**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020** 

#### STATE HIGHWAY DEATHS FIGURES RISE IN 2019

Highway fatalities in Kentucky increased last year according to preliminary numbers from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Initial data indicate there were 734 fatalities in 2019, compared to 724 in 2018. "A single death is one too many," said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. "And our 2020 Recommended Highway Plan is our commitment to improving highway safety. Through this plan Gov. Beshear calls for a historic \$100 million investment in the Highway Safety Improvement Program and an aggressive move to install more than 100 miles of life-saving guardrail across the Commonwealth." The fatality figures will remain preliminary until all highway crash data are collected. A final report will be released in April. So far in 2020, preliminary numbers indicate there have been 56 roadway fatalities, down 17 compared to the same time last year. There were no automobile motorists killed in traffic crashes in Crittenden County in 2019, but one passenger on a motorcycle died as a result of a crash on Ky. 135 and a Marion woman died when a truck crashed into her home on Old Morganfield Road.

#### HIGHWAY DEATHS IN KY

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#### FERRY WILL REMAIN CLOSED

The Cave in Rock Ferry remains closed for high water on the Ohio River. Backwaters are over the Ky. 91 approach on the Crittenden County side of the river. Officials at the ferry office said on Tuesday afternoon that it could be serveral more days until the ferry is able to resume operations. The best guess is that it will remain closed until next week some time.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

•Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet in regular session at 8:30 a.m., next Thursday at the Crittenden County Courthouse.

 Crittenden-Livingston Water Dis**trict** will hold its monthly directors meeting at 5 p.m., Monday at its headquarters in Salem.



Whether it's a superload rolling through town, local ballgames or another fascinating event in the daily lives of Crittenden County residents, The Press is almost always right there. See our videos at The-Press.com, on Facebook or at our YouTube or Twitter channels. We also have a platform on SnapChat. Let us promote your product or event across our multi-media audience that can reach over 10,000 people daily.





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#### Wide Load Show

A Crittenden County Sheriff's Department cruiser leads the superload caravan into the city limits on Friday on Ky. 120.

## **Small Town Thrill**

## Considerable fanfare surrounds big rig's journey through town

Until late last week there hadn't been much weighty news in Marion for nearly three years.

The excitement and attraction created by a super-load cargo caravan that crept through the rural landscape of Crittenden County at a 5-mph pace and dodged and weaved its way along the narrow confines of downtown Marion drew paradelike crowds. Onlookers lined the streets and highways to watch the 400,000pound Wide Load Show that took nearly three days to get across the county counting a lengthy dayand-a-half delay as permit matters and best route options were sorted through. The rig sat idle for that time on a private farm near Deanwood.

The wide-load with its array of escorts and sup-

port crew originated from Ohio just north of Cincinnati. The cargo, a large, high-pressure tank fabricated by a company called Enerfab, was being hauled on a 195-foot long trailer en route to Aberdeen, Miss. The polymer tank will be used in a caulk-making process.

On a local newsworthiness scale, the wide load's journey through town probably ranked right up there with the B-1 Bomber crash here Feb. 18, 1998, the ice storm in late January and early February 2009 and the solar eclipse in August 2017.

Why? The Press got some of those answers from folks who came out to watch, and those can be viewed on a video posted at The-Press.com, which had received more than 16,000

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# Biggest meth bust case going federal

It appears that a federal grand jury will soon be taking a look at the largest methamphetamine bust in Marion's history.

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell advised Circuit Judge Rene Williams last Thursday of the U.S. Attorney's decision to take the drug case involving Joshua "Jason" Jones to U.S. District Court in Paducah on March 10.

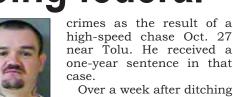
When Jones, 31, of Marion

was arrested in November. investigators say he was in possession of 341.6 grams of methamphetamine and other drugs and items related to suspected trafficking. Local law enforcement says the cache of meth found with Jones was the most ever recovered during an arrest in Marion and Crittenden County.

Jones was originally charged according to Kentucky criminal code and those charges are still pending in Critten-Circuit den Court. However due to the quantity of drugs involved and other fac-

tors in the case, the U.S. Attorney's Office has taken it.

Jones appeared in Crittenden Circuit Court last Thursday. He pleaded guilty to a felony charge of evading police and other lesser



Over a week after ditching his a vehicle in the northern part of the county and getting away from police, Jones was captured Nov. 6 by officers, acting on a tip. He was found asleep behind the wheel of a car parked in a driveway in Marion. Jones

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## Marion Census

figures figures 1870.....102 1880 .....833 1890 .....840 1900 ......1,064 1910 ......1,627 1920 .....1,718 1930.....1,892 1940.....2,163 1950 .....2,375 1960 .....2,468 1970 ......3,008 1980 ......3,392 1990 .....3,320 2000 .....3,196 2010 ......3,039 2011\*.....3,015 2012\*.....3,003 2013\* .....2,984 2014\* .....2,976 2015\* .....2,970

2017\*.....2,911

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\*Estimates

## County **Census**

2017\* .....9,021

2018\*.....8,915

1850 ......6,351 1860 ......8,796 1870 .....9,381 1880.....11,688 1890 .....13,119 1900 ......15,191 1910.....13,296 1920.....13,125 1930 .....11,931 1940 .....12,115 1950.....10,818 1960......8,648 1970 ......8,493 1980.....9,207 1990 ......9,196 2000 ......9,384 2010 ......9,315 2011\*.....9,249 2012\*.....9,223 2013\* .....9,179 2014\* .....9,176 2015\*.....9,169 2016\* .....2,951 2016\* .....9,133

# **Local leaders getting Census** lesson with bacon on Friday

STAFF REPORT

Local government officials say it's easy to quantify how important the upcoming U.S. Census is when it comes to federal money for area programs.

Understanding what each citizen is worth is pretty obvious because the Census affects so many programs that touch so many people, said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

"I want our community to be aware of the Census and to not confuse it with some other government surveys that might be done for whatever reason," Newcom said.

Citizen cooperation is paramount to getting a good count of Crittenden County residents, which

plays a key role in deter-

mining how much money

the community receives

A Community Leadereship Breakfast will be held Friday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. The event is open to the public and sponsored by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation. Doors open at 6:30 a.m, with breakfast being served. The program, will include a che Jeffrey, a partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau.

presentation by Kisha Misfrom government programs such as grants,

school lunch programs, Medicaid, foster care and road aid funding, which is sorely needed here.

leaders will come together

On Friday, community

for their quarterly breakfast at Marion's Ed-Tech Center. The regular rendezvous of this cross-section of community figures is aimed at creating awareness and cooperation. Newcom said that makes it a perfect opportunity for Census liaison Kisha Mische Jeffrey to present information about the enumeration process of counting every American citizen.

The county judge said school principals should have received last week Statistics in Schools (SIS) 2020 Census materials which included large colorful wall maps and an administrator's kit with a letter for parents.

The county's population has steadily fallen over the past 120 years. Newcom hopes the 2020 Census shows an increase here.

# SB 8 would require armed school resource officers, up counselors

As the Senate eagerly awaits a budget proposal from the House of Representatives, we remain busy in Frankfort passing bills both out of committee and out of the Senate to send to our colleagues in the lower chamber during a rainy sixth week of the 2020 Regular Ses-

The governor has already signed a couple of House Bills (HB) into law. HB 236 incorporates federal United States Department of Agriculture guidelines related to hemp into the Kentucky statute. It establishes hemp testing procedures for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and opens up private market testing to help address a backlog of hemp products. This bill benefits our agriculture industry and Kentucky hemp farmers. HB 186 eliminates potentially costly requirements for the more than 171,000 Kentuckians who operate direct sale or multi-level marketing businesses.

Main topics of discussion this week included measures relating to students, health care, and the overall well-being of Kentuckians.

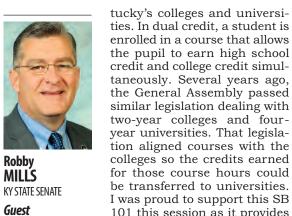
School safety legislation, Senate Bill (SB) 8, is heading to the governor's desk following

in the House late last week. If signed into law, SB 8 would require trained and certified school source officers to be armed on public school campuses. It would also allow school superintendent

appoint someone other than a district level school administrator to serve as the district's school safety coordinator. This multifaceted measure also specifies the goal of having at least one school counselor or schoolbased mental health services provider for every 250 students. This bill is a continuation of the General Assembly's efforts to increase safety within our school walls, and I hope to see it signed into law very

Commentary

SB 101 ensures dual credit hours earned in high school would be transferable to Ken-



education. Nearly 900,000 Kentuckians, including almost 30,000 children, have been diagnosed with an eating disorder, an illness that is often overlooked. SB 82 targets access to care for eating disorders by establishing the Kentucky Eating Disorder Council. The group would oversee the development and implementation of eating disorder awareness, education, prevention, and research programs. The council would also be responsible for making recommendations regarding legislative and regulatory changes

to improve access to care for

those diagnosed with an eating

KentuckyWired is a state-

run project that was supposed

to bring internet service via

high speed fiber optic cable to

every Kentucky county by

2018. This didn't happen; in

fact, the project still hasn't

been completed. The project

was supposed to cost \$30 mil-

lion, but the cost has now bal-

looned to over \$130 million. If

completed, it could - and most

likely will - cost as much as

\$1.5 billion over 30 years. The

project, initiated during the

final days of the Steve Beshear

administration, was to connect

government offices, universi-

ties, community colleges, state

police posts, state parks and

other government institutions

to the global internet. It was

also supposed to allow private

broadband providers to buy

spare capacity and then sell

101 this session as it provides

students an affordable and ef-

ficient avenue to obtain higher

SB 122 would make a change to Tim's Law of 2017, a much-heralded law that has rarely been used by the courts. The law allows judges to order assisted outpatient treatment for people who have been involuntarily hospitalized at least twice in the past 12 months. SB 122 would extend the period to 24 months so more Kentuckians with serious mental illnesses could receive help the law is designed to provide.

