched day and night for 24 hours looking for coyotes. Warmth and wind were prevalent conditions that are not conducive to good predator hunting. Twenty teams were registered for the Friday and Saturday contest but only three coyotes were checked and no team had more than one. Winners were Dustin Collins and Braxton Head whose coyote weighed 33.62 pounds, the most of any checked.

About time to remove bait

The spring wild turkey season is fast approaching. Youth season is April 1-2 and the statewide season is April 15 through May 7. It is important to note that outdoorsmen who have been feeding grain to wildlife must have it all removed by March 1 in order to meet statutory requirements dealing with baited areas. By state law, an area where grain or other attractants have been used to bait or lure wildlife, remains a baited area for 30 days once the grain or other product is removed. With youth season starting the first day of April, hunters should be sure to eliminate bait by March 2. An area where grain, feed or other substance exists as the result of bona fide agricultural practice or manipulating a crop for a wildlife management purpose is legal for turkey hunting.

SOCCKER

Youth league registration

Crittenden Youth Soccer Association will have two registration days for the upcoming spring season. Players may sign up at Dairy Queen from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 or from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25. Registration forms are also available at Double Take Salon at Darben Plaza on Sturgis Road in Marion. The registration form is also available online at The-Press.com or at this URL: www.the-press.com/SoccerForm17.pdf.

Fifth District opens Monday at Trigg

STAFF REPORT

Although the Fifth District Tournament was a week from starting, Crittenden County still didn't know as of Tuesday who its first-round opponent would be. The league was scheduled to meet Wednesday (after the newspaper's weekly deadline) to conduct a coin toss to determine the No. 1 seed in both boys' and girls' competition. Crittenden County and Lyon County split the regular-season championship. The teams lost to each other during the regular season, but otherwise ran the table

against district competition. Crittenden also beat Lyon one other time this year, in the championship game of the Second Region All A Classic. Two of their meetings this season were closely contested, but the last matchup on Jan. 30, Crittenden won 56-32. The winner of Wednesday's coin toss will play Trigg County, which was winless in league games this season. The other team will get Livingston Central, a team that took Crittenden to the final seconds a couple of weeks ago. The Crittenden Press Online will post the pairings when they become

available. Similarly, the boys' district round-up ended with Livingston Central and Lyon County tied for first place. The two teams were the odds on favorites going into the season and split in two meetings, with each school winning on its home floor. Crittenden almost spoiled Livingston's share of the regular-season crown, losing by only a point in overtime to the Cardinals last weekend in a district makeup game at Rocket Arena. The district tournaments will be played at Trigg County.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

FIFTH DISTRICT BOYS

Team	Overall	District
Livingston Central	16-12	5-1
Lyon County	14-11	5-1
Crittenden County	7-22	2-4
Trigg County	8-18	0-6

FIFTH DISTRICT GIRLS

Team	Overall	Dist.
Crittenden County	22-7	5-1
Lyon County	17-8	5-1
Livingston Central	9-16	2-4
Trigg County	5-19	0-6



PHOTO BY DEREK MCCREE

Crittenden junior Madison Champion fights for possession of the ball against St. Mary.



PHOTO BY DEREK MCCREE

Crittenden County's Amanda Lynch (41) cuts off this St. Mary ball handler during Friday's Lady Rocket victory.

