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# Bill would lift non-profit sales tax

With a nod toward Kentucky history, the General Assembly convened Feb. 19 at what is now known as the Old State Capitol in order to commemorate Presidents' Day. This historic building was the third Capitol building in our rich history and was the Commonwealth's seat of government for 80 years until the present Capitol was occupied in 1910. The Old State Capitol, also known as the Old Statehouse, is where Kentucky's last two state constitutions were ratified by the Kentucky General Assembly and where Kentucky declared its neutrality at the start of the Civil War.

Some people believe that today's political climate is at a low point, and there are certainly wide differences of opinion at both the state and federal level, but history often puts things in perspective. One bit of history that I just discovered was that after a contentious gubernatorial election in 1899, the winner was ultimately decided by the General Assembly. Wilhelm Justus Goebel, the

Democratic candidate was shot on the grounds of the Old State Capitol on Jan. 30, 1900, and the legislature declared him the winner on Jan. 31. Goebel took the oath of office in bed and died from the gunshot wound on Feb. 3. We can all learn from history.

In legislative action, House Bill 158, legislation titled the Foster Child Bill of Rights, was brought before the House for deliberation. HB 158 would ensure that Kentucky children in foster care and other out-of-home placements have

their basic needs met. The list of rights includes the right to "adequate food, clothing, and shelter" and "a safe, secure and stable family." It would also require national and state background checks on child residential home and placement agency staff as required under a 2018 federal law. I was a co-sponsor of HB 158 and it passed the House. I voted Yes, and the bill was sent to the Senate.

HB 354 is a tax cleanup bill that addresses a court ruling as well as both unin-

tended consequences and Department of Finance misinterpretation of last year's tax overhaul legislation. Last year, the General Assembly took a major step forward by changing our tax code to move Kentucky in a consumption-based direction rather than being income-based. Major legislation such as tax reform often requires adjustments, and last year's tax code revisions prove the point, which is the reason HB 354 is needed this year.

Among other things, HB 354 would exempt all Kentucky nonprofits from collecting sales tax on admissions to their events. In addition, the bill exempts local governments from collecting sales tax on admission to government owned property such as a campground. HB 354 also raises the threshold for collecting sales tax on fundraisers from \$1,000 to \$10,000 annually. HB 354 passed the House with surprisingly little debate and now awaits Senate action. I was a co-sponsor of HB 354 and voted Yes.

Shortly after passing HB 354, another appropriation and revenue bill came to the House floor for debate. HB 268) is a measure that would provide additional funding to several state entities – including our state parks and

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universities. Once nationally recognized for their facilities and offerings, our parks have fallen into a state of disrepair. HB 268 would authorize a \$50 million investment in bond funds for improvements at Kentucky's state parks during the first phase of improvements while committing to an additional \$50 million for state park improvements in future budgets. The bill also provides

funding for programs at several of our public universities in areas such as advanced manufacturing and aging and dementia research. The bill also gives quasi-governmental agencies in the Kentucky Retirement System another year at the same employer contribution rate.

It is always difficult to balance government spending of taxpayer money – yours and mine – against the legitimate needs of the people for whom government represents. My basic philosophy is to tax less and spend less, but there are times when hard decisions must be made, and it is my job to help make these decisions. With that in mind, I voted Yes, and HB 268 passed the House. The Senate has received it.

I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181, directly at (502) 564-8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at LRC.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY 40601. *(Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, has represented House District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and portion of Christian counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly since 2013.)*

# Ky. age of consent laws tighten

In a country that has become overtly liberal when defining marriage, it's odd that Kentucky and other states are tightening the screws when it comes to regulating the age of marriage and consent.

Do you realize that in the past year, it has become illegal for anyone under age 18 to get married?

I know that years ago, young couples from Marion and the surrounding area beat a path to Shawneetown, Ill., to get hitched because laws across the river didn't require late teens to have parental consent.

For decades, Kentucky law required mom and dad to sign a form giving their underage children permission to marry. The couples, at one time, needed to also submit to a blood test to make sure there were no STDs.

Oh, and it goes further if you snorkel a little deeper into history. In the 1800s, the Comstock

Laws prohibited the use of contraceptives for married couples.

True story.

I am not sure who was out there enforcing this, but can you imagine a policeman showing up and demanding to see what's in your night stand?

Fortunately, most states didn't attempt to enforce such federal laws, and in 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court intervened and made sure the government left the bedroom.

Laws attempting to govern morality are often misled by good intentions. Like Will Rogers said about Prohibition: "It's a great idea, it just won't work."

Last summer, a conservative-led movement in the legislature tweaked Kentucky laws that prohibit anyone under the age of 18 from getting married. It makes no difference if your parents want you out of the house or not, they have no dog in the race. Parents can no longer give con-

sent, only judges can do that. In particular, only district court or family court judges have the power to give underage teens the right to marry. The most common reason a court will allow it is because of pregnancy.

Something else that young men – and women for that matter – need to know is that the age of consent has also changed. For many years, the age of consent in Kentucky was 16.

Lawmakers saw fit to amend that a bit a few years ago when teachers and others in authority were abusing their powers and having relationships with juniors and seniors in high school. Last year, the law was tightened up even more.