The goal of SB 122 is to stop the proverbial revolving door of mentally ill patients at state psychiatric hospitals and county jails. The law is named for Tim Morton, a Lexington man who was hospitalized for psychiatric treatment dozens of times over 36 years, often involuntarily and in police handcuffs, because he did not recognize that he had schizophrenia. A bipartisan measure, SB 122 passed by a 33-1 vote.

SB 30 would limit Kentucky to three managed care organizations, known as MCOs in healthcare parlance, to operate the commonwealth's massive Medicaid program. The goal with this legislation would be to reduce costs for medical

providers. Supporters of SB 30 said medical providers, particularly rural hospitals, were drowning in paperwork associated with complying with multiple MCO's peculiar rules concerning everything from credentialing of doctors and facilities to pre-authorizations, appeals and payments for medical care. They added that SB 30 would also save taxpayer money by reducing the state's contract compliance monitoring of the MCOs. SB 30 reflects wider frustrations with MCOs, once touted as a way to reduce the cost of administering Medicaid, but SB 123 would confirm various executive orders reorganizing the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. It would also create a new division of telehealth services after the state disbanded a telehealth board a couple of years ago. The new division would allow the cabinet to continue to provide oversight and resources to Kentucky's telehealth providers. Telehealth is the use of technologies, such as videoconferencing, to support long-distance health care programs. It is seen as a way to reduce health care costs while expanding health care access to rural areas.

# KentuckyWired needs intervention to solve growing problems

The pace has quickened as committee meetings were held and a number of bills came to the House floor last week. In this update. I will concentrate on two bills that have a direct impact on taxpayers' pocketbooks.

House Bill 99 (HB-99) is a bill that would loan \$35 million to the University of Louisville Medical Center for its purchase of Jewish Hospital and the Assets of KentuckyOne Health. The university made those purchases last year and then came to the legislature asking for the loan even though Jewish Hospital received an "F" grade for patient safety from one rating organization. HB-99 would give the UofL \$35 million, forgive (not require repayment) half, and not require UofL to start repaying the remaining \$17.5 for five years.

If that isn't bad enough, HB-99 would require bonding (borrowing) the money to give to UofL. That would be like someone asking you to let lend money to him or her, asking to only repay half, asking to wait five years before starting to repay the other half, and because you have bills to pay with the money you do have, you must go to an ATM to get the money.

From the financial infor-I've mation seen, the uni- Guest versity is in Commentary good enough financial shape get

money through the private sector. I further believe that if the state has \$35 million to give to hospitals, the money should be used for rural hospitals which are in much worse shape than the UofL. The cost of HB-99 to taxpayers (us) is \$3.069 million per year and will ultimately more than double the \$35 million loan. I voted no on HB-99, but the bill passed and has been sent to the Senate for



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service directly to residential and commercial customers. The cost of the state agencies connecting to KentuckyWired is based on the cost that private providers were charging for internet service when the project was initiated. Since

then, that cost has dropped by about 40 percent so now state agencies must pay more for connecting to KentuckyWired than they are now paying to private providers.

I am a member of the Small Business & Information Technology Committee, and we heard House Bill 332 (HB-332) which would require the Kentucky Communications Net-Authority, organization managing KentuckyWired, to offer wholesale access to excess fiber capacity only in unserved areas.

HB-332 came about because legislators were concerned when we found out that KentuckyWired partnered with OpenFiber Kentucky to bring service to customers that were not state agencies. This is troubling for several reasons: OpenFiber Kentucky is a company owned by the same investment bank that is the financial partner of Kentucky-Wired; and no other private companies have been given approval to connect to Kentucky-Wired, HB-332 would end the prospect of the state competing with private companies for business in more densely populated areas of the Commonwealth while assuring that rural areas would be able to get high speed internet even though private companies might not choose to invest in rural areas.

I have been a critic of KentuckyWired for a number of years and would like to see the project canceled. If it is not canceled, however, I believe that HB-332 is a better deal for Kentucky citizens than the current financial structure of the project. Therefore I voted yes, the bill passed out of committee and has been sent to the House floor where I hope it will soon get a vote.

Rep. Bechler may be reached through the toll-free message line at 800-372-7181, at 502-564-8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legisla-Home page www.lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

# From poopy bags to pit bulls and parolees, here's skinny

Over the past 30 years we have published a handful of articles about vicious dog incidents in Marion. In the big scheme of things, there really haven't been too many considering the demographics and historic culture of our community. Perhaps it is indeed our culture that hasn't allowed many of these issues to rise to the point of public display.

The Press has reported on dogs attacking dogs,

dogs attacking neighbors, dogs attacking children, dogs biting mailmen, running at large EVANS leash

about local About law and permits required for every dog in

the county. Yes, every one of them is supposed to be registered, have its



It comes as some sur-

proper vaccinations and wear proof of such around its neck, even those running on lawns in Frances, shepherding farms in Tolu, pointing upland birds in Sheridan or hunting waterfowl in the Tradewater bottoms.

prise that every dog is supposed to be licensed, just as a car, boat or marriage. Many in rural Crittenden County are probably not aware of the ordinance. Certainly, there are those with pets who visit Marion-Crittenden County Park that do not know that the City of Marion has a dog leash law. Yes, if you take your dog to the park, it is required to be on a leash. The park, however, is certainly pet friendly. Thanks benevolance of Mr. and Mrs. T. Rankin Terry – a Florida resident who maintains an ancestral home in Marion – the park has what might be

called "poopy bags." A couple of plastic bag dislocated pensers are around the walking trail. The bags are for pet waste, which should, according to commonsense, be disposed of in the nearest waste can.

Here's a dog matter that I bet is more discreet than the requirement for a rabies collar badge: Did you know that someone serving on felony probation is not allowed to have a pit bull dog? Yep,

because parole officers have been attacked while conducting their routine checks on parolees, that particular breed isn't allowed if you're "on paper" – the slang term for being on probation.

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# Next week is deadline to register for CRP's first general sign up since 2016

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds agricultural producers interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) 2020 general signup to enroll by Feb. 28. This signup is available to farmers and private landowners who are either enrolling for the first time or re-enrolling for another 10 to

15 year term.

This is the first opportunity for general sign up since 2016. Producers and private landowners need to know that they have just two weeks remaining. It is critical that they make their final determinations and submit offers very soon to take advantage of this popular conservation program.

Farmers and ranchers who enroll in CRP receive yearly rental payments for voluntarily establishing long-term, resourceconserving plant species, approved grasses or trees (know as 'covers"), which can control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. CRP has 22 million acres enrolled, but the 2018 Farm Bill lifted the cap to 27 million acres.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the U.S. It was originally intended to control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodities.

# ARC, PLC deadlines near for farmers

Deadline is March 16 to make what is likely one of the most important business decisions you will make for your farming operation this year. If you have not already visited

your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office to make your election for either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program and to sign your annual enrollment contract, you should call and make your appointment now.

Many farmers are gearing up to

head to the field for spring planting, but it is importance to not let this deadline get lost in the hectic day-today obligations of farm life, said Brian Lacefield, executive di-

rector in Kentucky USDA Farm Service Agency. If farmers fail to enroll for 2019 ARC or PLC, they will be ineligible to receive a payment for the 2019

crop year. ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms. These programs cover 20 commodities produced in the U.S.

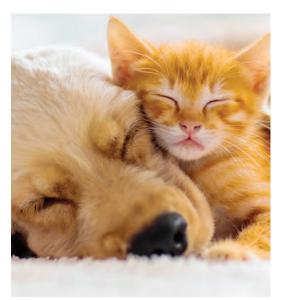
FSA anticipates more than 1.7 million producers will enroll in ARC and PLC - that's a lot of producers to assist in a short period of time. As of Feb. 10, FSA records in Kentucky show 10,600 farms out of an expected 40,000 farms have completed ARC or PLC enrollment for the 2019 crop year.

Visit www.fsa..usda.gov/arc-plc or call the FSA center in Salem for more information.



For further information call Elliot West

at Bowtanicals (270) 965-2056.







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# 84.6 **Million**





48% Are Dogs • 38% Are Cats 12% Are Fish • 6% Are Birds

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**Is Spent on American Pets by Their Owners** 

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**Dogs & Cats Are Adopted** From U.S. Shelters Each Year 1.5 **Million** 

**Animals Are Euthanized in U.S. Shelters Each Year**  6.5 **Million** 

**Companion Animals Enter U.S. Shelters Each Year** 

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Statistics: The Humane Society of the United States, American Pet Products Association, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals



Barbara Browning of Marion won the Henry Golden Boy rifle given away by the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter.



## Local coyote attack confirmed

Crittenden County Animal Shelter officials confirmed a coyote attack in Fredonia killed a dog Sunday just before dawn. The Crittenden County Animal Shelter urges pet owners to go out with pets no matter how big or

small they are. Outside

dogs are at risk too. Officials advise that pets should be put up at night in a garage or safe kennel or better yet, let them inside. It's mating season for coyotes and they are aggressive right now.

## What to expect when adopting a shelter dog

Millions of dogs reside in shelters or in foster homes just waiting for someone to make them permanent members of their family. The ASPCA says there are nearly four million dogs in shelters across America. Bringing home a puppy or an older dog can be an exciting, selfless endeavor.

