

Income survey could save city \$1 million

Employees of the City of Marion will soon be knocking on doors looking for about 350 city residents to fill out an income survey. It's not Big Brother trying to snoop into the personal finances of locals, but a chance to save those very water and sewer customers hundreds of dollars.



Ledford

City Administrator Adam Ledford explains that collecting this data will qualify Marion for a \$1 million community development block grant that can be used to knock a big chunk off the estimated \$12 million cost to upgrade the city's aging wastewater treatment system. If the grant comes to fruition, it would mean a system-wide average of \$700 staying in the pockets of the city's 1,400 or so water and sewer customers who are already paying an environmental assessment fee to finance the state-mandated improvements.

"Everyone in our community will benefit from this, because they will save money," Ledford explained.

He said it will take as many as six city workers all of March and April to gather the data from 350 residents.

"It's a very involved process," he said.

They will go door to door, contacting people at random to complete an income survey. The city will qualify for the grant if at least 51 percent of the selected pool meet federal low- to moderate-income standards.

School calendar may be pushed to May 16

Overall, four days of classes have been missed in Crittenden County this academic year. Two of those – Jan. 5 (weather) and Monday (illness) – will count as a school day due to implementation of non-traditional instruction. But Jan. 6 classes were cancelled due to weather and Jan. 27 was called off to allow students and staff to support the high school girls' basketball team at the All "A" Classic in Frankfort. Those two days will have to be made up.

Friday, May 12 was originally set as the last day of school and graduation. If nothing changes, the last day will likely be pushed to May 16 with graduation on Friday, May 19. However, that decision will be made later by the board of education.

Public meetings

- **Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees** will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the library.
- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Rocket Arena conference room.



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Letter of the law

County attorney urges facility managers to toe line on alcohol

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden is a dry county and local leaders are making sure restaurants and other public establishments understand the letter of the law.

Earlier this month, County Attorney Rebecca Johnson mailed about two dozen letters to local businesses and other public facility managers outlining details related to the prohibition of alcohol in a dry option county such as this one.

The two-page correspondence begins, "Recently,

local law enforcement agencies have fielded increased calls and have responded to area businesses regarding the sale, possession, distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages on business premises."

No one has been cited for bootlegging recently, but Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said there have been a number of instances where he or other law enforcement officials have been made aware of potential infractions, often days after an alleged event that could have vio-



Johnson

Booze on the ballot

Since Prohibition ended in 1933, there have been three local option elections in Crittenden County. The first, 81 years ago, turned the county dry. The subsequent county-wide and city-only votes to allow the sale of alcohol failed.

YEAR	AREA	QUESTION	VOTE
1936CountyGo Dry?Passed 1,705-398
2000CountyGo Moist*?Failed 1,622-2,314
2016City**Go Wet?Failed 298-245

*Moist means a territory allows limited alcohol sales
**The next city-wide option election cannot be until 2019

lated state law.

"Several have been brought to our attention, and there just seems to have been more of it lately," O'Neal said.

The chief pointed out that social media is often a platform for discovering such activity.

Local police collaborated with the county attorney on the recent letter. O'Neal and Johnson each characterized it as a teaching tool.

"It was intended as more of an educational opportunity rather than a warning," Johnson said. "It is a reminder that we are truly a

dry territory."

Johnson said many surrounding counties or communities have passed laws allowing alcohol to some degree, which can create some confusion, even in dry counties.

"We want everyone to understand the potential seriousness of it," the police chief added.

The letter, dated Feb. 10, was sent to all local restaurants and some other organizations. Fohs Hall Inc. and Marion Country Club also confirmed receiving letters. Both have auditoriums or dining rooms that are routinely rented for dinners, weddings, reunions and other group parties.

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Mayor resigns



PHOTOS BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander shares an emotional embrace with City Clerk Pam Enoch following his announcement at Monday's city council meeting that he is resigning effective Tuesday. The mayor of almost 30 years cited increased work responsibilities as the reason for his self-described retirement.

Alexander to step aside after almost 30 years

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

After almost 30 years as the face of Marion, Mayor Mickey Alexander is stepping aside.

At the close of Monday's city council meeting, Alexander announced his intentions to resign his post at the end of this month. He called the decision a difficult one, but one he felt needed to be made in order to focus on his job as a financial advisor with Edward Jones.

"This will be my last city council meeting," Alexander read from a prepared statement. "Tonight, I am announcing my retirement effective Feb. 28. This has been a difficult decision. I have enjoyed the last 39 years, and I will miss being a part of city government."

Alexander, 67, is in the middle of a four-year term after winning his eighth election as mayor in 2014. In 1977, he first won election to the city council, gaining the most votes of all candidates, and served

Marion mayoral history

The City of Marion was first incorporated 173 years ago today (Thursday) and re-incorporated seven years later in 1851. According to research from county historian Brenda Underdown, Marion adopted its present mayor-council form of city government in January 1897. From Dr. Robert Love Moore to Mickey Alexander, who announced his resignation as mayor effective Tuesday at Monday's council meeting, the city has had 25 different mayors, several of whom have resigned. With 29 years, Alexander is by far the longest serving mayor in the city's history.

A list of mayors and their terms courtesy of Underdown's research and the archives of The Crittenden Press follows:

- Dr. Robert Love Moore (January-December 1898)
- John W. Blue (January 1899-December 1909)
- C.E. Weldon* (January 1910-April 1911)
- Thomas Cochran (April-December 1911)
- J.B. Kevil (January 1912-December 1913)
- Dr. George W. Stone (January 1914-December 1917)
- J. F. Dodge* (January-September 1918)
- C.W. Haynes* (January 1919-October 1920)
- John W. Blue (October 1920-December 1921)
- Bebe Boswell (January 1922-December 1924)
- M.N. Boston (January-December 1925)
- J.G. Rochester (January 1926-December 1927)
- J.V. Threlkeld** (January 1928- April 1934)
- John L. Flanary (April 1934- December 1937)
- L.E. Waddell (January 1938 - December 1941)
- R. "Weams" Croft (January 1942-December 1946)
- Reed Easley* (January-June 1947)
- Lewis Chips (November 1947-December 1953)
- Sylvan Clark (January 1954-December 1957)
- Woodrow Alderdice* (January 1958-May 1960)
- R.C. Nichols (May-December 1960)
- Sam Lipscomb* (January 1961-August 1969)
- B.A. "Brownie" Phillips* (August 1969-November 1976)
- Bobby Fox* (November 1976-December 1984)
- Bernard Wood* (January 1985-June 1988)
- Michael D. "Mickey" Alexander* (June 1988-February 2017)

*Resigned
**J.V. Threlkeld died April 22, 1934

Illness half fills hospital, empties schools

STAFF REPORT

An illness going around the community over the last couple of weeks and still spreading has kept local physicians busy and forced school officials to dismiss classes.

Fever, coughs, runny noses and body aches are all signs of flu season, and that's the majority of what health care providers have seen during a busy February. JoAnna Stone, chief nursing officer (CNO) at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services said the ER and walk-in clinic at the Salem hospital stayed busy with 27 people with flu-like symptoms just over the weekend and one admitted to the hospital on Friday with a confirmed case of influenza.

"We were really busy overall," she said, adding that the hospital treated all ages – infants to seniors – with tell-tale flu symptoms.

Kathy King, CNO at Crittenden Health System, said the hospital in Marion hasn't been quite as busy, but about half of the facility's 48 beds were filled over the weekend.

"We are starting to see some flu, but not a lot of cases," said King,

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Telephone audit could save county thousands

STAFF REPORT

Most of what county magistrates dealt with during this week's regular monthly meeting had something to do with saving money rather than spending it.

Crittenden Fiscal Court heard a presentation Monday from Carl Overton with Telecom Audit Group. Overton's company, headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., specializes in auditing the telecommunications systems and services of public and not-for-profit groups. Overton said his company doesn't get paid unless it saves the county money. Otherwise, the fee is half of whatever is saved for the subsequent 18 months after his com-

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Bellville stoplight adjustment sought

STAFF REPORT

The City of Marion has put in a request to state transportation officials to address what has become a prolonged stoplight for some drivers at the intersection of Bellville and Main streets.

"There have been lots of complaints from the Bellville side," City Administrator Adam Ledford said.

Ledford said Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal has asked the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to return the light to a shorter delay for those driving along the east-west corridor of Bellville Street. The timing was recently changed, the chief said, to keep traffic moving along Main Street. But even with no vehicles passing under the light in the late-night or early-morning

hours, drivers on either side of Bellville Street are forced to wait as long as 2 minutes for the light to change.

The police chief travels under the light on his way to work.

"I know, I catch it every day," he said.

"People are running it," Councilwoman Phyllis Sykes warned at Monday's city council meeting.

At busy times, too, traffic backs up far enough to block passage of cross streets to Bellville Street.

Sensors installed in the pavement a couple of years ago that would trigger a light change based on traffic have apparently quit working, Councilman Donnie Arflack said.

"The way they've got it now is ridiculous," he said.

City revolving loan fund appointments chosen

STAFF REPORT

Marion residents Jerry Collins and Jim Johnson were appointed at Monday night's Marion City Council meeting to fill vacancies on the city's revolving loan fund board.

The revolving loan is a pool of money used to help manufacturers in the city start up or expand operations, and it has help companies like Marion Mining Bolts and Par 4 Plastics add jobs to the local economy.

The fund goes back to

1987, according to Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander, when the city used a \$450,000 federal grant to loan money to John Newcom to start his mining bolts facility. With interest paid back on loans made over the years, the pool has grown to \$2 million and has allowed Marion's \$10,000 contribution to Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. to come from that account rather than the city's general fund backed by tax revenue.

Bike helmet bill overreach

This update will focus on two bills that came to the House floor last week – House Bills 14 and 122.

HB 14 would make it a hate crime for offenses committed against an individual because of the individual's actual or perceived employment as a city, county, state or federal peace officer, member of an organized fire department and emergency medical services personnel. This class of individuals would join race, color, religion, sexual orientation or national origin of another individual or group of individuals that are currently protected under Kentucky's hate crime law.

Maybe this shouldn't have been a tough call for me, but it was because I believe the phrase "hate crime" is a misnomer. A more accurate description is "government deciding who is more important and protecting certain people at the expense of others." A person who is injured by a crime is injured regardless of the perpetrator. I submit that the suffering is the same regardless of the perpetrator or the reasons behind the crime.

In my mind, so-called hate

crime legislation is no more than government picking winners and losers. A person who suffers because of a crime suffers no more nor no less because of our definition. If we feel that a crime deserves a particular punishment, we need to make sure the sentence is the same for all, regardless of the reasons or against whom the crime was committed.

However, as long as hate crime legislation remains on the books in the Commonwealth, those covered in HB 14 are every bit as deserving as those we have already singled out. Because of this, I voted, Yes – even though I do not believe there should be any hate crime legislation on the books. HB 14 passed the full House and was sent to the Senate for its consideration.

Interestingly, although as I noted earlier, current hate crime law in Kentucky lists more than race, opposition to the bill centered almost exclusively on race and was quite heated. In fact, a contingent of Black Lives Matter supporters were in the gallery during debate and started chanting and disrupting the chamber after the vote was taken. They then

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had to be escorted out of the House by security.

HB 122 would require that helmets be worn by children who are under 12 years old and are on a bicycle. In committee, there was very emotional testimony by a mother whose son suffered a severe head injury from an accident that occurred when he was riding a bicycle. Testimony was also given by medical professionals on the emotional ramifications to a family whose child suffered brain trauma.

The sponsor of the bill indicated that the purpose of the bill was to bring awareness to parents of the danger children face when riding a bicycle without proper head protection. In fact, there are no penalties in the legislation for not wearing a helmet. During floor debate, a

point was made that we (the government) need to take care of children whose parents do not take care of their children. An example given was that of an alcoholic or drug addicted parent who didn't watch over his or her children to keep them out of danger.

It seems to me that the parent in the example is no more likely to make a child wear a helmet simply because there is a law requiring it. What would make anyone think that a parent who is drunk or on drugs and neglects the well-being of his or her child in other areas would suddenly run out and get a bicycle helmet for the child? I could support a resolution encouraging parents to make sure their children wear helmets when riding a bike, but I don't support a law mandating it. In my mind, it is another case of government overreach. Where does it end? Therefore, I voted No, but the bill did pass the House and is now in the Senate.

As always, thank you for reading my updates, and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives, and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th House District.

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

Bill doubles political gift limits

As we pass the halfway mark of the 2017 legislative session, the days have become more intense. We are debating issues in committee and on the floor and sending bills on to the House of Representatives for further consideration. As we are going through the necessary legislative process, people from across the state fill the hallways, offices and chambers adding to the flurry of activity at the Capitol. From jobs to education to religion to many other issues, our citizens were making their voices heard.

Unfortunately, a bill that cleared the Senate last week may keep some voices from being heard. Despite strong opposition from me and other members of my caucus, Senate Bill 75, which doubles the amount that can be contributed to a political campaign, passed out of the Senate. In my opinion, this measure will silence many of Kentucky's voters and be harmful to our political sys-



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The bill would allow individuals and political action committees to donate \$2,000 in the primary and general elections – up from the current \$1,000 limit. The bill also allows corporations to make unlimited donations to a political party's building fund.

Kentucky families are struggling to put food on the table. They do not have extra money to donate to political parties. This legislation appears to be a rush to make Frankfort just like Washington by allowing the rich and wealthy to control everything.