GAME SUMMARIES

Union 44, Crittenden 42 Crittenden Co. 16 31 38 42 Union County 8 27 35 44 CRITTENDEN - Moss 15, Lynch 5, Collins, Champion 10, Nesbitt 7, Evans 3, Summers 2. FG 15. 3-pointers 0. FT 12-22. Fouls 18. UNION - Campbell 15, French 7, Duckworth 3, Beaven 6, Wright, Price 2, Spaulding 11, Conway, Bealmear. FG 16. 3-pointers 2 (French). FT 10-18. Fouls 19.	Brownfield. FG 11. 3-pointers 1 (Koenig). FT 5-15. Fouls 5. CRITTENDEN - Moss 22, Lynch 10, Collins 10, Champion 7, Nesbitt 4, Evans, Woodward 4, Summers 2, Ch.Moss 8, Long. FG 32. 3-pointers 2 (Moss). FT 3-3. Fouls 10.
Crittenden 69, St Mary 28 St. Mary 3 16 24 28 Crittenden Co. 20 32 50 69 ST. MARY - Koenig 13, Black 12, Doran 1, Waltmon, C.Doran, Meredith 2, Brown, Addison, Higgins,	Crittenden 33, Hopkins Central 31 Crittenden County 7 14 27 33 Hopkins Central 8 17 26 31 CRITTENDEN: Moss 12, Lynch 10, Collins 3, Champion 4, Nesbitt 4, Evans. FG 14. 3-pointers 1 (Moss). FT 4-10. Fouls 12. HOPKINS CENTRAL - Hughes 9, Hardy 9, Medlin 2, Ikeard 9, Moore 2, James, Tow, Stevens. FG 12. 3-pointers 1 (Ikeard). FT 6-12. Fouls 18.

Legendary Status: Lady Rockets set wins record

STAFF REPORT

Legendary status never comes easy. It took Crittenden County's girls' basketball team one more game than expected, but it finally got a record-setting 22nd win Tuesday night at Hopkins Central. It's the most victories ever by a girls' team, and now they can set their sights on becoming the school's all-time winningest squad. That will take 25 victories (the 1952 boys won 24), which is not beyond the realm of possibility as the girls have one regular-season game left on Friday and then the district

Record-Setting Podcast

Want more on the record-setting Lady Rockets. Listen to our podcast with Coach Hodge and senior Cassidy Moss at The-Press.com.

tournament, and perhaps a regional tournament berth. Crittenden edged Hopkins Central 33-31 after trailing much of the game. Senior Cassidy Moss stole a ball in the Lady Storms' front court late in the third period and went the distance for a layup, giving CCHS

its first advantage since the opening minutes. "Once we got the lead, we never gave it up," Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge said. "That's a sign of the maturity of this team. Kiara Nesbitt hit a couple of foul shots in the final seconds to make sure Crittenden got out of Morton's Gap with the coveted victory. "I am proud of the 22nd win even tough didn't come easy," the coach continued. "Although this group has accomplished a lot together, we can't stop now. We desire more and we have to play with the same be-

lief that's gotten us to where we are now. "I told the girls I felt like there was something riding on our backs the last couple of weeks. Hopefully, we've knocked it off now," Hodge added. The girls had hoped to get that 22nd win Saturday at Union County, but were upset after leading the whole game. Union County, which trailed by eight in the first half, took its first lead of the game with five seconds left when Kiara Campbell knocked down two foul shots to break a tie game.

Stretch run inspires Rockets for playoffs

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County had Livingston Central on the ropes Saturday at Rocket Arena, but the Cardinals managed to escape with a one-point overtime win and procure a share of the regular-season Fifth District championship. As it turns out, a scoring mistake was partly to blame. Both teams' point guards were key down the stretch in Livingston's 58-57 win. Livingston sophomore Cameron Head hit four threes and scored 15 points in the third period as the Cardinals came from six back to take the lead. Rocket senior Bobby Stephens scored a dozen in the fourth period, including a three with six seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime. Stephens finished the game with 23 and Head 21. There was controversy about the score in the fourth quarter. After an appeal by the Rockets, game officials huddled at the scorer's table and the scoreboard was changed to add one point to the Rocket score, but several fans and CCHS staff believed two points should have been added not just one. In that case, Crittenden would have won in regulation. Afterwards, review of a videotape recording of the game revealed that one point in the fourth quarter was indeed not credited to Crittenden County when it should have been. Crittenden beat St. Mary (12-14) 59-45 in front of a large homecoming crowd on Friday. Sawyer Towery, a 5-foot-11 sophomore, netted 27 and was a catalyst in the victory, scoring most of his points during the middle quarters when Crittenden made its move. The Rockets trailed out of the



Crittenden's Sawyer Towery (3) and Will Tolley (5) work to get a loose ball in a win over St. Mary Friday. Towery scored a career-high 27 in the game.

chute but took their first lead when Gavin Dickerson scored on a driving basket with just under two minutes to go in the first period. From there, it was a closely contested matchup until the third period when CCHS began to pull away. The lead was stretched to double digits down the stretch as play became very physical. The win was Crittenden's first in 11 games. The last victory before this one came on Jan. 13 against Trigg County.