Shelter dogs have the capacity to be loving, devoted pets. Unfortunately, many such dogs have been dealt difficult hands, ending up in shelters through no fault of their own.

Prospective pup parents should be aware that there can be a transitional period as dogs acclimate to their new homes. Understanding what to expect the first few weeks and months can be helpful.

■ Creatures of habit: Dogs are creatures of hab-

it and feel most comfortable when they know what to expect. Moving from a shelter into a home can be a big change. Shelter dogs will need time to understand the workings of a household. By remaining consistent and patient, dog owners can help their pooches acclimate to their new surroundings. Feed the dog at the same time and place each day. Take the dog for a walk the same time each day with the same route. Knowing what to expect can be calming for the dog.

■ Housetraining regression: New puppies likely do not fully know the rules of housetraining, but even older dogs who may have been housetrained can regress in a new environment. Pet parents may have to go back to basics and reinforce housetrain-

■ Shyness and anxiety: It's impossible to know what dogs went through before landing in a shelter. Shelter workers may have conducted certain tests,

such as food aggression or resource guarding, but that only paints part of the picture. It will take time for

Shelter - Cont. on page 4



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## **Benefits to spaying/neutering**

METRO SERVICES

One of the most important aspects of welcoming a pet into a home is to be a responsible part owner. Responsible pet ownership involves providing for the animal's physical and emotional needs, making sure to keep the pet out of danger and providing love, affection and training.

Responsible pet ownership also includes a commitment to maintaining a reasonable pet population. Due to unchecked breeding, shelters are bursting at the seams with animals who have been found stray or were turned over by owners who are unable to care for them. The AS-PCA says millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized or suffer as strays every year. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters.

Neutering, also known as spaying and neutering, can help keep animal numbers in check. American Humane says spaying is a general term used to describe the ovariohysterectomy of a female animal. Neutering is a general term used to describe the castration of a male ani-

mal. However, neutering is often used in reference to both genders. Veterinarians perform these surgeries, which often result in the same-day release of pets if there have been no complications.

Many shelters require adoptable animals be neutered before they can be released to a new family. Pet owners can work with veterinarians to determine the best age for sterilization

There are many great reasons to neuter pets that go beyond reducing overpopulation.

- Improves animal health: Spaying can help prevent uterine infections and breast cancer in female pets. Neutering males can prevent testicular cancer.
- Reduces unwanted marking/mating behavior: Female pets advertise that they are ready to reproduce by leaving scents (urinating), barking, meowing, and being more agitated during breeding season. Spaying can reduce these inclinations.
- Reduces the need to roam: Male animals will travel near or far to find a female. Once on the prowl, the animal runs the risks of injury from altercations

with other animals as well as traffic. Such animals also may get lost.

- Responsible breeding: American Humane says 25 percent of shelter dogs are purebreds. Responsible purebred breeders have homes lined up before they breed. There's no need to mate purebreds simply for the sake of continuing the lineage.
- Improved behavior: The ASPCA says a male pet might be less likely to mount other pets, people and inanimate objects after he's neutered. Some aggression problems may be avoided by early neutering as well.

Neutering is a smart choice. After the surgery takes place, give the pet a quiet, safe place to recover and inhibit jumping or running for a few weeks. Also, try to keep him or her from licking the wounds. When the vet gives a clean bill of health, pets can resume living full, happy lives.



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# "I will preach with my brush" Ask the Pastor

ten to what we are saying, we are left with no choice but to act. This is at the root of most massive acts of civil disobedience. Act-

ing is also generally riskier than writing or speaking - although those can get us into trouble as well. We may well remember famous words of abolitionists and civil rights activists, but it was often their actions that lent weight to their words. It was those actions that landed them in jail, caused them to be recipients of police brutality, and

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Faith-based columnist

worse. Of course, in the toxic environments that some have lived in, all it took was a false accusation or an innocent action that is intentionally misunderstood. I recently quoted a Filipino friend in this space. In his homeland,

currently, all one needs do is say or write something that offends the powerful to end up arrested or The quote which serves

as title this week is from the first black American painter to receive international acclaim. Henry Owassa Tanner was born on June 21, 1859 in Pittsburgh, Pa. His mother, Sarah, was a former slave who escaped on the Underground Railroad. His father, Benjamin Tucker, was a university educated minister and bishop in the African Methodist Episco-

He met Bishop Joseph Crane Hartzell in Atlanta around 1888, who arranged an exhibition of his work in Cincinna-

ti in the fall of 1890. None of his works sold. Hartzell's The bought the encollection tire and he used the funds to move to Europe. He eventually enrolled at the Academie Julian in Paris.

He returned for a visit to the United States in 1893, when he produced his famous most painting, "The Banjo Player." In a biography

of Tanner (2012), Anna Marley shares this quote, "Many of the artists who have represented Negro life have seen only the comic, the ludicrous side of it, and have lacked sympathy with and appreciation for the warm, big heart that dwells within such a rough exterior." His paintings of Bibli-

cal scenes and characters also challenged the thinking of his day. He broke with the convention of the day and used images of middle eastern men and women when portraying Christ, the apostles, and biblical stories.

His portrait of Christ in prayer is simple, humble, and powerful. It is painted perhaps as only a black man born in the United States just before the Civil War could have done. The Christ is seen as a human, a middle eastern human, humbly bowing in

prayer. There are no bright lights, there is no glow of power emanating from him, there are no crowds gathered round. There is no hint of triumphalism only prayer.

Tanner often looked at the Biblical scenes from new points of view. The disciples at the tomb are not looking at the empty cave, but instead we are looking at them as they process what they are seeing. As it is with grief, shock, and astonishment, they are not responding in the same way, different looks on their faces, not even looking in the same direction. Once again, they are clearly middle eastern men.

In her book, "Sharing Traditions," Lynda Roscoe Hartigan quoted Tanner as saying, "My effort has been to not only put the Biblical incident in the original setting ... but at the same time give the human touch which makes the whole world kin' and which ever remains the same." It is a testimony to the Christian character of Tanner that he was able to carry this attitude with him to Paris after having to leave his family because of the conditions that made it so difficult for him to practice his craft.

He stands today as an example to all of us to

to follow our calling and make that calling subservient to our faith. He is remembered for what he did. He presented his faith in his paintings of both his contemporary and biblical scenes. He did not allow the racism and injustices of the day to hinder his creativity. If anything, he used his context to make his work more powerful.

February is Black History Month. I have come to appreciate this emphasis each year. It gives us motivation to dig into places in history that are not usually in front of us. Each year that we do this we uncover more of our history - the story of all of us. It has the effect on me to stop making excuses based on "life is not fair." It teaches me appreciation of my brothers and sisters who accomplished great things despite opposition. Black History Month reminds me of who I am and who "they" were and that there never should have been "us" and "them." It has always been "us" and we still have much to do to make that a reality.

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean. niestrath@outlook.com.



## Instructions come through God's word

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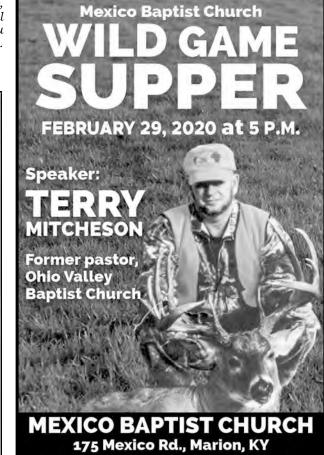
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Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com



## Church Events & News

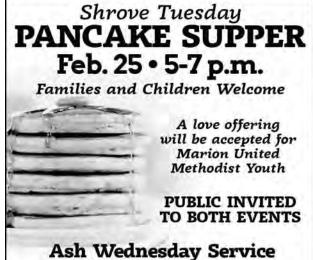
■ A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday at Marion United Methodist Church

Families and children are welcome. A short discussion about the religious significance of Shrove Tuesday will be held. An Ash Wed service will be

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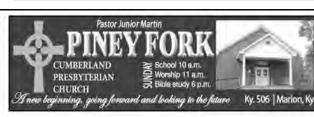
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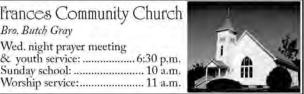
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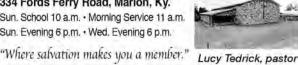
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# Some pioneer settlers of Flynn's Ferry Road

this interesting article ert Trail of Riverton, Ill. in-law Solomon Clark.

It is about Crittenden Counpioneers that lived on or close-by the old Flynn's Ferry Road (Copperas Springs Rd, Ky. 654 South and Kv. 654 North) and how many of them or members of their family, eventually moved to southern Illinois.

Brenda

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**County Historian** 

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Passages

The article may be more of interest to the

genealogist who is always searching for lost family members, but many of the names are still familiar today, and it tells some history of some of our early pioneer families. I found it interesting to know what an important part this historic road played in the history of our county by these early pioneer families settling near this old road.

George Flynn settled along the Ohio, in what now northeastern Crittenden County, in 1791. He established a ferry in 1803 where the town of Weston developed; his right-bank landing was in what is now southeastern Hardin County, Ill., above Cave-in-Rock.

Flynn improved a part of the Saline Trace in western Kentucky, from the Ohio to Hopkinsville, into a wagon road. The upper part of the improvement in what is now Crittenden and Caldwell counties, about 25 miles, became known as Flynn's Ferry Road. The Saline Trace was a buffalo trail across Kentucky from French Licks, Nashville, Tenn., to the Saline Salt Lick in what is now Gallatin County, some 130 miles as the crow flies.