There were a large number of people in the Capitol last week. They carried signs, marched, chanted and talked to legislators – their voices were loud and clear. I do not ever want our state – our legislators – to hear only the voices of those who have

money to donate to a political campaign. Every voice is important, and I will continue to fight to have every voice heard.

As our focus moved to reforming education, we

seemed to be on the same page. SB 1 addressed some of our concerns in education – perhaps not everything that everyone wanted to address, but many of the high points. SB 1 was designed to cut down on paperwork and to let teachers' teach. The bill:

- Aligns school tests to the curriculum taught to students.
- Gives more control to local school districts.
- Revises Common Core to allow Kentucky teachers to keep the best part of the standards.
- Provides a structure for reviewing and updating standards for language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.
- Allows local districts to develop their own evaluation for teachers, principals and certified staff using guides from a Kentucky Department of Education framework.
- Gives the superintendent the authority to intervene quickly if a school needs improvement.

SB 1 passed unanimously. A few of the other bills that cleared the Senate last week and are now in the House for additional consideration are:

- SB 14 would stiffen the penalties for trafficking any amount of heroin or fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid similar to morphine but 50 to 100 times more potent. We must find an effective tool to reduce the number of opioid-related

deaths that are destroying our families.

- SB 78 would make all school campuses in Kentucky smoke-free by the next school year.

- SB 56 would make roadways safer for bicyclists and vehicular traffic and would promote bicycle tourism. The measure calls for drivers to respect the 3-foot passing distance when encountering a bicycle on the road.
- SB 19 would give parents the right to place a "security freeze" on their child's credit report if they felt the need and would allow guardians of vulnerable citizens to place freezes on those citizens' credit reports.

- SB 61 would crack down on able-bodied drivers who use parking placards intended for those with disabilities by strengthening our issuance policy.

- SB 117 is a teacher certificate-related measure that would allow military veterans to receive a provisional teaching certificate after meeting certain criteria.

On Tuesday, we reached the halfway mark in this session. As the time trickles down, it is more important than ever that I hear from you.

(Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, has represented Senate District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Webster, Union and Henderson counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly since 2004.)

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pany does it work, and/or the same for any money refunded by service providers for the past five years.

Overton cited a number of counties and cities in five states, some as close as Todd and Marshall counties, where his firm has saved thousands of dollars for taxpayers.

"If I can't help you get money back or cut your cost, you will never get a bill from me," he said.

Overton said some telephone service providers are less than ethical when it comes to billing. Some, he said, simply make errors in billing or when building systems. His company will find those errors, correct them at its expense and then pass the savings or refunds on to the

county.

Telecom Audit Group will make copies of invoices and statements from the county's service providers over a few hours in the office, then do the rest of its work from its headquarters. The entire process could take about three to five months and will include all data lines, cell phones, landlines and microwave systems.

Overton said his company has found where Marshall County overpaid AT&T about \$90,000 and another town in Tennessee had overpaid more than \$300,000 over a period of years.

Magistrates approved contracting his services once County Attorney Rebecca Johnson reviews and approves the contract language.

- New hospital CEO Lea Ann Klarner and others from Crittenden Health Systems'

management team met with magistrates and outlined continued losses being realized by the ambulance service. Baptist Health took over the ambulance in 2015 with some financial guarantees from the county and hospital. Klarner said with two months left in the fiscal year, the ambulance has showed a loss of about \$234,000. She said managers are working a new electronic billing system that could improve collections.

- County Road Supervisor Audi Maraman reviewed his department's work over the past month, citing a number of places where tiles and drains have been replaced, some paid for by FEMA. He also said new signage has been installed on Reiter's View and Mexico Church roads. The new road signs were part of a grant administered by the University of

Kentucky's County Circuit Rider Program.

- Jailer Robbie Kirk reported that the detention center continues to be full. It was showing 186 full beds on Monday. He said last month, the jail billed the state more than \$156,000 for housing inmates.

"That's a phenomenal amount," Kirk said.

The jailer addressed some maintenance concerns over the detention center's heavy-duty water heater system. He is recommending changing it from electric to gas. Over time, he said that will save the jail thousands of dollars in hardware alone. Replacing the current electric water heaters is about \$13,000 each. Gas heaters are just under \$5,000, and he says they will be more efficient because they include on-demand heating elements.

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Emergency managers preparing for eclipse

STAFF REPORT

Emergency management officials are preparing for an onslaught of people who will travel to the area this summer to view a total solar eclipse that will plunge much of western Kentucky into darkness.

At 1:24 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, the moon will blot out the sun's rays along a path 70 miles wide that includes all of Crittenden and Livingston counties as well as the entire I-24 corridor. Tens of thousands of visitors from around the world are expected to converge on the rare astronomical event.

"I have heard that people are coming in from England, Australia, Japan, China and many other countries," Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said recently.

That has many tasked with mitigating disaster concerned. A meeting of state and county-level emergency management officials from around the region met in January to discuss a variety of issues, including traffic.

"(T)hey talked about it some and the highway over between Princeton and Hopkinsville is expected to be nearly impassable with thousands of people as that has been targeted as the best viewing area," said Crittenden County Emergency Management Deputy Fred Brown.

A local information meeting led by emergency management is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday at the emergency operations center on Industrial Drive. Director David Travis is inviting city, county, school district, transportation and hospital officials to learn more about the impact the eclipse will have on the community.

Many school districts, including Caldwell and Lyon counties, are letting out school that Monday to avoid potential gridlock and hazards that might occur that day. But locally,

Superintendent Vince Clark believes the classroom is the safest place for children in Crittenden County.

"I intend to have school," Clark said at a recent board of education meeting. "I want our 1,300 kids here. I want to make sure we have the safety glasses, and I want to have activities centered around this event to educate them."

Extended viewing of the sun during an eclipse can seriously damage the eye without protection. The school district plans to provide all students with the protective eye wear and ensure they witness the rare occurrence.

Newcom said he and Sheriff Wayne Agent have discussed the likelihood of an influx of people and the potential issues it may cause.

"They are ready," Newcom said of county-wide policing.

Local planning for a coordinated event centered around the total eclipse fell apart late last year, but some separate entities plan to take advantage of or commemorate the happening. Among those, the chamber of commerce plans to launch an effort of preparation and promotion and the Lions Club has plans to rent the fairgrounds to overnight campers coming to the area. The chamber will meet today (Thursday) to discuss its plans.

Hopkinsville has been pinpointed by astronomers as the prime viewing spot for the eclipse. Dubbed the Great American Eclipse, the show there will last 2 minutes and 40 seconds, longer than any other place. But those in Crittenden County

need go no further than outside their back door to view the show. Totality here will last just 8 seconds fewer.

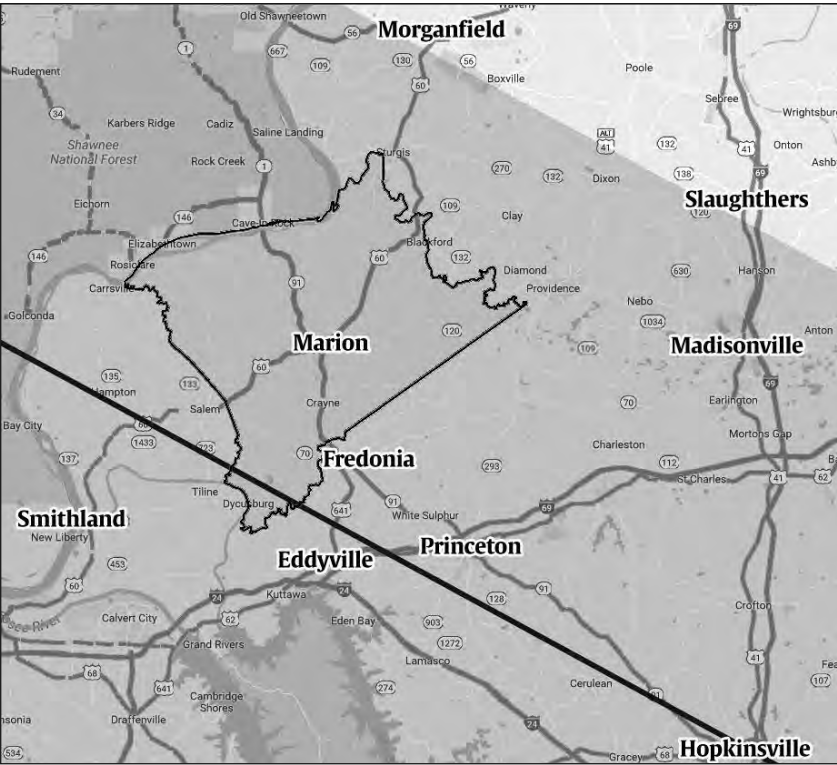
What to expect

The website SpaceAnswers.com explains what those in the path of the eclipse may expect as the moon passes between the Earth and sun.

"The moon will leisurely move across the sun's face for (a) half an hour or so. You'll notice that the sky is still quite bright, but then it will start to take on a much deeper blue. The ground around your feet and around you appears dimmer as the ambient light fades to a grey.

"When there's totality, a portion of the sky will be much darker than the opposite side, no matter where the sun is. (The sun) will become an ever-narrowing crescent but will still be incredibly bright, the sky changing to an extremely deep blue, almost purple. It will become darker as the sun's light gradually becomes extinguished by the moon creeping across it.

"The sky will start to darken noticeably and continue to gather strength before spreading out along the horizon. It won't be long until the minutes to totality turn into the long-awaited seconds, and what's left of the sun is nothing but a bare sliver with Bailly's beads popping into view. These are the final points of bright white light, where sunlight passes through the deepest lunar valleys. A thicker, blacker limb of the moon continues to move across



GRAPHIC BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS
The total solar eclipse on Aug. 21 will pass directly over Crittenden County and much of western Kentucky. Above, Crittenden County is shown outlined, with the center (diagonal black line) of the eclipse's 70-mile wide track (dark gray) passing directly over Dycusburg. Darkness will last for 2:32 in Marion, just 8 seconds shorter than in Hopkinsville, deemed the epicenter for the rare event. Morganfield and Slaughters will fall just outside the area of totality. Inset, this image shows how the sun and sky will appear at totality.

the sun's surface until our bright star is blotted out, apart from a white halo. This is what's known as the corona, the sun's hottest and most extended atmosphere and it shines with a stunning pearly white glow.

"At this point we've reached totality and you will now be standing in the shadow of our moon. A great black disc will replace our sun. The sky will be so dark that the stars

and planets near to the Sun and above our horizon will be visible, almost like night truly has enveloped us."

Animals will be fooled by the total eclipse into thinking it is an early nightfall, and may begin exhibiting strange behavior. Birds will fall quiet and return to roost, frogs and crickets will begin their night calls and cattle may begin walking back to their nocturnal resting place.

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eight of the next 10 years as a councilman. He became mayor in June 1988 upon the resignation of Mayor Bernard Wood following a disagreement with the council on which Alexander was serving at the time. Later that year, voters chose to keep him in the mayor's seat in a special election and have returned him there in each mayoral election since.

He is the fifth consecutive mayor to walk away from the job, dating back to Sam Lipscomb, who resigned in August 1969 after serving eight years.

"I hate to see him resign," Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said Tuesday. "Overall, I think we have worked very well together for the city and county interests. His amount of information and experience from the years he spent as a council member and mayor are irreplaceable."

Picking a successor

The city council will have until March 30 to select their new mayor, which can be any qualifying voter within the city limits who is 21 or older. That person must have lived in the city for at least one year.

"It does not have to be member of the council, but it usually is," said Joseph W. Coleman, research and federal relations manager with the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC).

If the selection is not made by March 30 by the six-person council seated just last month, Gov. Matt Bevin will appoint a mayor. Regardless, there will be no special election to select a mayor prior to the next scheduled vote in November 2018.

"Once the resignation is effective, the city council will get to vote to replace the mayor for the balance of the term," said Coleman. "Since he has two years or less on his term, that mayor would serve until Dec. 31, 2018."

None of the council members seemed ready to step into the role of part-time mayor following Monday's meeting, but no one had expected to be facing such a decision Monday. Two council members are in only their second month on the council – Phyllis Sykes and D'Anna Sallin. Jared Byford is mayor pro-tem and Dwight Sherer has also filled that role. Mike Byford ran unsuccessfully for mayor against Alexander in 2006, losing by 62 of 928 votes. Don Arflack has now served on the council 10 years.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said he hopes to schedule a special council meeting in early March to make the mayoral appointment. Jared Byford, as mayor pro-tem, will preside beginning March 1 and until a new mayor is appointed. Council

Mayor's resignation statement

This will be my last city council meeting. Tonight, I am announcing my retirement effective Feb. 28. This has been a difficult decision. I have enjoyed the last 39 years, and I will miss being a part of city government.

About a year ago, it became clear that changes were coming in the financial industry that would require more of my time in order to serve our clients effectively. I began to contemplate leaving city government in order to devote all my attention to the business. Last summer, about the time that the new rules were being announced and my focus needed to be solely on our practice, events surrounding city hall occurred that required more of my attention. I realized that I could not leave during that time of uncertainty.

I want to commend the team at city hall, as well as the police department and the water, sewer and maintenance crews for taking care of business in spite of being short-handed. Everyone stepped up to serve the citizens of Marion. I also want to thank my friend Garry Barber for coming to our aide on very short notice. Without his help, a difficult time would have been moreso.