Livingston 58, Crittenden 57, OT Livingston Central 6 14 39 50 58 Crittenden County 5 20 31 50 57 LIVINGSTON - Dean 9, Sherer 4, Ringstaff 2, Hosick 10, Head 21, Bebout 7, Stein 1, Vaughn, Kitchens 4. FG 18. 3-pointers 5 (Head). FT 17-25. Fouls 20. CRITTENDEN - Stephens 23, Tolley 9, Dickerson 16, Turley 4, Boone 2, Steele 2, Towery 1, Nesbitt. FG 20. 3-pointers 5 (Stephens 4, Tolley). FT 12-19. Fouls 21.	Crittenden 59, St. Mary 45 St. Mary 8 23 33 45 Crittenden County 9 28 46 59 CRITTENDEN - Stephens 7, Tolley 2, Dickerson 11, Turley 9, Boone 3, Towery 27, Nesbitt. FG 24. 3-pointers 6 (Towery 4, Boone, Stephens). FT 9-19. Fouls 18. ST MARY - McCauley 22, Deneve 11, Higgins 7, Weatherington 3, Duncan 2. FG 15. 3-pointers 4 (McCauley 3, Weatherington). FT 11-22. Fouls 15.
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PHOTOS BY DEREK MCCREE

Crittenden center Gavin Dickerson uses teammate Preston Turley as a human shield as he goes up for a basket Friday against St. Mary.

NBA analyst discusses UK draft prospects

Players often come to play basketball at Kentucky now to enhance their NBA Draft status. It's something coach John Calipari sells to players as he points to the draft picks he's had and how well many of them are doing in the NBA.

A player can play himself into a higher spot in the draft — Eric Bledsoe, Jamal Murray, Trey Lyles for instance — that many ever imagined. However, because the spotlight is always on UK basketball, a player can hurt his draft stock with subpar play — remember Skal Labissiere.

While it's still way to early who may go where in the draft or who may even enter the draft, it's never too early to speculate. Ed Isaacson has followed the NBA draft for many years and his NBAdraftblog.com was a go-to site for information.

Now he's transitioning to the agent side of the business, but that doesn't mean he has to keep his opinions about this one last draft to himself.

- Question: What is the upside for Malik Monk when it comes to the NBA draft and what he has he done to help/hurt his draft stock this year?

- Isaacson: "With his athleticism and shooting ability, it's tough to see Monk falling outside of the lottery, or even the top 10. The real question will be is there a way for him to move into the top five or six picks. The most impressive part of his game has been his jumper, but not just the ability to hit shots, but to hit difficult shots, off the dribble or with a hand in his face. Monk doesn't have ideal size for the shooting guard spot, so it's critical that he be able to hit those tough shots. Where Monk has really hurt himself has been with his shot selection, which has been awful at times, as well as an indifference on the defensive ends for long stretches."

- Question: Is there any doubt about De'Aaron Fox being a lottery pick? What flaws in his game might worry NBA personnel and is it his speed that NBA scouts like more than anything?

- Isaacson: "While there are a significant number of point guards who should be first rounders this year, there is still a lot of jockeying for position to take place. Personally, I think Fox is worth a lottery pick, but the numbers don't always work out that way, and he could just as easily fall in that 15-20 range."

"His speed, especially end to end, as well as reaction time, has been impressive, but I think his potential on the defensive end is also something NBA teams are liking about him. Being able to knock down jumpers consistently is going to be the thing he needs to worry about the most, and will be the difference between being a starter one day or a backup (in the NBA)."

- Question: Bam Adebayo has been considered a certain lottery pick at times this year. Do you agree? Has he shown enough offensive ver-

satility for NBA personnel and what concerns would you have about him?