The part of Flynn' Road, in what is now Crittenden, was some 16 or 17 miles long, and the Caldwell part was some 7 or 8 miles long and ran into the Golconda-Hopkinsville (approximating the present Ky. 91). The upper part of the Crittenden section, some 6 miles, reached from Flynn's Ohio River landing southward to the present village of Mattoon on U.S. 60.

Peter Cartwright, the legendary circuit rider preacher, was much about the trace and ferry road in Kentucky in 1809 and 1810 as a Methodist Exhorter, and his parents lived in the area. Cartwright moved his family in 1824 to Sangamon County, Ill. There he entered politics to oppose slavery and served several terms in the lower house of the Il-

linois general assembly. Job Truitt, from South Carolina, settled near the ferry landing in 1803. Thomas Fletcher was also an early settler within the vicinity of Crittenden County's upper section of Flynn's road. Fletcher settled at Camp Creek, about 2 miles below Flynn. Peter Fletcher was a lieutenant in the area's mili-

tia in 1800. John Lamb settled about three miles south of Fletcher; Lamb came from South Carolina 1800. The about Lamb community became known as Lambs or Willow Grove after Joel Lamb established a blacksmith shop and tanyard. James Lamb came to the area in about 1804. James Lamb was deeded 200

I recently came across acres on Piney Creek in this Kentucky area written in 1987 by Rob- in 1821 by his father-

> Lambs, or Willow Grove, was located near entrance to the present Wilson day Farm Road.

William Cain, a South Carolinian, settled along the upper section of Flynn's Road, his son, Charles. was born in Georgia in 1796. The area's Patrick Cain was born Sept. 25, 1871.

in Londonder-

ry, Ireland; he lived in South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee before migrating to Kentucky. Charles Cain married Ellen Stewart and their son, Dr. W. S. Cain left the area to practice medicine in Illinois.

Less than two miles south of Lambs, in the area of Bushy Fork of Crooked Creek (Repton/ Mattoon neighborhood), was the area's militia drill grounds at Calvert Field. Some officers of the 24th Regiment Kentucky State Militia, from this section were: 1799 Ensign Joseph Brown; 1800 Captain Hamilton, Lieut. James Elder; 1802 Lieut. Daniel Travis, Ensign Henry Wheeler; 1803 Captain James Elder, Lieut. Thomas Elder; 1805 Lieut. George Hillhouse; 1806 Ensign Stephen Fowler. (Calvert Field is located across the road from the old Alfred Moore log cabin home-

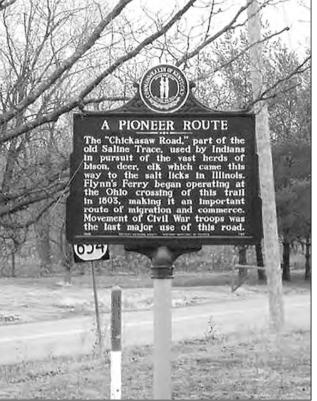
Other early settlers, in the vicinity of Flynn's Ferry Road, in northern Crittenden, were in the Crooked Creek area west of the road.

An 1804 tax list for the area included; George, Mary, Robert and Samuel Elder; Stephen Fowler; Robert Galloway; Aaron, Gallant and Reubin Going; John, Robert and William Hillhouse: William Kenedy; George Mayes; E. Wm. Phillips; William Reed; Matt Sellars; Obadiah Terril; Robert Woodside; Jeremiah Wilson, and William Young.

William G. Pickens, first cousin to the renowned General Andrew Pickens, came from South Carolina during the mid 1790s and settled within the upper reaches of Crooked Creek. Some Gillespie families, kindred to Pickens moved to Illi-

Joseph, Thomas and William Hughes came from South Carolina in about 1803; Thomas settled on lower Crooked Creek and Joseph on Flynn's Ferry Road.

William Dickey, from South Carolina, settled somewhat west of the road toward the present town of Marion. David and Eleanor Dickey



This historical highway marker located at the junction of Ky. 654 South and U.S. 60 East is a reminder of how important this old historical road was to the early pioneers going North.

Elder, in 1791, settled south of Marion; their son, J. C. Elder, moved at the age of 17 to Gallatin County, Ill.

George Mayes, of the Crooked Creek area, was born in 1773 in South Carolina and he married Mary, daughter of James Elder, before coming to Kentucky in 1798.

Mattoon (then called Lick-Skillet) the south end of the northsix-mile section of Flynn's Road, was Captain Alfred Moore's home near Calvert Field. Moore's wife, Jane, was a daughter of Major William and Ester (Calhoun) Love. Jane's great-grandmother, Catherine (Montgomery) Calhoun of Scottish ancestry, had come from North Ireland in 1722 and was killed in 1760 by Indians. Jane's brother was a Presbyterian minister in Illinois.

The lower section of the Crittenden County part of Flynn's Road ran southward from Mattoon to the Caldwell County line, some 10 or 11 miles. This section included the Piney Creek settlers. William Stewart, born 1763 in Mecklenburg County, NC, had lived in South Carolina before settling, during the early 1800s, in the Piney Creek area. Stewart was the father of Ellen who married Charles Cain, resident on the upper section of Flynn's Ferry Road.

Alexander, Solomon and William Clark, from South Carolina, settled about four miles southeast of Lambs at an early date. They settled beyond Flynn's Road at Saltpeter Cave on Piney Creek where Solomon made gunpowder. Alexander and William Clark

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originally lived in North Ireland and came to America in 1773. During 1818. Andrew. James. Solomon, William and Benjamin Clark settled in Wayne County, Ill.

Henry, James and John Wheeler came to the vicinity of Flynn's Road from South Carolina in 1796; they settled in the Piney Creek area. John was related by marriage to the Clarks; he married Susanna Clark in 1779 near Long Island of the Holston, then Green County, NC. Her father, Colonel Henry Clark, was born in 1732 and her mother, Sarah Jones, was born in 1737. John Wheeler served as a lieutenant in the company of his brother-inlaw, Captain Benjamin Clark, in 1780.

The Elders were numerous; they came from South Carolina in 1791. William Elder settled west of Flynn's Road on the Livingston Creek.

The Arthur Travis set of Travises that came into the area about 1800 included Arthur, John and Francis from South Carolina. They settled on land near the Travis Cemetery Road. Rev. Francis Travis, by 1817, had left the Flynn Ferry Road area to preach in Illinois. He died in Cavein-Rock, Ill., May 16, 1830 but was brought back to the family cemetery to be buried, which is located on the Travis Cemetery Rd. near Piney Fork. He was a Methodist circuit rider preacher.

John and Mary (Colley) Blakeley came to western Kentucky from South Carolina and by 1805 were settled in the vicinity of Flynn's Road. Most of the Blakeleys moved to Illinois, many in Gallatin County.

There were veterans of the Revolution among the early Crittenden County pioneers in the vicinity of Flynn's Ferry Road. Those who served in South Carolina were: Patrick and William Cain; Alexander and William Clark; James, John and Samuel Elder; William G. Picken; Isaac Shelby; William Stewart; Arthur and Daniel Travis and Job Truitt, John Wheeler served in North Carolina and John Hamilton in Virginia.

These mentioned in the article are only a few of the families that settled and lived in the vicinity of the Flynn's Ferry Road and some that later moved across the river to Illinois. They all contributed to the early history of our county.

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



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## Read Week March 2-6

Read Across America Week will be celebrated the first week in March.

At Crittenden Elementary, several fun days are planned to encourage a love of reading. They are: Monday: Relax and

read. Wear pajamas. Tuesday: Kick your shoes off and read. Wear crazy socks.

Wednesday: A storm of many colors. Wear your best mis-matched outfit.

Thursday: Top of the hat Thursday. Wear a hat. Friday: Favorite character Friday. Dress like your

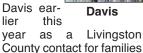
favorite book character.

## Davis new to Henry & Henry

Livingston County resident David Davis has been named as a sales repre-

sentative for Henry Henry Monu ments.

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purchasing monuments. As a minister, Davis has officiated many funerals through the years, and his work with the monument business is a natural connection.

Davis is the minister of New Union "Ditney" Church and is a former coal miner, agent with Kentucky Farm Bureau and employee of Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. Davis and his wife Jan reside near Smithland. He is a 1973 graduate of Crittenden County High School and has been a minister

since 1974. "We are very pleased to have David associated with Henry & Henry Monuments," said owner Billy

#### Extension

meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday at the Extension Office.

· The Advisory Council will meet at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 28 at the Extension Annex.

The Leader Lesson "Traveling on the Cheap" will be presented at 10 a.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office. Learn ways to get more bang from your travel bucks. A few tips for traveling abroad will also be included. Ashley White, FCS from Caldwell County, will be teaching this lesson.

Dog Club meets at 3:15 p.m., Monday at the Extension Annex.

 Cloverbuds will meet at 3 p.m., Feb. 27 at the CCES cafeteria.

## Salem fire rig service Monday

The Salem Fire Department will dedicate its newest firefighting vehicle at 7 p.m. Monday during a ceremony at its headquarters, 111 Maple Street in Salem.

The truck was used for 12 years at the Mount Kisco Fire Department in New York and was used during a memorial ceremony for a firefighter who died a few years ago due to injury's that he obtained at Ground Zero Sept. 11, 2001. As a result, the fire truck bears a special decal

that honors FDNY's fallen. The truck will be blessed and anointed for its new assignment to Salem Fire. An old fashion bucket brigade will round out the ceremony and include a dousing of water from an original leather fire bucket used years

# History making state chess run

## Two high school teams advance; **CCHS** three-peat

For the first time ever, Crittenden County had two top-three teams in the high school chess regional.

Both the Crittenden County High School Blue Knights and a Crittenden County Home School K12 team earned a chance to compete in the state tournament March 7 at Bullitt Central High School.