For eight of 10 years before I became mayor, I served on the city council. During that time I really never thought about being mayor. Even after being appointed mayor, I never dreamed of being around as long as I have. But it has been a rewarding experience, and I will always cherish the memories and friendships made along the way.

Everybody that runs for office has a reason. When I first ran for city council, it was because I believed our police officers needed better training. The city was hiring good men and they performed well considering they had no

training, but I learned that on completion of academy training, not only would they be better prepared to serve, they would make more money, because of the state incentive pay. I believe our police department has been well served ever since the training requirement was implemented. I couldn't be more proud of the current chief and his staff of officers.

I learned that the wheels of government grind slowly. We talked and studied a new city hall for many years. In the end, the beautiful facility we are now in turned out to be worth the wait. The same for the fire department. Our volunteer fire department has a response time that rivals full-time departments. They deserve our support and a first-class facility for them to operate from. They now have a beautiful fire station that is a true landmark on the court square.

Although our water plant is old, we made some major improvements several years ago, and our staff consistently produces excellent quality drinking water. They deserve more recognition than they receive. The sewer plant will now be replaced with a new state-of-the-art facility, that will serve our citizens for many years to come.

With the new year, we have a new council and a new city administrator. Since Adam has come on board and Brian is back at work, I believe it is now time that I devote my attention to my practice and serve our clients.

Not only do I believe the time is right, I believe with the current officers and staff and knowledge and experience that Adam brings, the city is in good hands and is well positioned for success. I wish you Godspeed.

— Mayor Michael D. "Mickey" Alexander

she said. "He makes us proud any time he represents the city."

Newcom agreed. "He has done an excellent job for the community," the judge-executive added. "He always presents himself very well and has always been very engaged in issues where we are seeking state and federal assistance."

Alexander told Gipson of his resignation plan a couple of weeks prior to Monday's meeting. She tried to talk him out of it, but said the worry that had weighed on him since Bryant's arrest had lifted as his confidence in Ledford as the new city administrator grew.

Ledford said he will miss the mayor's easy manner and friendly visits, and wishes his time under the Alexander had been longer. Ledford began his role in mid-December.

"I have found Mickey to be a true statesman with a strong commitment to serving his community," Ledford said. "You could not ask for a more welcoming and friendly mayor. I am sad our time working together was so brief, but Mickey is the kind of gentleman you befriend quickly."

Ups and downs

The mayor, no stranger to being questioned over the years, has endured fresh criticism since last summer when Bryant was arrested. As head of the city, he quickly fired the city administrator, but some felt the damage could have been avoided had a closer eye been kept on Bryant. Alexander played no role in the former city administrator's actions, but the credibility of city government came into immediate question by a group of citizens and several recent council meetings since have included intense exchanges between the mayor and citizens, particularly Linda Schumann, who has accused the mayor of not fulfilling his duties pertaining to planning and zoning regulations.

Following Alexander's announcement of his resignation, Councilman Donnie Arflack, who has had a number of disagreements with the mayor in council meetings, complimented him and thanked him for his service to the community.

An ex-council member under Alexander and former county judge-executive alongside the mayor also acknowledged differences of opinion, but added those did not hurt their working relationship.

"When I was on the council and as mayor pro-tem, we had disagreements, which is normal, but always worked them out," said Fred Brown. "When I was judge-executive, we worked very well together."

One example of the cooperation was the harrowing experience of the 2009 ice storm that crippled the community

ing the meeting, which ended immediately following his final statement as mayor. "I wish you Godspeed." After visiting with several people following the meeting, he and his wife left city hall together.

One of those who offered a tearful embrace to Alexander was City Treasurer Melinda Gipson, who has been with the city since 1991 but also worked under Alexander when he was a loan officer at First Federal Savings and Loan in Marion. She said he has been the best boss she has ever had and carried out his role as mayor thoughtfully.

"If you had a problem, you could go to him," she said. "I think he took his job very seriously and cared about the city. He's a good man, and he's a good friend."

Chris Evans, publisher of The Crittenden Press, which sits next door to Alexander's Edward Jones office, called the mayor an asset to the city.

"Mayor Alexander has been a great ambassador for Marion for nearly three decades," explained Evans. "He has provided consistent, quality leadership to this community and guided it through some very difficult and uncertain times."

Gipson said Alexander has been what one expects in the head of city government.

"He looks the part. He acts the part. He dresses the part,"



Alexander

members may nominate and vote for themselves.

If a council member is selected as the next mayor, the same process will take place to fill that vacancy on six-person the policy-making body. That appointee will also serve until Dec. 31, 2018.

Prior to the November 2017 election, there had been talk of moving Marion's mayor-council form of government to a full-time mayor, doing away with the position of city administrator. At present, it is unclear how Alexander's resignation may affect that discussion.

The right time

Alexander's retirement from office came as a surprise to most everyone at the council meeting, save a couple of city employees, including Ledford, whom the mayor informed last month to allow time to prepare a smoother transition into the next administration. Council members sat in shock, and several city employees in attendance became visibly emotional. Even Alexander had a difficult time reading through a three-page prepared statement.

"About a year ago, it became quite clear that changes were coming in the financial industry that would require more of my time in order to serve our clients effectively," he read. "I began to contemplate leaving city government in order to devote all my atten-

tion to the business."

But just as the new rules to the industry were announced last summer, Alexander's attention was drawn to the arrest, dismissal and prosecution of former City Administrator Mark Bryant, who the city had hired 10 years earlier. Bryant began serving a six-year sentence on Feb. 9 on multiple counts related to helping work-release inmates assigned to the city obtain drugs.

"I realized that I could not leave during that time of uncertainty," Alexander continued.

But now, with Ledford having two months under his belt in running the day-to-day operations of the city and Utilities Director Brian Thomas back at work after suffering serious injuries in a car accident last fall, the mayor said the time was right to make the move out of city government.

"Not only do I believe the time is right, I believe with the current officers and staff and the knowledge and experience that Adam brings, the city is in good hands and is well positioned for success," Alexander closed.

Fond farewell

Alexander's wife Susan patiently sat in the gallery of the council chambers waiting for a string of well-wishers to shake her husband's hand, embrace him in a tearful hug or pat him on the back follow-

CCHS photo project asks juniors to define world with image

STAFF REPORT

For another year, Kim Vince's high school history class has carried out a project that asks the student to document the current era with a single photograph. Four students' photos have been recognized as the best by their peers.

Vince asks Crittenden County High School juniors to take a photo they feel would be an iconic image of present day that tells the story of America. The project is called Migrant Mother of Today, so named in honor of Dorothea Lange's 1936 photograph "Migrant Mother" from The Great Depression that shows a woman in California where migrant workers were in a dire situation after crops they were there to harvest had been destroyed by freezing rains. Students must be their own photographer and write a few sentences explaining why they believe this is the ultimate image representing current times.

After submission, the photos are hung anonymously and are critiqued by fellow students in a gallery walk. Classmates vote for their favorite in each class. The four images on this page by Lindsey Cochran, Jaylie Stone, Emma Atchison and Kylie Collins were judged the class favorites.

Vince said the project gives students an idea of how their peers see the world and can be an eye-opener for many.



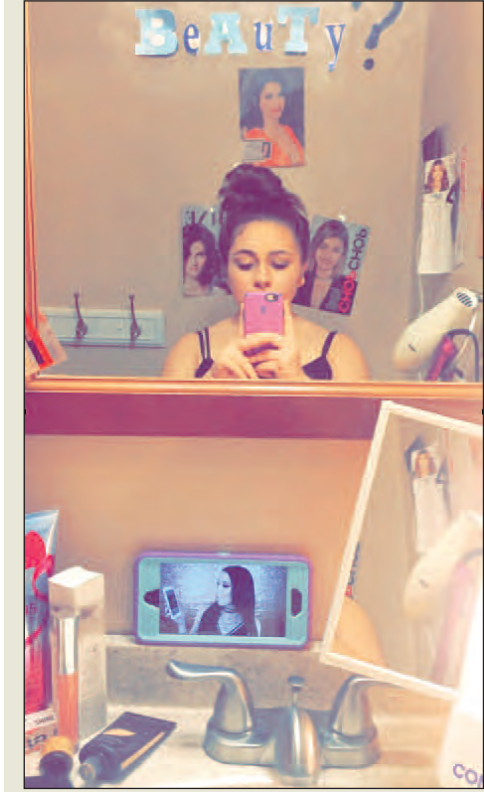
Photochopped
Lindsey Cochran

In today's time, Photoshop is used to fit individual groups' aesthetics, more and more, every day, especially on models. Each country has a different aesthetic. Americans prefer to see women as being skinny, with a big butt and typically big breasts with a pretty face. So, to fit these needs, modeling agencies use Photoshop to help fit these pleasing-to-the-eye images most Americans desire. This can make many women feel insecure about themselves and develop bad dieting habits or want to indulge in plastic surgery and liposuction, along with many other unhealthy forms of extreme "beauty" measures to try and slim to the aesthetic. Photoshop? More like Photochopped. (Photo features Makensie Simpkins before (left) and after photo editing by Cochran.)



The Year of Apples and Oranges
Emma Atchison

This photo, while random, captures the essence of 2016-17 and encompasses the atmosphere between the social groups of current times. No matter how you look at it, America has become increasingly more divided. Comparing today's social groups is like comparing apples and oranges. Whether it's comparing the Baby Boomer generation to Millennials, Feminists to "Meninists" or most infamously, Republicans to Democrats, there is ultimately no comparison. The definition of "apples and oranges" will further explain and conclude my thought process: "Used with reference to two things that are fundamentally different and therefore are not suited to comparison."



Makeup or Fakeup?
Kylie Collins

In today's society, teenage girls are pushed or convinced that they have to look a certain way to be beautiful. Girls have been told and shown how they must look ever since childhood, and they are ridiculed if they don't reach these standards. Society has set guidelines on what girls are supposed to look and act like. YouTube, Tumblr, Twitter, and Instagram have all helped influence these guidelines. One example of this would be on YouTube. Many teenagers watch makeup tutorials because they feel that's how society wants them to look. They are influenced by the videos because they think they have to have the most expensive makeup to achieve the perfect look. This topic really shows how muddled society has become over the past years, and how its point of view has changed from the original American image.



Failed Interactions
Jaylie Stone

In this photo, you see a married couple totally ignoring each other. One is on her cell phone, and one is on his iPad. Communication is lacking in America today. These people are sitting next to each other without any interactions. This describes America today because this is how most people live their daily lives. Most people will spend their time with other people on their technology instead of interacting with each other. Because of the failed interactions in today's time, our communication is greatly lacking, and it can only get worse.

Ky. grocery costs falling

STAFF REPORT

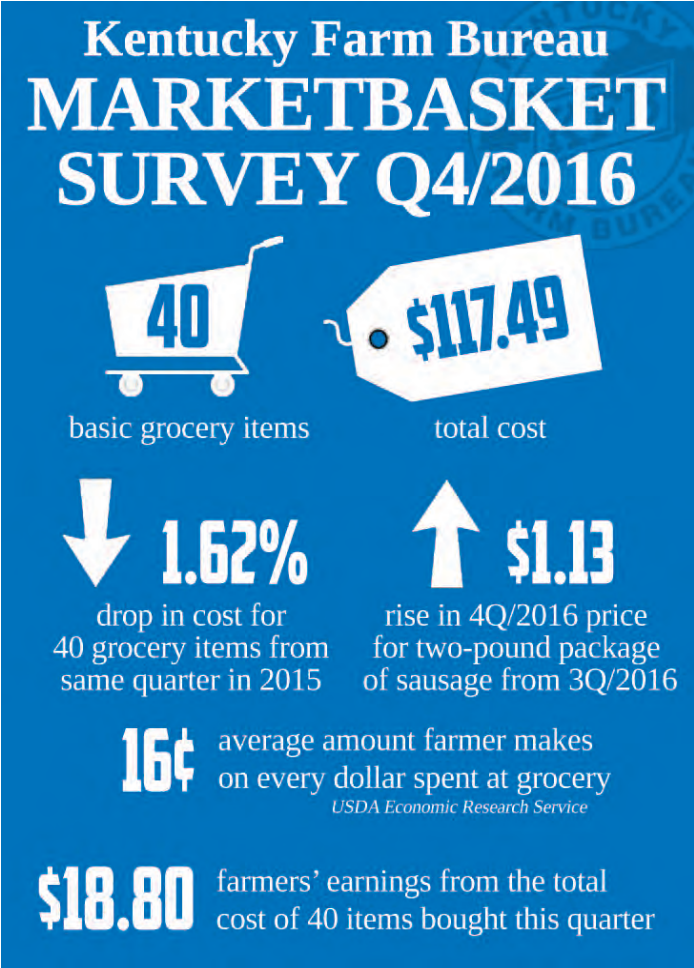
Fourth quarter results of the latest Kentucky Farm Bureau Marketbasket Survey indicated a slight decrease in surveyed food prices and marked declines in three of the four quarters of 2016. With the exception of last year's second quarter, price declines indicated by the survey have been realized over the last two years.

These prices, which represent the average total cost of 40 basic grocery items included in the survey, declined by 0.87 percent or \$1.02. The total cost of the 40 items was \$117.49. During this same period last year, the total price for these same items stood at \$119.43.

The largest decline, percentage wise, came by way of the grains category, which dropped by 5.52 percent; followed by fruits and vegetables, which declined by 4.89 percent; poultry, which dropped by 3.02 percent; and dairy, which saw prices fall by 2.14 percent.