- Isaacson: "No, Adebayo is far from certain at this point to be a lottery pick, and I would be surprised if he does end up there, with the 15-20 spots a lot more likely, as of now. But, as I keep mentioning, there is plenty of time for things to happen, and Adebayo can look to take advantage. Five to 10 years ago, a player like Adebayo would likely be a top 10 player, but with

more NBA teams looking for big men who can help spread the floor, Adebayo may get overlooked.

"Now, I remember watching him at Madison Square Garden earlier this year during warm-ups, and he seemed to be knocking down 18-20 foot shots much better than expected, but he hasn't shown it in a game at all.

"On top of that, he's not really a great interior defender, and even worse when he has to come out on the perimeter, and that lack of versatility may make NBA teams overlook him in the first 14 picks. Still, he would be a great value later on in the first round, going to a team where he has time to develop."

- Question: Senior Derek Willis obviously can shoot the ball, but Calipari has never been happy with his defense or rebounding. Any chance he gets drafted?

- Isaacson: "With his size and shooting ability, there's certainly a possibility, but this draft will be particularly deep, and I think the numbers work against him and he'll have to try his luck with the D-League route."

- Question: What are your thoughts about Wenyen Gabriel?

- Isaacson: "Gabriel has probably been my favorite of the UK freshmen since the start of the year, even if he wasn't really a candidate to come out in the draft this season, though I still wouldn't rule it out. Gabriel has a great combination of size, length and athletic ability, and as his skill set continues to develop, I can see him becoming a very good two-way wing at the NBA level. That skill development — shooting, ball handling, movement — needs to hit the next level this summer. If that happens, he could have a good shot at the 2018 lottery."

- Question: Isaiah Briscoe is perceived as a player leaving for the draft and someone that wants to leave for the NBA. But at his size and limited shooting range, is that realistic? What do you see his draft status as?

- Isaacson: "I think Briscoe's ceiling as a draft pick is the second round no matter what, so coming out this year really won't make a difference. As you note, the shooting continues to be an issue, but Briscoe still has value on the defensive end, plus his ability to use his body to get to the basket."

"He's far from an NBA point guard, but the skills are there; his decision-making is a problem, though,

and watching these past few games, he seems to be regressing, though I tend to err that he is just putting a lot of pressure on himself to lead this team. I could see Briscoe being a guy who goes into pre-draft workouts and impresses teams with his defense and competitiveness, and I wouldn't be surprised if he ends up as a mid-second round pick."

P.J. Washington

Kentucky fans can get a first-hand look at future Wildcat P.J. Washington Friday and Saturday nights when he plays in the Kentucky Lake Showcase at Marshall County with his Findlay Prep (Nevada) teammates.

"He has a 7-2 wingspan and is really a tough kid. He goes after those loose balls and once he gets it, you do not take it out of his hands," said his father, Paul Washington, who is also the Findlay Prep head coach. "A lot of that is from coming up in Texas playing football. He loves the contact and UK fans will see that next year."

The 6-8 Washington could potentially play a variety of positions. His father says they do not label him at any position and noted what he could have done against Josh Jackson of Kansas when UK played the Jayhawks in late January.

"A kid like Josh Jackson could really not get by him and physically he could not rebound over P.J. As a coach, it's good to have a player like that on your team," Paul Washington said. "Put a taller kid on him and he goes by them. He leads our team in assists. He has really good court vision and instincts with the ball."

Paul Washington likes the preparation work that Calipari does with players.

"He does stuff I do not see anywhere else in the country. What he has done at Kentucky bringing those kids in and making them playing his way has been incredible. That's not easy to teach," Paul Washington said.

Findlay Prep guard



UK ATHLETICS PHOTO

Hamidou Diallo says fans ask him frequently if he will play this year, but the plan remains for him to wait until next season.

Justin Roberts is headed to DePaul. Paul Washington says that senior Donnie Tillman, a 6-8 forward, and Reggie Chaney, a 6-8 junior, are both solid players and 6-6 forward Lamine Diane is as well.