The Blue Knights hosted the Quad A Regional Chess Tournament Saturday, with 124 players representing 16 different schools from across the region.

Crittenden County High School's team claimed its third consecutive Quad A Regional Championship. Crittenden's Homeschool K-12 chess team consisting of Cade Crider, Kenneth Mast and Paul Combs, placed third. Crider won each of his four games and was co-champion of the K12 individual division. Mast won three out of four games and placed

Crittenden's K12 team of Skyler James, Cole Swinford, Trey Swaggirt, Dennon Wilson, Evan McDowell, Tyler Swaggirt and Isaac Sarles kept their streak alive as they have not lost a Regional Championship in two years. They earned all 4 of the possible points in round one, and by the end of round three the Blue Knights were only ahead by half a point. Round four came down to the very last game, but the K12 team held on for its regional three-peat.

Individually, Evan Mc-Dowell placed 6th with 3 points, Trey Swaggirt placed 7th with 3 points, Skyler James placed 10th with 2.5 points, Cole Swinford placed 12th with 2 points, Tyler Swaggirt placed 14th with 2 points, Dennon Wilson placed 16th with 2 points, and Isaac Sarles placed 20th with 1.5 points.

Crittenden's K3 team of Roane Topp, Brooklyn Lovell, Luke Binkley and Smith played against four other teams trying to earn their spot at state. After round one, the team was one point behind Murray Elementary. The Blue Knights had an excellent round two, earning all four possible points to put themselves up one point going into round three. After round three the team found themselves tied for first with Murray. In round four the Blue Knights were able to gain 3.5 points and become the 2020 Quad A Re-

gional Team Champions over Murray. Individually Roane Topp was crowned the individual champion with a perfect score of 4 out of 4. Luke Binkley placed 4th with 3 points, Brooklyn Lovell

placed 5th with 3 points, and Zane Smith placed 22nd with 1.5 points.

**Foster** 

The K5 team of Charlie Ledford, Eli Lovell, Jake Rich, Alex Hewitt and Zeke Smith have been back and forth with powerhouse Murray Middle School all year. This tournament was no dif-



Dowell, Trey Swaggirt, Isaac Sarles, Skyler James, Dennon Wilson, Cole Swinford and coach Don Winters. At right is K3 team members (from left) Roane Topp, Luke Binkley, Brooklyn Lovell and coach Don Winters. Below right are homeschool K12 competitiors Paul Combs, Kenneth Mast and Cade Crider. Inset, homeschool student Zoe Foster earned third in K3 division.

ferent and after round one they were tied with Murray at 4 points each. In round two, Murray

> jumped out with a one point lead but in round three the Blue Knights battled back to within half a point of Murray but couldn't close it out in round four and settled for second place. Individually Charlie Ledford placed 3rd with 3.5

points, Eli Lovell placed 5th with 3 points, Jake Rich placed 6th with 3 Hewitt points, Alex placed 11th with 3 points, and Zeke Smith placed 12th with 3

points. "I am very excited that everyone earned their spot in the State Team





Championship, and for two of the teams to be Regional Champs on top of that is awesome," said coach Don Winters. "We

have three weeks to prepare for state, but I think we have a really good chance this year.'



## Oscar trivia

Winners of the Crittenden County Public Library's February trivia event are (from left) Todd and Regina Merrick and Michelle and Brian Hodge. The Oscars was the theme of this month's quick recall competition.

## Senior Center

The Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day, and is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are encouraged two days in advance but are taken up to a week in advance.

Upcoming menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is ham and bean soup, hot beets, buttered spinach, cornbread and pear crisp.

Friday - Menu is oven fried chicken, new buttered potatoes, buttered broccoli.

wheat roll and pears. Monday - Menu is meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned peas, wheat roll and tropical fruit. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday Menu is chicken and brown rice casserole, buttered spinach, wheat roll with margarine and banana pudding.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 -Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, Mandarin oranges and garlic breadstick. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. A tax preparer will be available each Wednesday in February. Please call for an appointment.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

PACS provides milk, coffee, tea and water each day. Aging coordinator Jenny Sosh serves as director of the center.

Volunteers are always needed at the senior center. If you would like to volunteer your time, contact Sosh at (270) 965-5229.

#### 25 years ago Thursday, Feb. 23

· Brad and Tina Walker made The Press when they loaded up their truck with cases of Girl Scout cookies for Troop No. 781. Local troops sold a record 10,896 boxes that year.

· The Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation presented The New Coon Creek Girls from Renfro Valley. This band was formed by girls from Ohio and Kentucky and emerged as the first female stringband group.

· Crittenden County Elementary School honored 37 volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Day. Highlighted in this event were Voncille Hoover, Vicki Bearden and Sandra Herrin for their extreme dedication. These women volunteered an average of 30-50 volunteer hours each week with the elementary

10 years ago Thursday, Feb. 18

· A contingent of local leaders and elected officials met with legislators including Dan Wood, Helen McConnell, Elbert Bennett, Mark Bryant, Bart Frazer and Mike McConnell. Also, Crittenden County High School Freshmen Class President Tucker Frazer served as a page for Crittenden County native Senator Ken Winters.

 Crittenden County High School Academic Team performed well at the 2010 Governor's Cup. Jack Phan was first in math, Levi Palmer first in science, Jav Lu was second in math, Tyler Starrett was third in science, Logan Owen third in social studies and Chase Adams fifth in arts and humanities.

 J.D. Gray and Dylan Clark, two of Crittenden County's most decorated football players, signed collegiate letters of intent to play for Lindsey Wilson

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# Meth cases dominate circuit court cases in February

A man who took a local deputy on a high-speed chase near Crayne in the southern part of the county and crashed his vehicle before escaping on foot was sentenced to three years in prison last week by Circuit Judge Rene Williams.

John Allen Kinnis, 48, of Marion pleaded guilty to criminal charges of felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance and first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), misdemeanor charges of second-degree wanton endangerment and possession of drug paraphernalia, and traffic violations for disregarding a stop sign, speeding over 26 mph above speed limit and reckless driv-

He was sentenced to three years on the fleeing charge, one year for the drug charge and shorter terms on the others for a total of three years, as all time will run concurrent.

Kinnis led Deputy Chuck Hoover on a latenight chase in October through a rural area of the county that started between Frances and Mexico and ended on Lloyd Road where Kinnis crashed his 2013 GMC Sierra through a fence and grove of trees after traveling at speeds in excess of 90 mph. He got

## Circuit Court Pleadings

away on foot, but was located and arrested a few davs later.

•Marty L. Menser, 42, of Providence pleaded guilty to an amended charge of first-degree, first-offense possession of a controlled stance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Menser was originally charged with a trafficking offense, but it was reduced to felony possession because there was insufficient evidence of trafficking activity, according to Zac Greenwell, the commonwealth's attorney. Menser was sentenced to three years for the felony possession charge and 12 months for the misdemeanor. Probation was denied.

•Joshua "Jason" Jones, 31, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony fleeing or evading police and misdemeanor and violations for other offenses, among them speeding, running a stop sign and possession of marijuana. Jones was sentenced to one year on the fleeing charge and lesser time or fines on the others. The sentence will run concurrent to prison time Jones is already serving in other convictions which amount to 31 years, according to court testimony.

•Danielle R. James, 27, of Sturgis pleaded guilty to a felony charge of firstdegree possession of a substance controlled (methamphetamine) by complicity; and two Class A misdemeanor charge of theft by unlawful taking (under \$500) by complicity and other misdemeanor drug charges of possession of marijuana by complicity and possession of drug paraphernalia by complicity. James was involved in a shoplifting case on Sept. 26, 2019, where merchandise was taken from Dollar General Store and H&H Home and Hardware. She was given pretrial diversion after being sentenced to three years on the felony charge and lesser time on the misdemeanors. Her diversion period will be for five years, meaning that the felony charge will be dropped if she stays out of trouble during that pe-

•Keith M. Strickland, 25, of Marion had his probation revoked for not reporting to his probation officer. Strickland had been free on a three-year pretrial diversion for a 2019 drug conviction. His pretrial diversion was set aside and the original three-year sentence was



Security was particularly heavy in Crittenden Circuit Court last week where Judge Rene Williams sentenced a couple of men to prison on charges related to methamphetamine.

imposed. The commonwealth indacted that it would not oppose shock probation after Strickland serves a portion of the sentence.

•Carrol Wayne Lovan, 57, of Marion pleaded guilty to three felony counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) (greater than 2 grams). According to court records, Lovan is alleged to have sold meth to cooperating witnesses working with Kentucky State Police's Drug Enforcement and Special Investigations unit on three dates last winter. He was sentenced to seven years on each count with the time to run concurrent, and concurrent with time he's serving in another felony

•Derrick T. Walton, 36, of Salem had his probation revoked by Judge Williams after admitting to violating terms of his early release. He was on probaton for a felony receiving stolen property conviction in a 2014 case involving the theft of bridge steel and other materials from a Crittenden County storage facility. Walton's original five-year sentence was imposed and the commonwealth indicated that it would not oppose shock probation after Walton serves at least 60 days.

•Ralph West, 45, of Williamson, W.V., was sentenced to five years in prison on a single count of flagrant non-support. West was indicted back in 2016 for allegedly being in arrears in the

amount of \$2,569. He has a similar case pend-McCracken in ing County. After 30 days, West can ask the court for shock probation, which the commonwealth has indicated it will not oppose. If released early, West will be responsible for catching up on his child support and staying current.

•Jason M. Mullinix, 29 of Princeton pleaded guilty to felony flagrant non-support. He was sentenced to five years but given pretrial diversion for five years. In order to meet terms of his diversion, Mullinix will have to stay current on child support payments. Court records say he was behind in those payments in the amount of \$3.359.50.