Beef products increased slightly by 0.45 percent while pork prices increased by 6.41 percent, the largest percentage change in all of the food categories.

The fall in prices mirrors what is happening nationally to food prices, although most of the declines are relatively small. According to the latest information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index noted all six of the major grocery store food group indexes fell.



Price change from third quarter of 2016

Corn meal	down 27 cents per 5-pound package
White bread.....	down 15 cents per 20-ounce loaf
Potatoes.....	down 78 cents per 10-pound bag
Eggs.....	down 21 cents per dozen
Butter.....	down 41 cents per pound
Rolled sausage	up \$1.13 per 2-pound package
Pork spare ribs.....	up 37 cents per pound
Ribeye steak	up 98 cents per pound



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Kennel cleanse

Dr. Kyle Davis of Lyon County Animal Hospital in Eddyville cleans a wall inside Crittenden County Animal Shelter last week as Kelley Coleman (left) and Jessica Wright scrub the floor. Last Thursday, Davis and seven staff members used their day off to ditch the scrubs and do some scrubbing at the shelter where Lyon County stray and unwanted pets are housed. "We came to help out, show them some things and work on animals if needed," said Davis. Among the work, the animal doctor performed heartworm tests on dogs. "Hopefully, that will make them more adoptable with people knowing they are heartworm negative," he said. Crittenden County Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd said the shelter is in need of volunteers to help regularly clean the facility, as he is the only full-time county employee at the kennel. Davis and his staff also brought various donations they had collected. Contributions of food, cat litter and cleaning supplies are among the many needs. Last year, the county spent \$3,278 on dog food and \$690 on cat litter, but received 955 pounds of cat litter, 1,391 pounds of cat food and 2.5 tons of dog food as donations for the roughly 1,300 animals that came through the shelter.

Officials vow to eradicate pestilence

STAFF REPORT

With a mild winter, mosquitoes and other pests have easily survived and have already started appearing. And that has local officials on their toes about the looming pestilence.

At Monday's Marion City Council meeting, Councilman Dwight Sherer said people have already been asking him about mosquito spraying in the city. Last year, the City of

Marion did no spraying for the blood-sucking pest. But city Utilities Director Brian Thomas said this year will be different. In addition to the city's spraying equipment, the state can be called in to help keep the insects at bay.

Then, on Tuesday, Magistrate Dan Wood told Crittenden Fiscal Court that state Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, has assured him that the state will help combat the an-

ticipated spring black fly problems that routinely occur along the Tradewater River and its tributaries in the eastern and northeastern portions of the county.

"If you remember, there have been years when the county has had to pay \$5,000 for its part in spraying for these black flies," Wood said. "But Sen. Ridley says the Kentucky Department of Agriculture is going to do it this time."

LETTER

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The letter cites a number of Kentucky statutes in explaining the prohibition of alcohol being sold, shared or consumed in a "public place."

"A public place is defined as a place which is accessible to the public and to which the public is invited," it reads. "Retail establishments, restaurants and, generally, any business open to

the public clearly fall under this definition."

So-called brown-bagging is not permitted in dry counties, Johnson said. Brown-bagging is the phrase used for places where patrons bring into a restaurant or other establishment a bottle of concealed liquor or other alcoholic beverage and discreetly pour from their bottle.

There is no distinction in the law between for-profit or not-for-profit events or venues, the letter states.

It explains that private family events such as weddings are not subject to violation of the alcohol beverage control laws unless alcohol is sold at a cash bar or by other means.

"However, an otherwise private event becomes a public event if tickets are sold to the public. Dinners, dances, banquets, concerts, special events, etc., where tickets are sold to the public and where alcohol is present on the premises would constitute violation of alcoholic beverage

control laws," says the county attorney's letter.

Johnson noted that providing alcohol to minors or selling alcohol would be considered blatant violations of dry-option laws.

The owner of an establishment bears legal responsibility if he allows alcohol to be consumed on his premises even if he's not involved, explains the correspondence.

Johnson said it would probably be beneficial for those who rent their facilities to be very clear in their rental

agreements as to what can and cannot be done on premises, if it will be a public event. Adding that language to the rental contract could provide some level of protection to the property owner.

"Clearly, the conduct of others on the premises can subject the business owner, operator or others associated with the business to criminal liability," the letter reads.

Fines, jail time and property forfeiture can be part of the penalties, according to information in the letter sent to

area businesses.

Crittenden County has been a dry option territory since 1936, when voters by a 4 to 1 margin opted to forbid the sale of alcohol just three years after Prohibition ended. There have been two public referendums since then to make all or parts of Crittenden County a wet or "moist" area, but both failed at the ballot box. The most recent was last year, when a city-wide vote failed by only 43 votes.

Pest control, wheat schools open to farmers

THE TIMES LEADER

Two upcoming trainings at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center (UKREC) in Princeton will offer educational opportunities for area crop producers and advisers.

The university's 2017 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Training School will be held at the local research center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. next Wednesday. A week later, on March 8, the UK Wheat Science Group will host the first session of its Wheat Production Field School at UKREC at 1205 Hopkinsville St.

Speakers at next week's event will include specialists with the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the university's Cooperative Extension Service, a UK announcement noted. Carl Bradley, UK Extension plant pathologist, will discuss strategies farmers can use to protect their soybean yields from frogeye leaf spot.

"The disease is present in



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Discussions regarding freeze damage, soil productivity and herbicide injury are among the topics scheduled for discussion at the March 8 wheat school at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton.

Kentucky, and strains of the pathogen that cause this disease have been found to be resistant to the strobilurin group of fungicides, one of the most common used in agri-

culture, since at least 2010," the release, authored by UK Ag News' Katie Pratt, noted.

"Scientists are concerned it could develop resistance to additional fungicide groups,"

Pratt added.

Other scheduled speakers include Curtis Dame, Hopkins County Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources education, and J.D. Green, UK Extension weed scientist. Dame will offer information on cost-effective mobile apps that farmers can use to improve crop management. Green will discuss new dicamba herbicide formulations that recently received federal and state approval.

"He will also talk about ways applicators can practice good stewardship to minimize potential exposure to sensitive, non-target crops like tobacco, landscape plants, fruits and vegetables, which may be grown in nearby fields," Pratt noted.

The IPM school is approved for 5.5 continuing education units for certified crop advisers, including 3.5 in integrated pest management and 2 in crop management. Pesticide applicators can receive 2 general hours and 1 specific hour in categories 1A, 10, 12 and 14. The complete agenda

for the free training is available on the IPM website at uky.edu/Ag/IPM/ipm.htm. Contact Patty Lucas, UK IPM specialist, for more information about the program at plucas@uky.edu or (270) 365-7541, ext. 218.

Wheat school

The first session of the Wheat Production Field School at UKREC will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 8. The UK Wheat Science Group is offering the training series during this year's growing season "as an in-depth educational opportunity for experienced wheat producers, crop advisers and farm managers," Pratt wrote.

During the first session, participants will learn how to identify and treat challenges occurring during the "green-up" period. Some of those topics to be featured by UK specialists include: assessing freeze damage, the impact of ryegrass root depth on soil productivity, and symptoms of herbicide injury due to tank

contamination and application timing.

The cost to attend is \$60 per session. The class is limited to 30 participants per training session. Lunch will be provided. Preregistration is required. To sign up, visit <https://goo.gl/SGfONS>.

Continuing education credits are available for certified crop advisers and pesticide applicators for the March 8 session. Certified crop advisers can get credits in the following areas: 2.5 each in soil and water and crop management and one in pest management. Pesticide applicators can receive 3 general hours and 1 specific hour in continuing education.

The UK Wheat Science Group will host a second field school at UKREC April 26 that will cover issues prior to flowering and a third training in the fall about pre-planting decisions. More information on those two trainings will be available at later dates. The schools are funded in part by the Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association.

WEVV to carry Crittenden weather data

STAFF REPORT

Viewers of WEVV-TV in Evansville, Ind., will soon see weather data reported from Crittenden County.

The Kentucky Mesonet at WKU has signed an agreement with the CBS/Fox 44 channel in Evansville to provide weather and climate data for viewers in that area.

"The Mesonet data will help inform people in the WEVV viewing area of conditions on the south side of the Ohio River," said Dr. Stuart Foster, state climatologist and director of Kentucky Mesonet, a function of Western Kentucky University.

Meteorologist Chad Evans said WEVV will be using data from several Mesonet stations in its coverage area, including Crittenden, Union, Caldwell, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, and Hopkins counties, on its newscasts and on its websites. The weather station for Crittenden County is located in the Repton area.

"It's really an asset that this network is available," Evans

Kentucky Mesonet data for Crittenden County in 2017				
	RAIN IN INCHES	AVG DAILY TEMP	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP
2017 (through Feb. 20)				
January.....	4.22	48.1	68.9	4.6
February	0.74	52.3	68.4	13.9
2016				
January	2.03	41.9	66.8	4.5
February	4.33	47.8	73.7	12.1

said. "We're going to utilize the Mesonet data – and mention the Kentucky Mesonet at WKU by name – in everything we do."

The Kentucky Mesonet at WKU has 68 stations in 66 counties and is the Commonwealth's official source for weather and climate data. The Mesonet, which is housed at the Kentucky Climate Center at WKU and is the only network of its kind in the Commonwealth, also has provided data to other television stations serving markets across Kentucky.

The Mesonet stations col-

lect real-time data on temperature, precipitation, humidity, solar radiation, wind speed and direction and transmit it to the Kentucky Climate Center at WKU every five minutes, 24 hours per day, throughout the year. The data is available online at KyMesonet.org.

That real-time data is important during severe weather, winter storms or fire seasons, Evans said.

"When you can see the actual wind speed measurements, you can decide alert levels," he said. "For example, if we know we've got a storm with 80 mph winds in Critten-

den County, we can alert our viewers in Webster and other counties to be prepared. Having the Mesonet data is a real opportunity to make us better, especially in severe weather situations."

The 2016-18 state budget approved last year by the General Assembly includes \$750,000 a year for the Mesonet, but Foster and others continue their work to develop local partnerships across Kentucky to expand and maintain the network.

"We strive to provide a public service," he said. "With our data and through our partnership with the National Weather Service, we can help county officials and local residents make better informed decisions during severe storms or winter weather, and that helps enhance public safety across the state."

Kentucky Mesonet was initially funded with a \$2.9 million federal grant for the Kentucky Climate Center, part of WKU's Applied Research and Technology Program.

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LIVESTOCK REPORT

Red Tag Sale Friday at 3pm.				
Receipts: 776 Last Week: 527 Last Year: NA				
Compared to last week: Feeder cattle traded 6.00-10.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00-2.00 higher. Sale consisted of 17 stock cattle, 99 slaughter, and 660 feeders. Feeders consisted of 31% feeder steers, 31% feeder heifers, 24% feeders bulls and 39% of feeders were over 600 pounds.				
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	150-200	165	180.00-187.50	183.86
7	250-300	261	170.00-188.00	180.92
12	300-350	334	171.00-177.00	174.22
12	350-400	365	160.00-173.00	166.67
11	400-450	414	153.00-165.00	159.83
4	450-500	489	151.00-156.00	152.49
1	450-500	470	165.00-165.00	165.00
3	500-550	528	146.00-148.00	146.68
9	550-600	573	131.00-135.00	133.80
1	600-650	630	118.00	118.00
2	650-700	658	115.00-121.00	117.97
9	700-750	706	117.00-121.00	119.78
3	750-800	761	117.00	117.00
13	850-900	866	113.00-115.50	115.30
84	850-900	851	121.00	121.00
Groups: 84 head 851 lbs 121.00 mblk wean				
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	250-300	250	161.00	161.00
3	300-350	320	165.00	165.00
1	350-400	370	155.00	155.00
5	400-450	440	140.00-149.00	146.42
1	450-500	470	148.00	148.00
9	500-550	543	127.00-136.00	130.68
2	550-600	595	123.00	123.00
1	600-650	635	107.00	107.00
1	800-850	840	108.00	108.00
Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	350-400	390	60.00	60.00
2	450-500	457	60.00	60.00
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	150-200	175	185.00	185.00
7	200-250	238	147.00-151.00	148.58
3	250-300	265	145.00-149.00	147.67
8	300-350	317	140.00-150.00	146.20
23	350-400	385	134.00-145.00	140.69
24	400-450	422	130.00-136.00	133.75
19	450-500	465	126.00-131.00	128.79
10	500-550	530	121.00-122.00	121.90
4	500-550	538	128.00	128.00
13	550-600	577	115.00-117.00	115.69
22	600-650	622	113.00-115.00	113.77
12	650-700	689	110.00-111.00	110.84
4	700-750	713	102.00-107.00	105.71
17	800-850	805	104.00	104.00
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	250-300	278	134.00-138.00	135.91
2	300-350	320	138.00	138.00
10	350-400	390	120.00-132.00	128.98
6	400-450	431	118.00-127.00	121.05
2	450-500	475	122.00-124.00	123.02
7	500-550	535	113.00-115.00	113.58