All five starters average in double figures with P.J. Washington at 19.7 points per game and Diane at 15.8 leading the way.

Then there is 6-7 sophomore Spencer Washington, P.J. Washington's younger brother. He's 6-7 and has been sidelined for about two months with a broken hand but Paul Washington hopes he can play this weekend.

"They are all very unselfish and play well together. I think we are a fun team to watch," the coach said.

Hamidou Diallo

Hamidou Diallo has not played for Kentucky since joining John Calipari's team in January and the plan remains for him not to play until next season. However, he's noticed all the attention UK players get.

"It just shows you that the stage that we're on is a different type of stage. Night in and night out you just got to be the best version of yourself," he said.

He's not been surprised

by picture and autograph requests from fans.

"I've seen it. New York is pretty much — it's not the same, but it's pretty much the same. I mean, people have fans everywhere. We're just blessed to have the fans that we have," he said.

He admits he's been asked more times than he could count about whether he would play this year or not.

"I just tell them 'I don't know at this point,' because me telling them the whole story would take a lot of time I'd say," Diallo said.

UK softball

Kentucky opened its softball season last weekend and coach Rachel Lawson has built the team into a national power during her 10 years at UK. But while she does not want anyone to know it, she's a softie and made that clear when she cried talking about a senior player at Media Day before the season even started.

"She is a softie at heart," UK pitcher Meagan Prince said. "She is tough and intimidating and you can't get into her head, but she has a soft heart when it comes to her girls."

Breanne "Buzz" Ray is another senior who has seen the soft side of Lawson that

the coach doesn't go public with often.

"Honestly, I was not surprised she cried. She puts on a hard front for everyone else — I think she has to. But once you get to know her, she has such a love for our team and every player," Ray said. "She cares a lot. Everything she does is for us. She wants us to succeed more than even we probably do."

"She always cries at Senior Day. She tries to hold it together, but she can't. She cries a lot on our alumni weekend, too, because everyone that has come through the program is important to her. A lot of coaches are just about business. They worry about stats and games and wins. She cares about us and who we are even past softball. She's never ready for any of us to leave."

Quote of the Week 1

Junior college defensive back Lonnie Johnson enrolled at Kentucky in January and is glad to be in Lexington. "Life in junior college is terrible. We don't eat. The beds are small. It is just like the difference in being poor and rich. This is rich right here. I love it here," Johnson said.

Quote of the Week 2

Does Kentucky freshman Bam Adebayo pay attention to mock draft reports? "I don't really get on social media like that, pay attention to it," he said.

Quote of the Week 3

Kentucky linebacker Josh Allen on freshman teammate Kash Daniel of Paintsville sometimes being a bit hyper. "When he is in that moment, I say, 'Kash, calm down.' He just has to get his head right. We just have to help him get his focus down because he can kind of go off at times in his own way."

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

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OPPORTUNITY

The Kentucky Commissioner of Education is seeking applications to be considered for appointment to the Crittenden County Board of Education. You are invited to nominate yourself or someone you know who is qualified to service on the Crittenden County Board of Education representing **Educational Division No. 5**. This vacancy was created by a resignation of Board Member Phyllis Orr. Under the provisions of KRS 160.190(2), this appointment is effective until the **November 2018 regular election**. This is a public service position and the person appointed will not be employed by the Crittenden County Public Schools.

REQUIREMENTS

- Board members must be:
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- Providing visionary leadership that establishes long-range plans and programs for the district.
- Hiring the district superintendent and issuing annual evaluation reports.
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Applications should be completed and postmarked by **Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017**.

Interviews will be scheduled approximately 6-15 working days after this mail date. All qualified applications received before the interviews are scheduled will be considered.

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2 hurt in separate Saturday crashes

STAFF REPORT

Two men were injured Saturday in separate crashes on highways in the eastern portion of the county.

Around 5:10 p.m., Charles Adamson of Marion was hurt when his motorcycle collided with a deer on Ky. 365. According to Kentucky State Police, Adamson, 38, was southbound on the highway when his 2015 Honda XR650 hit the animal around the 3-mile marker near the junction of Rudolph Chandler Road and ran off the right side of the roadway.