## Cartel is shipping crystal meth to Marion, elsewhere

While heroin, fentanyl and other opioids have dominated much of the nation's focus, crystal meth rules the streets in Kentucky.

The Louisville Courier-Journal newspaper published a front-page article late last week examining the dangers of potent meth that's being manufactured by Mexican drug lords and shipped into the United States, particularly to rural America.

"High purity cartel-produced meth has been flooding West Kentucky for several years," U.S. Attorney Russell Coleman, the top federal prosecutor for the Western District of Kentucky, told the Courier-Journ

last Thursday. told Coleman newspaper that his office is targeting "traffickers of this poison, and offering a warning; unlike opiates which kill users and destroy families, meth is a drug of violence — it's a

public safety risk, and we all have a role to play in defeating this threat."

It's Coleman's office that seeds a federal indictment against a Marion man, Joshua "Jason" Jones, who was found with more than 300 grams of meth last fall. The prosecutor was in Marion a few weeks ago to meet with county and state leaders. Jones' case was examined at that time and following further investigation, federal authorities announced plans to take it to a grand jury in March.

The C-J reports that more suspects were arrested in Kentucky on meth charges than on opiates in 2018, the most recent year statistics are available, according to an annual report by the Kentucky State Police. than 25,766 More charges involved meth, compared with 21,000

that involved opioids. The article said that Jefferson County had the most meth-related ar-



Local officers examine drugs and cash taken in the city's largest meth bust ever back in November.

rests in the state, with 5,613 people charged with meth crimes, compared with 4,598 for fentanyl and 27 for heroin. It added that the counties with the most meth arrests show the drug's wide reach Fayette in Central Kentucky, which reported 1,422 meth arrests in 2018, to Warren to the south near the Tennessee border with 1,067 arrests and Kenton to the north with 1,067.

According to the arti-

cle, jails and treatment centers also are reporting an increase in abuse of methamphetamine that is being hauled into the U.S. by Mexican cartels, including the Cártel Jalisco Nueva Generación.

Cartels are using "super labs" to mass produce large quantities, which means the drug is cheaper, appealing to more and more users, according to police and prosecutors.

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## **DRUGS**

Continued from page1 was sitting in driver's seat of a 2019 Toyota within an arm's reach of a loaded 9mm handgun with a high-capacity ammunition clip capable of holding about 30 rounds. Police also say that inside the vehicle they found the large stash of methamphetamine, worth more than \$10,000 if sold on the streets.

The nearly three-quarters of a pound of methamphetamine was found inside a plastic bag. A suspect found in possession of two or more grams of meth can be charged with traffick-

In addition to the meth, investigators also found inside the car 2.7 ounces of marijuana, 10 hydrocodone pills, scales, small baggies and more than \$2,500 in cash.

Jones had escaped from Dismas Charities, a halfway house Louisville, on July 11.

Although If indicted by the federal grand jury, Jones would face prosecution in the U.S. Court system where trafficking in 50 grams or more methamphetamine is a Class A felony, punish-

able by 10 years to life in

prison, which is be fol-

lowed by five years of su-

pervised release, and up to a \$10 million fine.

Jones is currently in the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections, serving more than 30 years on drug trafficking, theft and flagrant non-support charges.

While the one-year

sentence he received for last week's guilty plea in Crittenden Circuit Court will run concurrent to the time he's already serving, it's likely that any time he might receive from a federal conviction would run consecutive to

the state term. Greenwell told Judge

District Court Grand Jury fails to return an indictment in March, the local court will review the case two days later on March 12. The state charges will only be set aside, Greenwell said, if the federal grand jury re-

turns an indictment.

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#### 18-9

10-17 **Trigg County** 4-2 Crittenden Co. 15-14 Livingston Cent. 3-25 0-6 **GIRLS Trigg County** 21-8 5-1 Crittenden Co. 17-8 5-1

Lyon County 13-15 Livingston Cent. 5-17 0-6

#### **2ND REGION MEDIA POLL**

#### **BOYS**

1. Madisonville

Lyon County

- 2. University Heights
- 3. Henderson Co.
- 4. Lyon County 5. Webster County
- 6. Hopkinsville
- 7. Christian County
- 8. Caldwell County
- 9. Crittenden Co. 10. Union County

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- 1. Henderson Co.
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- 10. Lyon County

## **Upcoming Games**

#### **THURSDAY**

Rockets at McLean County Lady Rockets at Paducah Tilghman

#### FIFTH DISTRICT

**TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS** AT LYON COUNTY

BOYS

Tuesday's Opening Round Lyon Co. vs. Livingston, 6pm Trigg Co. vs. Crittenden Co., 7:30pm Friday, Feb. 28

Boys' Championship, 7 pm

#### **GIRLS**

Monday's Opening Round Crittenden vs. Livingston, 6pm Trigg Co. vs. Lyon County, 7:30pm Thursday, Feb. 27 Girls' Championship, 7pm

#### **OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons**

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#### YOUTH SPORTS

## **Registration is open**

Registration is now available for youth soccer, softball, baseball and kickball. Leagues are organizing now for spring and summer action. The Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association will also host two walk-up registration opportunities at H&H Home and Hardware from 9 a.m., until noon on Saturday, Feb. 29 and from 5-8 p.m., on Thursday, March 5 at Marion's Dairy Queen store. Online registration will be open until April 3. See the soccer association's Facebook page for more. Deadline to sign up for baseball and softball is March 7. There will be an assessment from 10 a.m., until noon at the middle school gym on March 7. There are discounts for multiple family members registering. Cost is \$25 for kickball and \$40 for baseball or softball. Find a form at the Dugout Club Facebook page, Press Online or in paper form at The Press office.

#### **Paid umpiring jobs**

Crittenden County Dugout Club is lining up its umpires for the upcoming baseball and softball leagues at Marion-Crittenden County Park. If you are qualified and interested in a paid position as a youth league umpire, contact Misty Champion at 270-704-3311.

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Down the final stretch Crittenden County has been playing well on both ends of the floor. Pictured is **Preston Turley** (31) making a basket last week in a game against Caldwell County at the old Butler Gym. Turley is second on the team in scoring at 15 points per game. Gabe Mott leads the offense at 16 points per game. The boys will play their final regular-season game Thursday at McLean County. The Fifth District Tournament is next week at Lyon County.

# Rockets notch signature-style wins over past week

STAFF REPORT

In what might turn out to be its signature win of the late season, Crittenden County came from behind to beat St. Mary Friday in Paducah.

Coming back from an 18-point, first-half deficit, the Rockets upped the defensive pressure and held the Vikings to just five points the final period to win 58-48. Junior Tyler Boone scored16 points in the last half to help the Rockets come back.

Crittenden turned in another impressive win on Monday, beating Dawson Springs 86-80. It was the most points the Rockets had scored in a game this season.

On Tuesday, Crittenden got another nice outing to beat Hopkins Central on senior night at Rocket Arena.

Crittenden 67, Hopkins Central 47 Hopkins Central 7 19 34 47 21 39 53 67 Crittenden Co. HOPKINS CENTRAL - Almon 2, Weldon 8, Moore 8, Eaves 5, Morris 4, Miller 14, Shadrick, Winn 4, Peyton 2. FG 17. 3-pointers 4. FT 9-14.

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 3, O'Leary 20, Winders 1, Mott 19, Davidson, Boone 4, Adamson, J.Carlson 7, Mc-Gowan, Turley 13. FG 26. 3-pointers 3 (Mott, O'Leary 2). FT 12-21.

#### Crittenden 86, Dawson 80

Crittenden Co. 19 34 62 86 Dawson Springs 13 38 63 80 CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 13, O'Leary 24, Winders 1, Mott 25, Boone 9, J.Carlson, Turley 14. FG 31. 3-pointers 10 (Moregson 4, O'Leary 2, Mott 4. FT 14-

DAWSON - Clark 29, Pace 18, McKnight 7, Dawson 9, Cotton 17, Neiters. FG 30. 3-pointers 8 (Clark 3, Pace 2, McKnight 2, Cotton). FT 12-20.

## Crittenden 58, St. Mary 48

Crittenden 6 15 24 58 St. Mary 16 32 43 48 CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 2, O'Leary 15, Winders, Mott 16, Boone 19, M.Carlson, J.Carlson, Turley 6. FG 20. 3-pointers 2 (Boone, Mott). FT 16-23. ST. MARY - Doss 27, MacCanlay 2, Lurtz, Bell 9, Haas 5, Johnson 2, Elliot 5,



Freshman Natalie Boone makes a move against a Caldwell County defender during last week's matchup.

## Lady Rockets perfect at foul line to capture 17th win, district next week

With its center sidelined for the past three games due to a knee injury, the Lady Rockets have struggled at times to keep the offense chugging as the team turns toward next week's Fifth District Tournament at Lyon County.

Junior Nahla Woodward sprained her knee in practice early last week. She has not played the last three games. Getting back will be key for the Lady ets in postseason.

Crittenden County knocked down all 15 of its foul shots on Tuesday as the Lady Rockets won their 17th game of the season, beating Hopkins Central at Rocket Arena on senior night. Three players scored in double digits.

#### Crittenden 60, Hopkins Central 47

Hopkins Central Crittenden Co. 33 60 HOPKINS CENTRAL - Fritz 4, Griggs 12, Peyton 2, Bowman 2, Jones 8, Caldwell 2, Sutton

K.Reynolds 8, Hollis 8. FG 23. 3-pointers 6. FT 7-15. CRITTENDEN - Guess 24, Boone 16, Moss 4, Duncan 10, Driskill 2, Easley, Perryman 2, Long, Smith, Binkely 2. FG 20. 3-pointers 5 (Boone 4, Guess). FT 15-15.