2	600-650	615	100.00-110.00	105.04
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300-350	320	165.00	165.00
9	350-400	373	156.00-166.00	163.95
12	400-450	428	150.00-154.00	151.23
17	450-500	464	140.00-150.00	145.05
2	450-500	467	157.00	157.00
28	500-550	524	130.00-138.00	132.84
9	550-600	568	120.00-129.00	126.18
20	600-650	636	115.00-123.00	117.41
13	650-700	677	109.00-112.00	110.15
2	700-750	708	102.00-106.00	104.01
3	750-800	763	98.00	98.00
4	800-850	817	90.00	90.00
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	325	142.00-143.00	142.50
9	350-400	386	140.00-149.00	144.74
9	400-450	436	142.00-145.00	144.12
3	450-500	485	126.00-136.00	129.20
3	500-550	516	115.00-123.00	117.61
3	550-600	578	115.00-117.00	115.64
3	600-650	628	110.00-113.00	111.90
Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-90%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	1200-1600	1329	49.00-56.00	52.91
1	1200-1600	1410	60.00	60.00
2	1600-2000	1655	52.00	52.00

1	1600-2000	1675	45.00	45.00	LD
Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	800-1200	1098	52.00-60.00	55.56	
1	800-1200	1190	50.00	50.00	LD
8	1200-1600	1350	52.00-62.00	56.22	
3	1200-1600	1340	62.00-65.00	64.09	
HD					
Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
18	800-1200	1024	45.00-55.00	49.43	
3	800-1200	998	44.00	44.00	LD
7	1200-1600	1285	46.00-54.00	50.60	
1	1600-2000	1830	50.00	50.00	
Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	500-1000	990	60.00	60.00	LD
1	1000-1500	1480	74.00	74.00	
3	1000-1500	1398	62.00-65.00	62.97	LD
6	1500-3000	1879	71.00-80.00	75.37	
2	1500-3000	1730	60.00-70.00	64.86	LD
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4-6 Mos Bred					
Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	800-1200	1100	68.00	68.00	
1-3 Mos Bred					
2 1200-1600 1478 780.00-1030.00 904.37					
4-6 Mos Bred					
Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Aged					
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1	800-1200	1020	550.00	550.00	
1-3 Mos Bred					
2	800-1200	1038	550.00-580.00	564.89	
4-6 Mos Bred					
2	800-1200	1088	600.00-710.00	654.62	
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1	1200-1600	1380	740.00	740.00	
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Area Deaths

Mathis

Marcella Loveless Mathis, 78, of Henderson, formerly of Salem, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center.



She was a member of the Salem Baptist Church and retired from working with her husband, Dr. Howard Mathis, at his optometrist office in Marion.

Surviving are a daughter, Felicia Mitchell Belcher, and her husband Rudy of Henderson; two grandchildren, Kris Belcher Mayes and her husband John of Evansville, Ind., and Megan Lea Belcher of Henderson; a great-grandson, Mitchell Robert Mayes; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Howard Winston Mathis; three sisters, Louise Hardin, Thelma Arflack and Georgie Mitchell; two brothers, David Loveless and Frank Loveless; a nephew, Dewey Loveless; and her parents, George Dewey and Narcissa Hardin Loveless.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 18 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 S. Green Street, Henderson, KY 42420 or online at StAnthonyHospice.org.

Marvel

Mary Helen Marvel, 89, of Marion died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017 at the Crittenden Hospital.

Surviving are her Husband Bill Marvel; a son, Billy Marvel; a grandchild, Billy (Krissy) Marvel; and a great-grandchild, Shalynn Marvel, all of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Edgar "Edd" Simpson and Ada Simpson; and a brother.

Marvel was a life-long member of Dunn Springs Baptist Church.

Services were Friday, Feb. 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

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Nolan

Aaron Edward Nolan, 34, of Salem died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017 in Salem.

He loved to hunt, fish and arrowhead hunt, but his greatest love was his family, especially his three sons.

Surviving are three sons, Gavin Nolan, Garet Nolan and Trevor Nolan, all of Salem; parents, Marty and Karen Nolan of Salem; a brother, Daniel Nolan (Necole) of Salem; maternal grandfather, Terry Young of Salem; paternal grandmother, Juanita Nolan of Salem; aunts and uncles, Pat and Kristie Guess of Marion, Johnnie and Tina Young of Salem and Ted Nolan of North Carolina; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Judy Young; and paternal grandfather, William Nolan.

Services were Friday, Feb. 17 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial was at White's Chapel Cemetery.

Coleman

Douglas Wayne "Okey-Doke" Coleman, 63, of Marion died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017 at his home.

He was a coal miner, member of UMW Local #1793 and Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church.



Coleman is survived by his wife, Terry Coleman of Marion; daughters, Ginny Ginn of Princeton, Ashley "Niki" Coleman of Marion and Mackenzie Dixon of Calvert City; grandson, Nathan Faith; granddaughters, Hattie Jo Ginn, Maggie Ginn and Sophia Coleman; and a sister, Sandra Roberts of Princeton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde Justice and Juanita Utterback Coleman.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Shady Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospital Hospitality House of Nashville, 214 Reid Hurst Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203.

Most obituaries in The Crittenden Press are published at no charge. However, extended obituaries are available for a small fee. There is no charge for use of a photo. Please ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.

Hopkins

Marcella Rose Hopkins, 62, of Fredonia died Friday, Feb. 17, 2017 at Crittenden Hospital.

She was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Hopkins of Fredonia; children, Jessica Gonzalez of Chicago, Ill., Joseph Schrimsher of Marion, Jennifer Cosby of Paducah, Bill Schrimsher of Marion; and a step-son, Wade Hopkins of Fredonia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Demetrio "Jack" Gonzalez and Rose Harriet Gonsalez.

Services were Sunday, Feb.19, 2017 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

Butts

Robert "Robby" Butts, 28, of Marion died Monday, Feb. 20, 2017 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Fredonia and a lineman at the Hydro-Gear plan in Princeton.

Surviving are his wife Kody Butts; father, Chris Butts; mother, Rachel Vinson McGown; a daughter, Aaliyah Butts of Marion; two sons, Aiden Butts and Gohan Butts, both of Marion; and three sisters, Casara Cain of Marion, Jessica Rushing of Cerulean and Lauren Butts of Paducah.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Friday at the funeral home with Dr. Jerrell White and Rev. Presley Lamm officiating. Burial will follow at the Fredonia Cemetery in Fredonia.

Trooper Island accpeting apps

Applications are now being accepted for children wanting to attend Trooper Island Camp this summer. Trooper Island is a free summer camp for underprivileged boys and girls age 10-12 operated by the Kentucky State Police on Dale Hollow Lake in Clinton County. It is financed entirely by donations, no public funds are used.

Each year, the camp hosts approximately 700 children. The camp is for youth who otherwise would not be able to afford to attend a summer camp.

Applications are due May 1 and can found online at kentuckystatepolice.org or by calling (270) 433-5422.

Workplace labor posters available free

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet reminds all employers that it provides, at no charge, posters summarizing Kentucky's wage and hour, wage discrimination, child labor, and occupational safety and health laws. Employers are required by law to display posters of these laws in a conspicuous and accessible place on the premise where any person is employed. Employers must also post a notice about its workers' compensation insurance and certain information about the employee's rights under workers' compensation law.

Employers may print the Wage and Hour, Wage Discrimination, Child Labor Law, and Occupational Safety and Health posters from the Cabinet's website. They may also request preprinted posters by calling (502) 564-3070. Posters requested by phone will be mailed at no charge to the employer. The Workers' Compensation Notice may also be obtained online.

The Labor Cabinet's website also contains links to other posters required under Kentucky law, including those related to unemployment insurance and equal employment opportunities, which are under the jurisdiction of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, respectively.

Additional information is available online at labor.kentucky.gov.

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Jumpstarting Higher Education

Bigham Lodge #256 recently made a \$400 contribution to the Crittenden County School District's dual credit scholarship program. Last year, Crittenden County had 22 students take dual credit courses at CCHS and there are currently 47 students – 40 seniors and seven juniors – taking over 100 courses this academic yeaer. Through donations, the district has covered \$4,316 of the tuition costs for local students. The state is pitching in another \$14,352 so that college credit is affordable for high school students getting a jumpstart on higher education. Pictured are Donnie Orr and Josh Orr, representing the Bigham Lodge, making the donation to Superintendent Vince Clark. The superintendent expects this program to grow and he encourages donations from the community to the ROCKET Academy \$cholarship program.

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Kerry and Sandy Green

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MARION / CRITTENDEN COUNTY

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INVESTMENT PROPERTY......2 BR. 1 BA home in Marion. Nice size lot is 100 x 300. ob
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BRICK HOME......3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, LG den w/fireplace, kitchen w/breakfast area, all appliances stay, Master BR w/LG master BA & walk in closet. Study w/a 1/2 bath. Large attached 2 car garage, covered back porch overlooking yard & remaining acreage. Included w/the sale of this home is a shop building w/3 bays, large work area, front of building could be used for commercial/ Retail use, building according to PVA is over 3500 SF. Remaining acreage is wooded & is abundant w/ whitetail deer & wild turkey rh
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Calendar

— **Madisonville Community College** will have a representative at Crittenden County Public Library from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday (today).

— A **chili fundraiser** to benefit Crittenden County High School baseball will be held from noon to 2 p.m., Sunday at Marion United Methodist Church basement. Dine in or carry out for a suggested donation of \$5 per plate including chili, sandwich or hotdog and dessert.

— The **Crittenden County Middle School SBDM** will meet at 3:15 p.m. Monday in the principal's office.

— The Woman's Club of Marion Annual Meeting and Membership Luncheon will be at 11 a.m., March 4 at the club building. Program will be presented by First District Governor Paula Robinson. Reservations for members and guests should be made to the calling committee by March 1. For information, call Nancy Hunt at (270) 704-0057.

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

— A **gardening workshop** will be held at 10:30 a.m. March 5 at the Crittenden County Public Library.

Extension events

— **Crochet 101** continues Saturday and again March 11 at the Crittenden County Extension annex, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Participants will learn to make a scarf, and should bring a skein of worsted weight yarn and a K crochet hook. The class is open to both adults and children ages 9 and up. To register, call (270) 965-5236 or email rebecca.zahrte.uky.edu.

— **Quilt Club** is open to anyone interested in quilting beginner to advance. The club will meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday at the Crittenden County Extension Office. Projects and ideas are welcome!

— **4-H Jr. Beekeepers** will meet at 5:30 p.m., Monday at the Crittenden County Extension Office.

— Would you like to learn more about the **Mediterranean Diet** and why it is a healthful choice? Join us for an informative session at 10 a.m., March 1, at the Extension Office.

Senior Menu

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

— Thursday (today): Menu is pulled pork with pork gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cornbread and tropical fruit. A blood pressure clinic conducted by Lifeline Home Health will begin at 10:30 a.m.

— Friday: Menu is beef chili with beans, pimiento cheese on wheat bread and mandarin oranges. Bingo with Penny from Humana begins at 10:30 a.m. Birthday cake will be served to celebrate February birthdays.

— Monday: Menu is chicken alfredo, buttered spinach, mandarin oranges, garlic breadsticks and margarine. Ladies' exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Tax preparation available by appointment.

— Tuesday: Menu is green pepper casserole, buttered new potatoes, tropical fruit and whole wheat roll.

— March 1: Menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll and banana pudding. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

Penning a tale

Talents of an interesting life emerge during Marion visit

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

It's not uncommon for an out-of-towner to walk into the newspaper office for information. Most times they need help finding an address or a phone number. In the off-season, it's also common for folks to walk across the street to our office when they find the historical museum closed for winter.

Monday morning was one of those cases. An older gentleman and a young man entered together around 10 a.m., searching for a couple of names and phone numbers. Thankfully, intermingled in his explanation of his visit and my attempt to locate phone numbers were details that resonated with me after he walked out the door.

One of the first things I learned about Bill Lilly was that his grandson Todd had arranged to bring him to Marion as a gift for his 90th birthday Sunday. Lilly grew up in Marion a preacher's son and lived behind Fohs Hall.

I'd known the names "Preacher Lilly" and the "Lilly House." Todd stood quietly, letting his grandfather do most of the talking.

Lilly asked for the spelling of my name, which he scrawled roughly – not necessarily sloppily, but in 90-year-old handwriting – on a piece of paper because he said he was going to mail me something with my name written on it.

OK, I thought, as he said something about his script writing as I was thumbing through the phone book trying to help arrange a visit to the Lilly House and the Ambassadors for Christ Church next to the library. During this time, I got his second request – a pair of scissors. First pair I produced was too large, but the second pair was perfect, he said. A few more details about him and his family were coming to light as he twisted and turned the scissors and ultimately handed me a perfect silhouette of a little boy with hair sticking up in front and back. Looked like something you'd buy on the internet or see sketched at a big city street fair. I couldn't have drawn that, much less cut it out in 60 seconds if I'd worked at it for hours.

Wow. This fella is something else, I thought.

He thanked me for the phone numbers and the arrangement I'd made for him to meet Kathy Penn Belt at the Ambassadors for Christ building where he spent Sunday mornings with his father, J.C. Lilly, in the pulpit.

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The visit William A. "Bill" Lilly and his grandson Todd Ward made to Marion Monday revealed an interesting story almost left untold.

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I couldn't let this fella go. I at least needed to get a picture of Bill Lilly, I thought. He is a Press subscriber, he had told me, and it would make a neat photo of him touring the church with his grandson who so graciously had arranged this trip.

It was his spunk, his mention of elaborate writing and the heartwarming gift of a trip to Marion that made me grab my camera and find them across the court square. Bill Lilly's story was one I wanted to know more about.

As we waited outside the church on an unusually warm February Monday, I asked him again about the fancy handwriting he had referred to at the office.

Turns out he taught a script writing class at Ohio

State after retiring from International Harvester.