Adamson was transported to Baptist Health Paducah due to injuries sustained in the crash. He was not wearing a helmet.

Several hours later, state police investigated another single-vehicle injury accident around 10:30 p.m. that oc-

curred on U.S. 60 East near the intersection with Ky. 365.

According to the accident report, Jerry Wright, 51, of Sturgis was eastbound on the highway when he lost control of his 2004 Ford F-150 while trying to negotiate a curve. The truck went off the right side of the roadway and struck an embankment, causing it to overturn. It came to a final rest in the road.

Wright was transported by ambulance to Methodist Hospital Union County in Morganfield due to injuries sustained in the collision. He was wearing his seat belt.

Mattoon Volunteer Fire Department and Crittenden EMS assisted state police at both scenes, and Crittenden County Sheriff's Department assisted at the wreck on U.S. 60 East.

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2017 Hoops Homecoming

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Cassidy Moss and Bobby Stephens were crowned basketball homecoming queen and king during the annual coronation ceremony Friday at Rocket Arena. Pictured is the entire homecoming court, (from left) juniors Tyson Steele and Emma Atchison; seniors Maeson Myers and Nadia Hutchings; 2016 queen Lauren McKinney; Stephens and Moss; seniors Will Tolley and Kaylie Graham; sophomores Hunter Boone and Shelby Summers; freshmen Hannah Bell and Gavin Davidson; and (in front) flower girl Morgan Piper and crown bearer Braden Poindexter. Both the Rockets and Lady Rockets came away with victories over their St. Mary counterparts in front of a large homecoming crowd. Two were also inducted into the Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame. See Sports on Page 9 for more on the games.



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Passing time

Jim Morrison finds painting concrete lawn ornaments quite therapeutic. He and his son, Brent, operate a tire shop on Sturgis Road, but Jim once operated a large concrete ornament shop on the same site. Here, he paints a gnome with acrylics. After he puts a finishing touch on a variety of items, he sells them to retail shops. "When things are slow (in the tire shop), I get out the paint brush," he said.



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Crittenden County Elementary School

Rocket Role Models

December Rocket Role Models at Crittenden County Elementary School are (front, from left) Dally Millikan, Daryl Sherer, Landon Alexander, Sadie Green, Drake Young, Cameron Nesbitt, Emmitt Ellington, Hudson Stokes, (middle) Avery Thompson, Jake Rich, Carson Bradham, Tristan Cooper, River Rogers, Abigail Martin, Elle McDaniel, Ethan Thomas, Chloe Hunt, (back) Aleah McDonald, Mary Rachel Stephens, Chaun Tramel, Avery Belt, Emily Adams, Tristan Yates, Allyson Bradham and Autumn McKinney. The December character trait recognized was citizenship.

Spring forest fire hazard season under way

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Division of Forestry reminds Kentucky landowners and homeowners that wildfires can strike any time where grass and brush are dry enough to burn.

Each year wildfires needlessly threaten thousands of lives and destroy homes and structures. Until April 30, it is illegal in Kentucky to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between the hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Violation can result in fines and/or jail time.

Despite the recent wet weather, dead winter grasses are easily ignited and offer plenty of fuel for fires to quickly get out of control.

The best way to protect property is to prevent wildfires from getting started. Homeowners who live in or near forested areas should practice sound Firewise principles such as pruning and removing flammable plants and debris. Reducing the amount of fuel from shrubs, dead plant material and firewood will help create a defensible space

around your home.

Unsafe burning of brush piles and other debris may lead to escaped fires. Safety precautions should be taken and weather conditions considered before conducting any outdoor burning. It is illegal to burn garbage or other materials except natural plant matter, such as yard waste and brush. However, the brush dump on Bridwell

Loop in Marion offers free disposal of that material for residents of Crittenden County.

Through Sunday, 25 wildfires reported in Kentucky so far this year have been the result of out-of-control debris fires. Another 27 have been the result of arson. Altogether, 65 wildfires have been reported in the commonwealth, burning 862 acres.



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