#### Union 50, Crittenden 34

Union County 29 15 Crittenden Co. 6 19 UNION - Morris 7, Hibbs 2, Robertson 2, Bevan 6, Hogan 12, Morris 19, Hagan, Wells 2, Gentry, Thens. FT 23, 3-pointers 3 (Morris, Hagan 2), FT 1-5 CRITTENDEN - Guess 10, Boone, Moss 7, Duncan 12, Easley, Perryman, Long, Driskill 4, Conyer 1, Smith. FG 13. 3-pointers none. FT 8-10.

#### Crittenden 50, St. Mary 32

Crittenden Co. 13 26 36 50 St. Marv 20 32 6 13 CRITTENDEN - Guess 18, Boone 12, Moss 2, Duncan 10, Easley, Perryman, Long 2, Driskill 2, Smith 4, Conyer. FG 21. 3-pointers 4 (Boone 2, Guess 2).

ST. MARY - Doran 23, Brown 2, Nelson, Vandy 2, Roof 3, Thomase 2. FG 10. 3-pointers 3 (Doran 3,

## Wilson played 'key fole' in recruiting Auburn transfer Gatewood

After Joey Gatewood decided he was leaving Auburn and put his name into the transfer portal, he got a call

from Kentucky recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow urging him to make a visit to Kentucky.

Gatewood, a Larry Yaught four-star quarterback in Florida Vaught's where he was a top Views 40 rated recruit na-

tionally, had a good first visit to UK. His host was quarterback Terry Wilson, who led UK to 10 wins in 2018 before missing all but two games last year with a knee injury.

"Terry was the one who really built the foundation and told me how things were here. Still to this day our relationship is really good. That is my man. I can't wait to see him get better," Gatewood said about Wilson.

Wilson hopes to be fully recovered from his knee injury this season and Gatewood is asking the NCAA for a wavier to make him eligible this season. That could lead to them competing for playing time against each other next season but Gatewood wishes nothing but the best for Wilson.

"Terry is a great guy. I am ready to see him get back to himself and play ball. He's a dude. It speaks a lot about him being a good dude that he was my host on my visit and did play a key role in recruiting me," Gatewood said.

Gatewood heard and read speculation that his interest in Kentucky was not genuine considering some of the options he likely would have.

"When I put my name in (the transfer portal) I was open to everybody. Kentucky was one of the first ones to hit me up. Coach Marrow is a great guy and told me, 'Let's get you up on official (visit)' and I said I would be there," Gatewood said. "He's kind of hard to say no to. I have said no but he's a really good dude. He really cares about you and takes his time with you."

It apparently was not a hard sell with Gatewood. He made a second visit to Kentucky before making his commitment but never visited any other schools.

"It is on the rise. Last season was strong and the season before that was strong. There is nothing going downhill for Kentucky football. It is only up from here," he said.

"I didn't have to go all around the country looking at somewhere to play. My home is here. That was a benefit for me. I didn't have to go anywhere else. I came to Kentucky two times and it was fine. I was looking for what was the best for my situation. The coaches kept it straight up with me, kept it real. I needed

He threw for 1,468 yards and 12 scores and ran for 1,100 yards and 16 scores to help his team win the 2017 Florida Class 7A state title. He redshirted in 2018 at Auburn and then played in five games as a redshirt freshman — he completed five of seven passes for 54 yards and ran 29 times for 148 yards and three scores before deciding to transfer.

Gatewood said it was important for him to find another SEC school to continue his career because the "SEC is full of top dogs." He believes he can play with any of them and thinks Kentucky can play with any SEC team.

"This program is nowhere close to going downhill. It is going up and up and I expect even more in these next years," Gatewood said.

Vanderbilt coach Stackhouse thinks Kentucky's guard play can be a huge factor in postseason play.

"They've got great size, first off," Stackhouse said. "I think when you've got guards that (are) 6-foot-5, that can see over the defense, pick and

rolls, have the ability to get downhill and finish, and they're decent shooters ... (Immanuel) "Obviously Quickley is a great shooter. He's one of their better shooters, so he's a guy we have to

stick with. But (Tyrese) Maxey

is a guy that can get it going.

Just a hooper, just a player. (Ashton) Hagans, his defensive ability and kind of getting everybody in their makes them good."

Quickley, Maxey and Hagans had 40 points in UK's first win over Vanderbilt and Hagans also had six assists and two steals. In last week's win at Vanderbilt, the trio combined for 56 points, 19 rebounds, 11 assists and five steals while making only five turnovers in a combined 107 minutes of play

Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook editor Chris Dortch, who also writes for NBA.com, says there's no question Kentucky's guard play is a huge bonus in March.

"The numbers show the guards are willing to get to the free throw line and once they get there they all three make shots," Dortch said. "Games in the NCAA Tournament often turn into rock fights and you need something like great free throw shooting to set you apart.

"Kentucky has the ability to get downhill with all three of those guards and drive to the basket. Cal can just let the guards take over a game. Teams with guards who can do that and then also make free throws traditionally do very well in the NCAA," he said.

Kentucky is fifth in the nation in free throw percentage.

## **Area Deaths**

## Floyd

John "J.W." Floyd, 99, of Marion died Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 at his home.

Survivors include his son, Brian Floyd (Susan); two daughters, Rhonda Ellis (Jerry) and Lori Long (Wayne); grand-children, Bobby Floyd, Bradley Floyd (Christy), Brian Floyd (Sarah Lindsey), Jenny Albright (Ricky), Denise Montalta (Jeremy), Angela Burchett (John), and Rebecca Long.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma Floyd; and his parents, Volentine and Ethyl Floyd.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery

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**Winstead** 

William "Bill" Winstead, 77, former principal bassoonist of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and a composer and teacher, died Feb. 12, 2020 following a brief illness.

A graduate of Crittenden County High School, he was selected as the school's Distinguished Alumnus in 2017.

Winstead had served as professor of bassoon at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music for 30 years, receiving the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award in 2006-07.

He retired in 2018 after 32 years with the orchestra.

Besides the Cincinnati Symphony, Winstead's music has been performed by ensembles including the Pittsburgh Symphony and the Philadelphia Orchestra. In 1976, he received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for a bicentennial work for narrator and orchestra. He also

wrote chamber music and works for solo bassoon.

Winstead was born in Hopkinsville and raised in Critten-County. He began studying the piano at age three and was composing by age five. As a teenager, he attended the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where he studied the bassoon with renowned bassoonist Sol Schoenbach. He later received an artist diploma and bachelor's degree in bassoon from Curtis, followed by a master's degree in theory and composition from West Virginia University.

Besides teaching at CCM, Winstead taught bassoon, piano, music theory and composition at West Virginia University, Indiana-Purdue University, Florida State University and Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

Winstead was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Imogene Winstead; and his partner, William Loring.

Visitation will begin at 4:30

p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 23 with the funeral to follow at 6:30 p.m., in Corbett Tower at Music Hall on the Cincinnati campus.

Memorials may be made to the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, P.O. Box 210003, Cincinnati 45221-0003; or to the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, 1241 Elm St., Cincinnati 45202.

#### Chittenden

John Albert "Johnny" Chittenden Sr., 50, of Carrsville died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

He was born to the late George Louis Chittenden and Christine Driver Chittenden on Sept. 3, 1969 in Livingston County. He enjoyed being outdoors with his sons.

Surviving are two sons, John Albert Chittenden Jr., and Jar-Chittenden both of Carrsville; four brothers, Paul Wayne Chittenden of Burna, Mickey Chittenden of Smithland, Terry Chittenden of Smithland and Timmy Chittenden of Kirksey; two sisters, Linnie Tinsley of Marion and Cathy Curnel of Salem; two grandchildren, Rowan Carter and Reign Elizabeth Chittenden; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Greg Stephen Chittenden and Robert Louis Chittenden.

Services were Monday, Feb. 17 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with the Rev. Gary Murray officiating. Burial was at Good Hope Cemetery.

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## LOAD

Continued from page 1 views as of Monday.

Although there were somewhat minor damages reported along its course from Providence to Cadiz late last week, most observers were impressed by the professional job done by Miller Transportation, which was in charge of delivery.

Keith Todd, spokesperson for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, said Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement filed an incident report for damage done to a utility pole and lines in Webster County, and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said engineers will continue monitoring a couple of bridges in Crittenden eastern County that were not rated for such a load. He also expressed concern for streets and roads that could endure latent damage since there had been so much rainfall lately that might make them more susceptible to damage. Otherwise there was no broad concern for any damage that the rig might have left in its wake. Todd said the 19axle trailer is designed to distribute the load across a wider base therefore lessening the chance for

damage to highways.

"That's the biggest thing I've ever seen," said Kathleen Guess, one of dozens of curiosity seekers who stepped out of their homes and offices as the entourage passed through town.

Guess is a librarian at the public library in town. She said there was some conversation and



It was a parade-like atmosphere as people came out to watch the Wide Load Show pass through town.

query during story hour Friday morning as anticipation grew with most in town knowing the big load was coming through.

"We wondered why it didn't go down the river,"

she said.

Cost is what most experts opined. A handful of people in town with knowledge of such undertakings said lifting such a piece from one transport vehicle to another – such as onto a tractor-trailer then off to a barge or railcar and then back to a tractor trailer and off of it at the final destination – would be costly.

The route for this mission was mapped out and predicted to take about three weeks, according to crew members. Todd said the crew figured it was still on schedule to arrive at its designation by this coming weekend, pretty closes to the original schedule.