"It is called engrossing, it is like calligraphy only a level above," Lilly explained. "I have envelopes I've mailed people that are collectors' items."

Interesting, I thought, still not understanding the magnitude of his craft.

When he was 24 years old, he turned down an offer to be a penman at the White House because he was afraid he wouldn't make enough money. Oh, and he only stopped roller blading two years ago but he still bikes. I could tell he had spunk, but this took that theory to a new level.

Lilly left Marion in 1951 and hadn't been back. His father preached at First Baptist Church in Marion from 1926 to 1966, and the younger Lilly had built a model of the Marion church for his grandson, who, as a result, recognized the exterior of the building in a snap. Lilly walked around admiring the stained glass windows, noting a few missing pews, pointing out where he sat as a child and explaining the changes to the pulpit before reminiscing over a list of names like Gleaford Rankin, Bob Wheeler and Minos Cox – names I've known most of my life.

Lilly's grandson Todd, a producer at WKYT in Lexington, listened as they peeked inside the pastor's study, and I hung back thinking how exciting it must have been to have seen his grandfather re-tell so many memories on his 90th birthday trip.

But back to his craft. Lilly earned a gold seal in flourish script from Zanerian College at Columbus, Ohio. His professors are the ones who told the White House about him.

"They used to call me the master of masters," said Lilly, who has taught workshops from New York to Los Angeles as well as hosted visitors from Japan and



Canada who wanted to learn more about engrosser's script from the master.

Google him, and you'll find his work on numerous websites, blogs, discussion forums and Pinterest.

Here's a description I found on paperinkarts.com where a DVD explaining his craft is sold.

"Study with master penman Bill Lilly, a member of the last graduating class of the Columbus Zanerian School of Penmanship in the 1950s. His outstanding work earned the rare status of having two gold certificates, one in script, the other in lettering. In its history, the school gave out only a handful of double certificates. In this video, Bill demonstrates Engrosser's Script (sometimes called Copperplate, Engraver's Script, or Round-hand). Upper and lower case letters, numbers, and punctuation marks are all analyzed and demonstrated, and flourished script is also included."

Never the art student, my knowledge of calligraphy stopped with being able to spell it on second try and to know that it was fancy penmanship I'd never so much as attempted.

But boy, will I be anxiously checking the mail to see my name carefully depicted in elaborate lines in keepsake form!

Lilly's visit was a bright spot on an ordinary Monday. It's an example of what makes small town journalism a joy.

I'm so glad he stopped in, so happy for him that his grandson planned this trip and so thankful I didn't ignore my impulse and let an opportunity get away to share a brief snippet of Bill Lilly's life.

He's an amazing fella, though he says. "You've seen me. Now you know I'm just a dried up little dude."

Kentucky colleges release dean's lists

Several colleges and universities have released dean's lists for the fall 2016 semester.

WKU
These Western Kentucky University students were named to the Dean's and President's List.

Students making the Dean's List have a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.79 in a 4.0 scale. Students on the President's List have GPAs of 3.8 to 4.0 and are indicated by an asterisk (*). To be eligible for the either list, students must have at least 12 hours of coursework

that semester.

President's list
Lauren R. Beavers of Marion; and Victoria A. Taylor of Salem.

Dean's list
Anna L. Schnittker of Salem; Samantha R. Tabor of Salem

MSU
Murray State University Dean's List recipients include:

Marion
Melia Lauren Cappello, Luke Logan Dennis, Caitlin Alyssa Dunbar, Taylor Rene Fritts, Ethan Thomas Hill, Elle Martine LaPlante, Cody

Pinson, Sabrina Lynn Stokes, Shannon Sha-rhea Stoltzburg, Adam Tristan Watson, Abby Whitney, Sallie Lynn Williams and Jayden Michael Willis.

Salem
Alivia Marie Curnel
Smithland

Madison Joann Cullipher, Breanna Danielle Lowranc, Colton James McGrew, Travis Kyle Stom and Jamie Zaim.

Burna
Emma Lorene Rushing
Fredonia

John Reid Baker, Elizabeth Anne Brown, Micayla

Ashton Faughn, Caitlin Elizabeth Sherrell and Sara Keatan Sherrell.

MCC
Crittenden County students earning recognition on the dean's list at Madisonville Community College are: Stephanie Cates, Laiken Chambliss, Michelle Davidson, Ashley Hildebrand and Dustin Perry. Livingston County residents include: Jamie Pryor.

UofL
Arry Schofield of Marion was named to the fall 2016 dean's list at the University of Louisville.

Travis among cheer champs

Kali Travis, a 2016 graduate of Crittenden County High School and University of Louisville cheerleader, was a member of a championship cheer team in Atlanta last weekend.

The team Travis competes with is G y m T y m e Jade, not affiliated with the UofL but comprised of mostly UofL cheerleaders. The win in the small international co-ed division gives the team a bid to world competition in late April. The routine combines extreme tumbling and stunts by about two dozen cheerleaders.

Before world competition, however, Travis will compete with the UofL cheerleaders at national competition in Daytona in early April.

Travis is the daughter of Cindy and Davy Travis of Marion.



Travis

Main Street programs put \$109M in towns

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Main Street Program (KyMS) invested \$109.74 million in their downtown districts last year, according to Kentucky Main Street.

The cumulative investment from the 39 participating communities, which includes Marion, represents \$75.07 million in private investment and \$30.92 million in public improvements. The total was up significantly from the \$76 million reported in 2015 by the 44 participating communities.

Susan Alexander doubles as Marion's Main Street Director and Chamber of Commerce Executive Secretary.

Administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic

Preservation Office, Kentucky Main Street is the oldest statewide downtown economic revitalization program in the nation, according to the National Main Street Center. KyMS can document more than \$3.9 billion of public-private investment throughout the Commonwealth.

Twenty-nine communities, including Princeton, have achieved accreditation for 2017 as certified by both Kentucky Main Street and the National Main Street Center. Marion and nine other cities have earned Affiliate status, meeting at least half of the 10 accreditation standards.

Annual reinvestment statistics are collected from all participating Accredited, Affiliate and Network communities.

"The economic and community impact of the Kentucky Main Street Program has been particularly dramatic in rural and small towns across the Common-

wealth," said Regina Stivers, Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet of Tourism, Arts and Heritage. "By helping preserve historic resources unique to each community, focusing on small businesses, and creating a halo effect that encourages additional investment, the program supports the cabinet's mission of improving quality of life and enhancing opportunities for heritage tourism."

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GIRLS CRAVE MORE FRUIT

Unsatisifed, Lady Rockets want district crown

STAFF REPORT

In a season when so much has already been accomplished, it's difficult to comprehend the inner craving that still exists among the Lady Rocket basketball team.

Coach Shannon Hodge has been at the helm of this program for 24 years and she's watched hundreds of girls come and go, but there has never been a group that collected 24 wins in a season or won a game at the Class A state tournament level like this one.

Still, there's more to be done, Hodge insists. "This group's goal has always been to win the district championship. We've completed a huge hurdle and are one step closer to that," said Hodge whose team plays Lyon County at 7 p.m., Thursday at Cadiz for an opportunity to cut down the nets.

Although there is indeed finer fruit remaining on the vine – such as the district title and perhaps a regional championship – the low-hanging rewards are gone and it only gets tougher after Monday's resounding 60-31 victory over Livingston Central. Yet, Coach Hodge says the onus is on Lyon, not her Rocket girls. "They're the ones that have won it the last

couple of times so I don't feel like the pressure is on us," she explained.

The Lady Lyons (19-9) easily beat host Trigg County (6-20) in Monday's other opener. Lyon has beaten the Rockets the past two Februaries in the district title match.

Lyon's run of success has been quite substantial. Their girls have been runnerup or champion every year since 2009. The last time Lyon didn't earn a berth to the regional tournament was when Crittenden beat the Lyons in the opening round of the tournament eight years ago.

The Lady Rockets took care of business early against Livingston Central on Monday. A couple of weeks ago, Livingston had shot lights out and took Crittenden to the final bell in a regular-season matchup.

"We shot well, moved the ball, got some good looks in transition, defended well, went to the boards well and stayed focused on all the things we had to do," Hodge said about the opening-round trashing of the Lady Cardinals.

The coach singled out the play of everyone that stepped onto the floor, detailing what they brought to the victory. As testified by the coach,

Crittenden played a near flawless game. The girls shot 59 percent from the floor, hardly made a turnover and allowed just one offensive rebound in the first half as Crittenden took command. The Lady Rockets held Livingston 18 points below its average. The Cardinals' leading scorer, Tabby Padon, got 14, but that, too, was below her average.

"We played an all-around pretty good game," Hodge said.

For Crittenden, Cassidy Moss grabbed 13 rebounds and scored 16 points, moving to within 22 points of tying the school's all-time leading scorer. A couple of weeks ago, she became the girls' all-time scoring leader, now she's closing in on former Rocket star Tim Hill's 12-year-old record of 1,822 career points. Moss has 1,800.

Junior Madison Champion scored 16 points for Crittenden in the tournament win. And, she had five rebounds and a half dozen assists. Senior Amanda Lynch had one of her best outings of the season, touching in 10 points and playing well on both ends of the floor.

Crittenden has already qualified for next week's Second Region Tournament at Hopkins Central.



At Trigg County

GIRLS TOURNAMENT

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Lyon County 45, Trigg County 23
Crittenden 60, Livingston Central 31

THURSDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Crittenden Co. vs. Lyon County, 7pm

BOYS TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Lyon County 57, Trigg County 51
Livingston 50, Crittenden Co. 45

FRIDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Lyon Co. vs. Livingston Central, 7pm

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Hunting seasons

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Bobcat	Nov. 26 - Feb. 28
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Goose Conservation	Feb. 16 - March 31
Youth Wild Turkey	April 1-2
Spring Wild Turkey	April 15 - May 7
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

SOCCER

Youth league registration

Crittenden Youth Soccer Association will have a registration day for the upcoming spring season. Players may sign up at Dairy from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday. Registration forms are available at Double Take Salon at Darben Plaza on Sturgis Road in Marion. The registration form is also available online at The-Press.com or at this URL: www.the-press.com/Soccer-Form17.pdf.

Striker Soccer tryouts

Pennyrile Valley Strikers soccer program will have spring team tryouts Saturday. Children born in 2007, 2008 and 2009 are eligible to try out. The skills assessment will be from 10-11 a.m. at the Caldwell Soccer Association fields on Old Madisonville Road in Princeton. Register at the table located at the top of the fields.

BASEBALL

Youth league registration

Youth baseball, softball and kickball registration is now underway. The recreational summer league will have skills assessment from 10 a.m., until noon on Saturday, March 4 at the Crittenden County Middle School gym. There has been a slight fee increase this year. One child is now \$40 for baseball or softball. Kickball fee is \$25 and it is for boys and girls ages 4-5. There are leagues availalbe for boys and girls age 4 to 15. Babe Ruth registration fee for ages 13-15 is \$50. Teams 6-under play only in Marion. Those in older divisions will play at Marion, Dawson Springs, Princeton, Eddyville and maybe Cadiz. For more information or a registration form, go online to The-Press.com or use the following URL: www.the-press.com/2017DCReg-Form.pdf. The Crittenden County Dugout Club, which organizes summer diamond sports leagues, is also on Facebook.

RECREATION

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FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

GIRLS' GAME SUMMARY

Crittenden 60, Livingston 31

Livingston Central 7 9 20 31
Crittenden County 15 30 46 60
LIVINGSTON - Padon 14, Campbell 7, Williams, Adams 2, Stafford, A.Campbell, Tolley, Conner, Davidson 2, Wright, Wring 6, Donway. FG 12-43. 3-pointers 2-13 (Padon, Campbell). FT 5-9. Fouls 11. Assists 3 (Stafford 2). Rebounds 20 (Padon 5).
CRITTENDEN - Moss 16, Collins 9, Lynch 10, Champion 16, Nesbitt 2, Eavns, Woodward 3, Ch.Moss 2, Long 2, Summers. FG 26-44. 3-pointers 2-4 (Moss). FT 6-7. Fouls 8. Assists 14 (Champion 6). Rebounds 33 (Moss 12).

Crittenden County girls have earned a berth in next week's Second Region Tournament at Hopkins Central

More, More, More

Crittenden County's girls seek more success, including a district crown this week. On Monday, they dispatched Livingston in the Fifth District opener. At far left is Cassidy Moss defending against a pass to Livingston's Chaney Adams (11). At top left is Lady Rocket Madison Champion defending Livingston's Hailey Stafford (12), and at left bottom, Coach Shannon Hodge looks for a little more from her team.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS EVANS

Towery gets 20 in loss

STAFF REPORT

Sophomore Sawyer Towery was the last guy left in the Rocket locker room after Crittenden County lost its opening round Fifth District Tournament matchup 50-45 to Livingston Central Tuesday at Cadiz.

Towery couldn't let go. He wanted it mostly for his teammates – the seniors – Will Tolley and Bobby Stephens.

"I didn't want it to end for them," he said with a crack of emotion.

Towery did just about all he could, scoring 20 points, including 4-of-9 shooting from three-point range. He scored eight in the second and nine in the third period as the Rockets dug their way out of an early deficit. Livingston (18-13) had led by 10 in the first quarter, but Crittenden got hot in the second frame and connected of four treys.

It was tied at halftime and the Rockets led by as many as three points in the last half. With 4:20 to go, it was tied for the last time at 41.

"I felt the offense flowing through me," Towery said, but in the end it was ball security that hurt Crittenden. A couple of key turnovers down the stretch were costly and the Rockets ended their season with a disappointing 7-24 record despite playing a number of highly contested games, including an overtime loss to the same Livingston team just 10 days before the tournament showdown.

Livingston got a big performance from junior Cameron Dean. He scored 18 and sophomore point guard Cameron Dean had nine. The Cardinals do not have a senior on the roster.

Livingston will face Lyon (16-12) in Friday's district title game. The top-seeded Lyons narrowly escaped with an opening-round, six-point win over tournament host and 4th-seeded Trigg County (8-19).



Rocket senior Will Tolley heads up court with the ball as Livingston's Cameron Dean and CCHS teammate Sawyer Towery are on his heels.

FIFTH DISTRICT OPENING ROUND Livingston Central 50, Crittenden Co. 45

Crittenden County 5 21 37 45
Livingston Central 15 21 36 50
CRITTENDEN - Stephens 5, Towery 20, Tolley 7, Dickerson 7, Belt 4, Steele, Boone, Turley 2. FG 16-50. 3-pointers 8-21 (Towery 4, Stephens, Tolley, Belt, Dickerson). FT 5-8. Fouls 18. Assists 9 (Stephens 3). Rebounds 26 (Tolley 5).
LIVINGSTON - Sherer 7, Hosick 3, Ringstaff 6, Dean 18, Head 9, Eabout 1, Stein 2, Kitchens 4. FG 16-36. 3-pointers 4-13 (Sherer, Ringstaff, Head 2). FT 14-22. Fouls 14. Assists 10 (Sherer 3, Head 3). Rebounds 34 (Hosick 10).

Crittenden splits with Campbell to close out regular season

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's basketball teams closed out their regular season on Friday with a home double-header along with Senior Night festivities against Fort Campbell.

The Lady Rockets jumped out to a 10-0 lead and never looked back as senior Kiana Nesbitt scored a career high 18 points and finished with a double-double. She had 12 rebounds.

"This girl closed it out right," coach Shannon Hodge said, pointing to Nesbitt, a four-year starter for the girls.

Crittenden senior Cassidy Moss scored 19 to lead the offensive effort. She had 15 at halftime. Moss is the girls' all-time leading scorer.

Fort Campbell is winless in 25 games this season. Meanwhile, Crittenden used the Lady Falcons for its record-setting 23rd victory of the season. No other girls' team in CCHS history has won more than 21 games. The Lady Rockets finished the regular season 23-7.

"I have said for a long time this is a special group and I am so proud to see them get to this point and accomplish great things," coach Hodge said.

The team includes four seniors, Moss, Nesbitt, Meredith Evans and Amanda Lynch.

The boys didn't make out as well against Fort Campbell as the Falcons raced ahead 13-6 out of the chute. Despite making it close early

in the second half, Crittenden could never find its rhythm against the team with the worst record in the region. Fort Campbell is 4-23. Crittenden County finished the regular season 7-23 after starting the year 2-0.

The Rockets have two seniors on the team – guards Bobby Stephens and Will Tolley. Coach Denis Hodge praised their leadership and play this season.

The Rockets closed the season losing 13 of their last 14 games.

GIRLS

Crittenden 56, Ft. Campbell 30

Fort Campbell 8 17 23 30
Crittenden County 20 36 54 56
FORT CAMPBELL - Dugger, McLaughlin 9,

Blaszkowski 4, Sibert 14, Smart, Clayton, Evans 3. FG 11. 3-pointers 2 (McLaughlin, Blaszkowski). FT 8-15. Fouls 12.
CRITTENDEN - Moss 19, Lynch 4, Collins 5, Champion 5, Nesbitt 18, Evans 2, Woodward 1, Long 2, Summers, Ch.Moss. FG 23. 3-pointers 2 (Moss, Collins). FT 8-10. Fouls 11.

BOYS

Ft. Campbell 67, Crittenden 59

Fort Campbell 13 28 50 67
Crittenden County 6 23 42 59
FORT CAMPBELL - Moon 15, Buchanan 10, Roberts 7, Duff 8, Mayfield 8, Johnson 8, Rodriguez 11. FG 24. 3-pointers 6 (Moon 2, Duff 2, Mayfield 2). FT 13-22. Fouls 21.
CRITTENDEN - Stephens 6, Tolley 10, Dickerson 18, Turley, Belt 12, Boone 10, Steele, Towery 3, Nesbitt. FG 21. 3-pointers 2 (Belt, Tower). FT 15-22. Fouls 20.

Alexander a four-star recruit for Calipari

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander is the only player in Kentucky's 2017 recruiting class who is not a five-star recruit. The Hamilton Heights (Chattanooga, Tenn.) point guard is a four-star, but ESPN national recruiting director Paul Biancardi is a fan and thinks he will do well at Kentucky.

"I love him because he is steady. He is a solid, consistent player," said Biancardi. "He's a strong athlete, a good open shooter. He does a great job creating shots for others. He's not an overwhelming athlete, but he's good enough because he thinks the game. He understands the game, which is huge. He is not blazing fast, but he's fast enough."

"I think he and Quade (Green) will make a tremendous backcourt. It won't be John Wall and Eric Bledsoe or Malik Monk and De'Aaron Fox, but they will complement each other and play well together. He's the type of guy you will see at Kentucky for a period of time and it would not surprise me to see him end up an NBA draft pick."

"He can lead the team in assists. I like that he can see over traps, over the defense. He can see around defenders and he will shoot it and make shots. He's going to be a very good player for Kentucky and John Calipari."

Biancardi says Green has gone from a stocky, scoring guard in Philadelphia when he was younger to a true point guard who is one of the best passers in the country.

"He understands not only how to deliver passes, but how to use his dribble to make passing angles work," Biancardi said. "His nature was to be a scoring guard. His size made him a point guard. He changed his game the last two years and thought about assists and running his team."

"He did a good job making that radical change but his DNA is to score and his mentality is to put the ball in the basket. He can shoot it. He has to use a pull-up jumper because he has to be careful going to the rim because he is small."

"He is a high level competitor. He understands how to take care of teammates first. He is great to be around, loves the game and really helps a team win. He is a great character guy and

him and Alexander should play well together."



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist

Vaught's Views

P.J. Washington

Kentucky signee P.J. Washington of Findlay Prep likes the 2017 recruiting class that he's part of but he believes there is more to come as he continues to recruit Mohamed Bamba and Kevin Knox, two of the nation's top 10 players in the recruiting class.

"I feel like we are close to getting them. I am working on it," Washington said last week during the Kentucky

Lake Showcase in Marshall County.

Knox visited Kentucky when the Cats lost to Kansas, the same weekend Washington was also on campus for an unofficial visit.

"I felt like he liked it. He is talking like he really liked it. I feel like we are in a higher place (with him) than these other schools and we will get him," Washington said.

Some have speculated that Washington and Jarred Vanderbilt, another signee, are similar players to Knox and there might not be enough playing time for all three.

"I am not even worried about that right now," Washington said. "I know we are going to play together great. Coach Cal will find the right system for all of us to do great things on the court."

What does he like best about Bamba?

"Just his wingspan. He blocks everything, rebounds everything. I have been talking to him and trying to get him to UK. Texting, calling, all of it. I want him with us," Washington said.

But how many five-star players can one team sign in one year?

"I don't know, but we are trying to get them all," Washington said.

Makayla Epps

Makayla Epps will play her final game in Memorial Coliseum Thursday when Kentucky hosts Mississippi State. She could play again in Lexington if UK makes the Sweet 16 since Rupp Arena will be a host site for one NCAA Regional.

Epps has had an illustrious career. Her 1,664 points rank fifth in UK history and her 389 assists rank eighth all-time.

She has been able to take sophomores Maci Morris and Taylor Murray basically

under her wing for two years. Next year they won't have her with them for the first time.

"They are my babies. I love those kids so much. They have so much potential and I don't even think they realize it yet," Epps said. "When Maci went for 29 against Arizona State early this year, I think it finally clicked that that is what you are capable of doing. Ten points, 11 here is good, but you are capable of going off for 29 if that is what you really want to do."

"Same for Taylor Murray. I think the freshman year they gained a lot of experience that helped them. This year they are both starters and now they are getting more experience. When I leave, they will be fine. They will be juniors and veterans and leaders of the team and I will be able to say that hopefully I had a small part in how they lead this team the next two years."

Rare four-year seniors

Seniors Derek Willis and Dominique Hawkins are both rare four-year players under John Calipari, especially when one considers they were both Kentucky high school stars.

Their final home game was Tuesday when Kentucky hosted Vanderbilt for the traditional senior sendoff that also included Mychal Mulder, a two-year player.

Kentucky fans have certainly enjoyed watching Hawkins and Willis play despite the ups and downs both have had for various reasons. They have also enjoyed being at UK together.

"Derek has definitely been my best friend on this team for four years and playing with him has been unbelievable," Hawkins said. "We have both seen our bads and our goods while we have been here. Derek is a tremendous player and I love playing with him. It's going to be hard leaving him. It's just great to play with somebody like that."

"He's a great guy. He's kind of a little shy guy. You gotta get to know him, but he loves giving back to kids, going to hospitals and visiting them. People don't realize that about Derek, he's such a great guy."

Willis feels the same way about Hawkins. He calls him a "great" teammate, roommate and friend.

"He is one of the greatest kids I have ever met, and I don't really say that about a lot of people. Just a good dude," Willis said. "That will be one thing I will really miss when this is over. I will miss being around him and playing with him."

Their girlfriends never



PHOTO BY LARRY VAUGHT

Shai Alexander signs autographs for young Wildcats fans at the Marshall County Hoop Fest.

miss a home game and have seen what playing at UK means to both of them. They also hope UK fans understand how proud both players have been to be part of Kentucky's team.

"I hope the fans remember Dominique's passion and dedication. He loves this school and he loves this team," Emma Smith said. "He's worked so hard the past four years and it shows. You never hear anything negative about Dominique, and there's a reason for that."

"He is such a well-rounded man and it's obvious anywhere he goes. Whether he's in an interview, talking to a fan, or on the court, his passion is apparent. And not to mention that smile of his! I think everyone will remember how his smile and laugh can bring light to any room that he's in."

Willis' girlfriend, Keely Potts, normally wears a Kentucky jersey with his number and name to games. Smith and Potts are having special T-shirts made for the senior game with pictures of Hawkins and Willis together on them. Both girls also expect to cry during the pregame ceremony.

"I hope all Kentucky fans remember that he truly played the game for them," Potts said. "He values everything this program, the university, and these fans have to offer, and I hope they know how much this opportunity has meant to him."

Recruiting changes

Eastern Kentucky University athletics director Steve Lochmueller is a former UK basketball and football player. He still keeps an eye on the Wildcats and can only shake his head about the way recruiting has changed for high profile athletes.

"Back when we were recruited we thought it was crazy and hectic," Lochmueller said. "We did not have that level of basketball goes year round like it does now."

"Today these top players go through the same thing with the recruiting attention but it is year round, not just a few months a year. Some will debate whether players today are more talented but they are so, so talented."

"They have to deal with a lot of unique situations. They do not have a second away from anyone with social media like it is now. In my time, we would escape to someone's house and just watch TV to get away from campus. Now with social media, they can't do anything without somebody know and people can be very mean on social media."

Sydney McLaughlin

Kentucky signee Sydney McLaughlin continues to add to her incredible resume. She set an American high school record in the women's 300-meter hurdles of 36.82 seconds at the Artie O'Connor Invitational at The Armory in New York.

She had hoped to set the record a week earlier at the Millrose Games against a star-studded field that included Olympic gold medalists Shaunae Miller and Natasha Hastings.

"That got into my head a little bit and I really didn't run my race," McLaughlin, who signed with Kentucky in November, said. "This week I tried to get out and run my race and focus on all the points my coach taught me. From last week until now it was about building confidence. Coming into this race I wanted to mentally prepare myself that I could do this."

The New Jersey standout competed in the 400-meter hurdles at the 2016 Olympics in Rio and could be the highest profile freshman athlete at UK next season — with no offense to the UK football and basketball teams.

Jamin Davis

Jamin Davis wanted to enroll at UK in January to get an early start on his football workouts.

However, he also had another reason. "I wanted to get my feet wet when it comes to grades and make sure I have my education straight," said Davis, a linebacker from Georgia.

He plans to major in mechanical engineering, not exactly a typical major for an SEC football player.

Why mechanical engineering?

"That kind of stuff interests me. Math and things like that. I was always interested in doing advanced math," Davis said. "I always was a fan of airplanes and interested in aerospace and things like that."

He said keeping up academically had not been a problem so far. "If I need help I can run over to extra tutoring and spend time studying," he said.

Quote of the Week

"If I think you're playing timid in practice, I'm going to bury you. If you can't take me, how in the world are you going to go in these games and take the other team? I'm rooting for you. But I'm going to call you out," Kentucky coach John Calipari said about getting his team back into gear.

Quote of the Week 2

"It has sure brought me to my knees like nothing else ever had. I have been sick every day. It's the toughest thing I have ever faced, but I have got to do what I have to do," former Kentucky basketball player Larry Stamper on his battle with cancer.

Quote of the Week 3

"This has been one of the greatest years of my life from a professional standpoint and personal standpoint of learning some lessons that quite frankly I think I needed to learn to become my best coach," Kentucky women's coach Matthew Mitchell on this season.