The cargo was halted in eastern Crittenden

County at about midday Wednesday by state police who wanted to verify the shipping agent's per-Although Miller Transportation had the right credentials, Todd said the Kentucky Department of Transportation became involved in helping the crew plan their route through the remainder of Kentucky. The tractor-trailer had entered Kentucky at Henderson from southern Indiana, Judge Newcom said.

Steve Hill, who owns the property where the load was parked for parts of three days last week, said he was out of town while it was idled there. When he returned home over the weekend, an inspection found everything to be in order. The rig had pulled into a gravel area next to grain bins on his farm, which had been rocked heavily in order to accommodate heavy farm traffic.

Among the route options being considered by the crew was through

Marion and along U.S. 60 West to Paducah. Todd said engineers nixed that idea immediately due to the condition of the bridge at Smithland.

With some advice from transportation department officials and a daylong reconnaissance of its immediate options, Todd said the crew drew up a road plan that took the convoy through Marion, Fredonia, Eddyville on U.S. 641 then to Lamasco on Ky. 93 and on into Cadiz via Ky. 139 where it stopped for the night on Friday.

The superload was having to skirt its way through rural secondary roads because overpasses on interstates are too low to accommodate its more than 17-foot height. Clearance under interstate bridges in Kentucky are rated at 16-feet-6 inches, Todd said.

feet-6 inches, Todd said.

"The power companies, KU and Kenergy, were originally really concerned and wanted some of their crew going along with them," Todd said.

"But after they watched them go through an intersection and how they handled the power lines, they realized these guys knew what they were doing."

There was some initial negative reaction to the



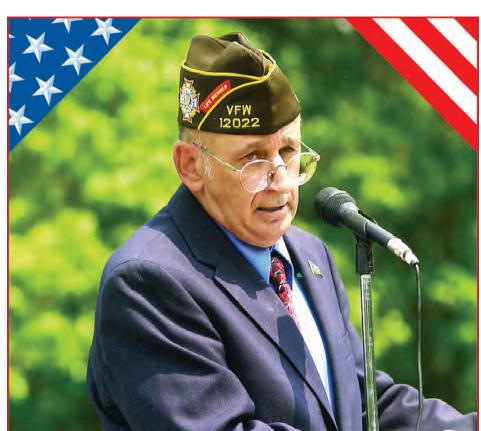
A member of the support crew in a bucket truck lifted the traffic light at the intersection in downtown Marion so the load could pass underneath.

big load rolling along rural roads, creating traffic jams and problems for other big rigs like tractortrailers and buses which cannot turn around easily or maneuver off the edge of roadways to avoid big loads like this. Todd said those issues were largely due to the fact that there had been no forewarning. He said some personnel changes in the highway department may have contributed to the absence of information ahead of the transport.

There were also some incidental expenses to local taxpayers because city, county and state

employees had to spend time preparing for and assisting the load through town

through town. The specialized hauling trailer requires regular maintenance to assure hydraulic controls that steer the rear unit of the trailer are working properly, so it remained parked in Trigg County over the weekend. The rig was not expected to be back on the road until Wednesday. The idle time also allowed the crew to map out its final route through Kentucky and into Tennessee. Plans were to head south on Wednesday taking Ky. 139 to the state line.



# THANK YOU

The family of Brenton "Danny" Witherspoon would like to thank everyone for their calls, prayers, food, and flowers during this difficult time. The kindness from the community and kind words by those who came through the visitation or attended the funeral were very much appreciated.

Thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for all of your help during this time. Thank you to the VFW and Fort Campbell U.S. Army for the beautiful Military Rites and honors. Thank you to Judge Daniel Heady for his kind words. Also thank you to the nurses and staff at Wellington Parc of Owensboro for the excellent care you gave Danny.

Lastly we would like to thank the distinguished gentlemen who served with "Spoon" in Vietnam, some of whom traveled far to attend the funeral and speak on his behalf.

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James Witherspoon and family





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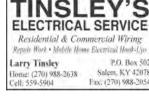
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**U:**What kind of feed do you

**A:** We make all kinds of feed. We are full custom meal; we make sheep feed, goat feed, horse feed, pig feed and all sorts of different cow feeds. At the Feed Mill, we make pretty much

Where do you get the ingredi-

A:Our ingredients come from several different places. We get items from Wisconsin; we get oats and stuff from areas far North like that. We get products from Botkins, Ohio. One company that we get our liquid molasses from is in New Orleans. We get things from Mount Vernon, Indiana; Nashville, Tennessee; Illinois and everywhere in between. Our corn product items come from local farm-

**U**:How many of those products come from local farmers?



A:All the corn products come from our local farmers. Our corn products come from farmers in the Crittenden, Union, Livingston and Caldwell area. We take that corn and then process it into something else based on need. Most things are taking corn, either cracking or crushing it, and then putting supplements with it to produce other things.

How many area farmers do you serve? Are they all local?

**A:** A good estimate is that half of our consumers are based in the Crittenden County community. In addition to that, our business serves lots of local farmers. However, we also have customers that come from different areas as well. We have a lot of people from Southern Illinois and we even have a couple from Tennessee. During hunting season, you will find people from Florida and Alabama.

What is the busiest time of year and how does your volume vary based on the time of year?

**A:**The busiest time of the year is from September to whenever spring arises. Our slowest time is around June, July and August. Sometimes, those months of the year will get busier if there is a drought and farmers are required to supplement their animals due to weather. The busiest time of the year is this time of year whenever there is no grass growing, days are short and it's cold outside because people are having to feed animals more in the winter.

## Local bank adds new layer of protection following scam attack

In light of a recent phone scam targeting its customers, Farmers Bank and Trust Co., of Marion has deployed a new layer of security to beef up protection for those who use mobile banking.

In a message sent to online banking customers last week, the bank announced the measure which took effect on Tuesday. Most of those targeted in the scam were Person to Person or P2P mobile banking users. The P2P platform is used by apps such as Venmo, Google Pay, Square Cash, Pay-Pal.Me and Facebook Messenger to name a few. P2P payments reach nearly \$100 billion in the United States annually. The platforms allow person to person payments in order to split a check for dinner or pay rent.

The fraudsters were able to gain critical information on bank customers, including their phone number and other account information. The scammers phoned customers seeking further information that would help them take money from the customer's account. It worked in some

While the bank issued a statement warning customers against giving information to anyone over the phone, it quickly developed a new line of security that requires customers to verify transfers before they're made. Customers can choose the means by which they're notified and will be prompted to do so upon first signing into a P2P app.

## Army's new corps command coming to Fort Knox this year

The Department of the Army announced last week the activation of an additional corps headquarters, called Fifth Corps (V Corps), which will be located at Fort Knox.

The V Corps Headquarters will consist of approximately 635 soldiers, of which approximately 200 will support an operational command post in Europe on a rotational basis. The Corps Headquarters is projected to be operational by the fall of 2020.

The command will enhance U.S. Army Europe and U.S. European Command as they work alongside allies and partners to promote regional stability and security, the Army said.

The establishment of V Corps enables the Army to fulfill requirements of the National Defense Strategy. It also supports a U.S. European Command request for increased command and control capability, and will support U.S. interests, allies and partners in the region.

Benning, Ga. And Fort Drum, N.Y., were the other finalists for the headquarters.



on Nichols Ave., a block off Main Street, was completely engulfed in flames when firemen arrived around 8 p.m., Friday night.

J.W. Floyd's

mobile home

## Floyd's death touches many who had befriended him around town

STAFF REPORT

Although he lived alone a few blocks from downtown, John "J.W." Floyd was not without many friends.

Those who routinely encountered the elderly man who died in a mobile home fire Friday night have expressed their sorrow at the

tragedy. Firemen responded to a blaze on Nichols Ave., at about 8 p.m. The home was fully engulfed when they arrived. Once they'd extinguished the blaze, Floyd's body was

found in his bed. Marion Fire Chief Red Howton said it appears that a heater was the source of the fire. It was the coldest night of the month and one of the chilliest so far this winter, dropping down into

the low teens. Floyd was a soft-spoken, pleseant gentleman who was still driving despite his advanced age. He was a recognizable figure around town, but few knew his first name. An article about the fire posted online over the weekend drew an outpouring of prayers and sympathy, most reflecting on his "sweet stories.

"We just knew him as Mr. Floyd," said Tiffany Hunter, who works as a clerk at Five Star Convenience Center in Marion. She said he came into the store almost daily.

He loved striking up conversations with just about anyone who'd take the time. Floyd never met a stranger. He told stories, some about life's lessons and others about places he'd been. The Grand Canyon was one of his favorites.

He frequented just about every public place in town, particulary groceries and convenience stores, and the courthouse.

"I will sure miss our chats at Food Giant and at the couthouse," said Rick Mills, a deputy and

Hunter said Floyd had recently revealed to her that he was soon going into a nursing home.

"He was so excited because he knew he would have lots of people to talk to," she said.

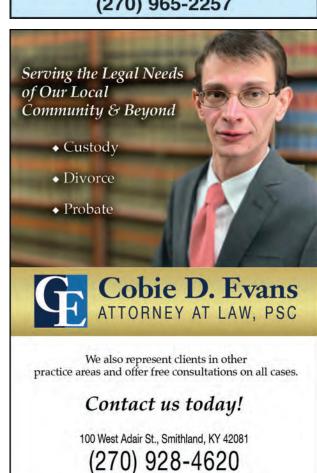
Although many had created a friendship with Floyd, few knew details of his past. During his earlier life Floyd had worked in a sawmill. His wife, Wilma, had passed away in 2011.

Coroner Brad Gilbert said Floyd died of smoke inhalation. See obituary on page 10.



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