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



SUBMITTED PHOTO

For seven months now, Larry and Anita Mosley have been operating and re-organizing the former Harper's Auto Salvage on Ky. 70 near Fredonia. Now called Mosley Auto Salvage, the business has an online inventory catalog for customers to browse before visiting the Fredonia salvage yard.

Fredonia auto salvage offers inventory of its parts online

STAFF REPORT

Since last summer, Larry and Anita Mosley have been discovering some treasures and re-organizing for future growth since buying Harper's Auto Salvage just east of Fredonia on Ky. 70

"We found a couple of Ford Fairlanes and several Volkswagon 'Bugs,'" said Anita Mosley, whose husband has been in the auto salvage business for many years in DeKoven. The couple also travel the region with an auto crushing business.

The daily operations at the Fredonia location are managed by the couple's sons, Tyler and Luke, with their 15-year-old twin sons pitching in when they're not in school. Anita Mosley manages the accounting side of the business after she fin-

ishes her day job as a mail carrier in Morganfield. Larry Mosley oversees his sons at the Caldwell County location and plans to eventually give them total control of the business.

The Mosleys bought Harper Auto Salvage last June. The business sells new and used auto parts and buys all types of scrap, including non-ferrous items like copper wire and aluminum cans. It is one of the largest auto salvage yards in the region.

Since taking over in mid-2016, they have been re-organizing the yard of 4,000 vehicles. About a quarter of the oldest ones on the lot whose parts were deemed unsalvageable have been crushed and the yard rearranged.

"Luke is our inventory guy," Mosley said. "He's been inventorying every part out there and logging them in our online system."

"You can look online and see if we have used parts or you can search the national database."

Patrons are pointed in the right direction and can pull parts themselves, or the Mosley boys will do it for you.

"Our boys have seen this all their lives," Mosley said.

The family made several improvements to the property and offer a drive-through weigh area.

As clean-up continues, the yard will be organized into sections for particular vehicle makes.

To shop their inventory online, visit MosleyAutoSalvage.com.

Meacham Hams now closed

STAFF REPORT

After almost 85 years, family-owned and operated Meacham Hams in Sturgis has closed.

In 1932, William Meacham founded Meacham Country Hams to share his country hams with a wider audience. Meacham Hams has received many awards including Kentucky State Fair Champion, National Association of Meat Processors winners and they have been featured in many national publications. The business has remained in the family under the management of son Rodman Meacham and granddaughter Amanda Meacham Coy.

Rodman Meacham said Monday the company has no more inventory and is offi-

cially closed. The company had announced its intentions to close Feb. 12 on its Facebook page.

"The staff at Meacham Hams always tried to provide customers with a personal touch and a dose of warm southern hospitality," the Facebook post read. "The company has had a steady following of catalog customers and a strong Internet presence as well."

The Meacham family has been curing hams using a recipe handed down to William Meacham's grandmother, and until his death in 2008, he walked across the yard to the business on Onan Dyer Road make sure his

recipe was being followed," the social media post explained.



W. Meacham

Over the years, the store sold more than just smoked meats. Its bourbon balls, jams and chow chow relishes were also popular with customers. Its products were known nationwide.

"The staff at Meacham Hams wishes to express their sincere appreciation to their many customers for the support all these years," the Facebook post concluded. "Our staff looked forward to providing your holiday meats for many years and truly enjoyed talking with you about your family celebrations."



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Melissa Guill, Clerk
Crittenden District Court (1t-33-c)

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Fun with Family Fitness night

Nearly 200 people packed Crittenden County Elementary School for its annual Family Fitness Night last week. Fitness stations manned by various local agencies and businesses were set up in the multi-purpose room and throughout the building, giving participants a taste of various types of exercises and healthy snack options. Above, group fitness instructor and certified yoga instructor Serena Dickerson leads students in a short session designed to improve strength, flexibility and balance.

Council addresses myriad issues

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford has the city council off and running just two months into 2017. On Monday, council members took action on measures aimed at beautifying downtown, cleaning up neighborhoods, improving response to emergencies and planning for a better future. They also got their first look at a lean budget proposal for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The monthly meeting ended, though, with the resignation of long-time Mayor Mickey Alexander, who cited increased work commitments as his reason for stepping aside after almost 30 years. (See story on Page 1.)

A lengthy, detailed presentation on the need to upgrade the city-operated emergency 911 dispatch center ended with the council approving an annual \$10 payment to a Paducah-based company that will design a personalized computer-aided dispatch, or CAD, system. It will be designed to provide responders such as police and EMS immediate access to extensive information from their smartphones or other devices.

Sara Mink-Taylor, E-911 coordinator, conducted the presentation. She said CAD is an "essential tool" for dispatching and would allow police to pull up the floor plan of a building in the event of an active shooter or retrieve valuable background on a suspect, give EMTs confirmation of the location of an emergency call by showing an image of a home they may be responding to or allow firefighters to talk to one another through their phones rather than over the radio waves.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said the local dispatch center is the only one he knows of in the area that does not utilize CAD. The city handles all emergency dispatching for the county.

Marion would serve as a test bed, or guinea pig of sorts, for The Fire Horn Inc., which is hoping to break into the CAD business but already has almost a decade of experience in public safety information systems. They offered a miniscule \$10 annual contract in order to get a foot in the door with their first CAD customer. The Fire Horn President Preston Ursini says the city will act as an example to others of what the system is capable of.

According to Mink-Taylor, other CAD systems can cost from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

The city could back out of its partnership with The Fire Horn at anytime, and Ursini guaranteed the \$10 fee would not change as long as the two continued to partner.

O'Neal said the worst-case scenario for the city, should something go wrong, would be a return to the its current method of storing and trans-

mitting information.

"This is something we need to do," the police chief said.

Beautification

Council members explored two proposals aimed at beautifying and cleaning up the city. One would be coupled with a potential sidewalk improvement downtown.

Farmers Bank & Trust Co. has proposed to the city and county a plan to remove the telephone poles along their side of the 100 and 200 blocks of South Main Street and reroute the lines to the back side of the two blocks along Court Street. This would coincide with the bank's ongoing facelift. The plan would remove unsightly utility lines that obscure the view of the courthouse, bank and city hall, and the city would replace streetlights with the decorative lamps used on the other side of the street.

The bank has suggested the \$72,000 cost to relocate the AT&T and Mediacom lines – the poles do not support power lines – could be divided three ways between the city, county and themselves, costing each about \$25,000. The bank has agreed to finance the project and allow the city and county to pay their shares across five years.

"I agree it's unsightly and doesn't look good," said Councilwoman D'Anna Sallin, but I am more concerned about the run down homes across the city. "I hate to spend (money) on beautification when there are so many other needs."

Another concern is the added support the existing poles and lines give to the stoplights strung across the intersection of Main and Belleville streets. Alexander suggested that might be a great opportunity for the state to replace those lights with more attractive cantilevered signals.

The council agreed to move forward if the county OKs their share, and suggested the city's annual burden of about \$5,000 could be shared by Marion Tourism Commission. However, Crittenden Fiscal Court on Tuesday failed to approve their portion. It was uncertain at press time what the next step may be.

To coincide with the line relocation, but not tied to the project, the city has applied for aid from the federal Safe Routes to Schools program to lay new sidewalk from Elm Street along South Main Street to East Carlisle Street and back to the library. The city's only cost would be to take up the old sidewalk. With previous Safe Routes sidewalk installation, the city could boast a new pedestrian path from the library to the high and middle school campus through the federal program.

Abandoned mobile homes

Remaining on the topic of improving sightlines around town, Code Enforcement Offi-

cer Terri Hart asked the council to update the city's code of ordinances to outlaw abandoned and vacant manufactured homes. She said there are 249 single-wide mobile homes in the city, with a 50 of those currently vacant. Half of those are uninhabitable. She cited two that have been vacant and nuisances since 2011. In many cases, the homes are the responsibility of absentee owners.

"This is a major issue for us," she said.

Councilman Donnie Arflack is concerned about the cost to enforce such an ordinance, but Hart said the city owes it to residents who keep up their own properties.

"The issue is with the neighbors," she said. "They have to look at this."

"If I had to look at it, I would want something done," agreed Councilwoman Phyllis Sykes.

The council agreed to consider adding the ordinance.

Fire power

Fire Chief Ronald "Red" Howton asked the council for permission that would allow him to bid up to \$35,000 for an updated fire pumper without council approval. He said the department could make annual payments from state aid money received each year and would not have to tap into the city's general fund.

This would allow the chief to pursue the best offers to replace the oldest member of an aging fleet, a 1962 model with a bad motor and failing brake system. He is hoping to find a mid- to late 1990s model to join 1996 and 1977 model pumpers. It would allow Howton to move the 40-year-old truck to backup service.

Requiring council approval has cost the fire chief opportunities to bid on suitable trucks whose bidding period ended before the council could meet. Council members agreed to the importance and approved Howton's request.

This could help keep the city's fire rating down, which saves residents on their homeowner's policies. Howton said several years ago when the city's fire rating was lowered a level, each homeowner saved about \$40 annually on their policies. Another reduction could save even more.

Budget amendments

Two amendments to the current budget totaling \$8,000 were made to accommodate a promise and a need overlooked in former City Administrator Mark Bryant's spending plan.

The first change includes enough money to cover the city's pledge of \$7,000 to Marion-Crittenden County Park Board for the cost of updating its lighting system. Ledford said the current budget did not include enough to cover the council's previously approved promise to the board.

The other money is to keep

the city's membership in the Kentucky Rural Water Association. This \$1,000 is invaluable, Ledford explained, in that it allows for access to needed training for compliance purposes along with assistance from the association in meeting state and federal regulations. This annual funding has been absent from the current budget.

West Carlisle sewer line

A local plumber was awarded the contract to install a larger sewer line along West Carlisle Street to fulfill a decades-old promise and alleviate nagging problems with the wastewater system in that area.

M&G Services was the low bidder of six companies vying for the sanitary project. They offered a bid of \$55,000, while others ranged from \$75,000 to \$147,000.

Proposed budget

Council members got about a three-month jump on approving a new budget. Ledford offered the council a tentative \$3.24 million spending plan for 2017-18. In the past, the council had not seen the first draft of the budget until May.

"I wanted to get a preliminary budget in your hands so you could start thinking about it," Ledford said.

The proposal includes a wage freeze and slashes subsidies to outside groups like the food bank, but more money for planning and zoning and code enforcement to "put teeth into the process." It also proposes a 2-percent increase in water rates to keep up with the climbing cost of operating the utility.

The council has until June to approve a final budget.

Marion man dies in Princeton crash

STAFF REPORT

A man Marion died Monday afternoon in a single-vehicle automobile accident between Princeton and Fredonia on Ky. 91.

Kentucky State Police say Robert A. Butts, 28, was traveling south toward Princeton at about 1:45 p.m. when his 1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse left the roadway in a curve. The vehicle ran off the right side of the highway and continued down an embankment before crossing a railroad track,

causing his vehicle to become airborne. The vehicle then overturned and crashed into a tree.

The wreck happened about 2 miles north of Princeton.

Trooper Ben Sawyer is investigating the collision and was assisted on scene by Capt. Brent White, Lt. Brian Duvall, Trooper Brian Graves, Caldwell County Sheriff's Department, Caldwell County EMS, Caldwell County Coroner and Princeton Fire Department.

Distinguished Alumni nomination period open

STAFF REPORT

Local education leaders are looking for nominees for the 2017 class of Crittenden County Schools Distinguished Alumni Awards, which will be presented this fall. Both living and posthumous awards will be given.

Nominations may be made through April 15, and winners will be determined based on educational, professional and community service accomplishments. The five-member selection panel will announce the winners sometime this spring.

Anyone can make a nomination, but recipients of the award must have graduated from a Crittenden County high school. Applications can be obtained on the internet at the-press.com/

DistinguishedAlumni.pdf or may be picked up at the board of education's central office.

Any nominee not inducted will be considered by the committee for three years after the initial nomination is submitted. They will not need to be renominated until after that three years is up.

The school district has moved the induction ceremony from the day of graduation in May to the autumn in order to coincide with football homecoming. Because the threat of wintry weather keeps the date of graduation uncertain until late March when spring sets in, it was sometimes difficult to find candidates who could attend the induction ceremony on such short notice.

To download a PDF of the nomination form
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ILLNESS

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adding that they are seeing a lot of patients with COPD and those already affected by issues with compromised lungs.

No one at Family Practice Clinic in Marion was available to discuss the types of symptoms they have been treating.

Schools have been hit hard by illnesses. On Friday, Crittenden County school officials called off school for Monday due to a drop in attendance related to illness. Attendance was at 88 percent and trending lower, Superintendent Vince Clark said. Prior to last week, attendance had averaged 95 percent.

Clark said it was not just students fighting the bug. In fact, one factor in cancelling school was a rising number of teachers and staff calling in

sick. He said there just were not enough substitutes available to fill the holes.

Monday was a non-traditional instruction day, saving the school calendar by allowing students to work at home. Classes resumed Tuesday with 93 percent attendance.

In Livingston County, Superintendent Victor Zimmerman said January was a difficult month for attendance there, and February has provided some relief for students. But now, staff is struggling with the illness. School was already scheduled to be out Monday for Presidents' Day.

"The last several weeks have been challenging for our students and staff while we continue to monitor the effects of the illnesses that have been going around," he said.

Things are better, but "I don't think we're in the clear yet," he added.

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