Now, anyone 10 years older than a 16- or 17-year-old "victim" can be charged with statutory rape, even if the "alleged victim" has given consent. So, for all you paying attention, the effective age of consent is now 18, unless there are other factors at play such as those associated with the statute that protects students from teachers or others in roles subject to the broader law.



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# Rates for dumping at garbage center adjusted

STAFF REPORT

Rates for dumping at the county's trash collection site have been adjusted for more consistent pricing for large loads, with prices for most individual items left unchanged.

Magistrates approved the new rates for Marion Convenience Center at last Thursday's meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom presented the restructured pricing in the hope of simplifying charges for truck and trailer loads.

"The pricing left too much leeway for subjective pricing," Newcom said.

For years, there have been separate dumping rates at the collection center just east of Marion for big loads based on the size of the vehicle or trailer. Those rates included specific prices for pickups "with sides" and dump trucks based on the number of axels.

The judge-executive said the fee schedule did not specify the height of sideboards, which could be 12 inches or 6 feet. People often complained of inconsistent pricing, he said. The new rates will be more objective, charging per cubic foot – measuring width, depth and height of the load.

"This will allow us to

## New convenience center rates, details

Rates	
1 bag .....	\$2.00
2 bags .....	\$3.00
3-5 bags .....	\$5.00
6-9 bags .....	\$10.00
Cans, barrels .....	\$7.00
Household trash load (per cubic foot) .....	\$0.30
Construction debris load (per cubic foot) .....	\$0.50
Combination load (per cubic foot) .....	\$0.45
Asphalt roofing load (per cubic foot) .....	\$1.00
Recliners/chairs (each) .....	\$8.00
Sofa/love seat (each) .....	\$12.00
Bedding (each) .....	\$15.00

Availability	
Marion Convenience Center is open to Crittenden County residents from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Saturday. The center is closed Sunday.	

Location, contact	
Located at 1901 U.S. 60 E., Marion, Ky. You may call the convenience center at (270) 965-0892.	

Recycling	
Bins are available for paper, cardboard, glass, steel/aluminum and plastics Nos. 1 and 2. Electronics may be recycled, but there is a small fee for disposal. There is also a mobile recycling bin that rotates to communities in the county.	

Brush	
The county's brush dump on Bridwell Loop is accessible 24/7, but dumping is restricted to natural materials only.	

bill according to size rather than vague description," Newcom said.

Four separate rates have been established for the content of measured loads. A truck bed full of household garbage will be charged 30 cents per cubic foot, while con-

struction debris will cost 50 cents per cubic foot. Mixed loads will be 45 cents per cubic foot.

Asphalt roofing will be billed higher at \$1 per cubic foot. It had been charged anywhere from \$100 to \$150 per load, leaving a wide range for

inconsistent pricing.

The new way of charging will also better ensure the county is charging enough to cover its own expenses to WCA, the solid waste company that provides and empties the large dumpsters at the convenience center. The large dumpsters provided by WCA hold about 5 tons of materials, and the private company charges dumping fees based on tonnage.

Pricing to cover the county's costs should become even more accurate in the near future with the installation of a scale at the convenience center. Newcom said the county has applied for a grant to purchase the scale, which would be used to weigh truck and trailer loads of refuse.

"Once that gets put in, we will know exactly what to charge," Newcom said, adding that the grant has "pretty much" been guaranteed.

### Recyclables

There is no cost to dump standard recyclables at the convenience center. Bins are available for paper, cardboard, glass, steel/aluminum and plastics Nos. 1 and 2. Electronics may be recycled, but there is a small fee for disposal. There is also a mobile

recycling trailer that rotates between several communities in the county for a week at a time. Contact the judge-executive's office at (270) 965-5251 to find out the scheduled locations.

Recyclable materials earn the county money that is used to cover operational costs at the convenience center. The funds come back from the profits made off the sale of materials by West Kentucky Regional Recycling Corp., a multi-county partnership that collects recyclables from Crittenden County, four other counties, Land Between the Lakes, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the West Kentucky Correctional Complex.

### Operations

Marion Convenience Center is located at 1901 U.S. 60 East on the same property as the animal shelter and county road department. It is open 8 a.m. to 3:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Saturday. It is closed Sunday's and most holidays.

The center is no longer operated by Crittenden County Convenience Center, though Class D inmates from the facility are used to help empty trash and recyclables for

than this would be of valuable use to me in my report. I am asking readers to help me find information.

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Thank you from Pennsylvania.

**Jayden Kayne**  
Greenville, Pa.

residents dumping at the site.

In fact, a new position in county government has been created to oversee the convenience center operations. Jason Singleton has been hired as the ancillary services supervisor. He will be over the dump site and eventually be in charge of the fees associated with Crittenden County Animal Shelter. The position will also eventually take over the role of county solid waste coordinator.

"Getting down to one person will actually save money over spreading out those jobs to several people," Newcom said.

### Dumpster diving axed

Dumpster diving has been prohibited at the convenience center. Newcom said people would sometimes sift through the dumpsters looking for items disposed of that may still have a use. He admits people will on occasion dump materials that are still perfectly good, but added the county cannot take on the risk of someone getting hurt climbing through garbage.

"I didn't think we needed that responsibility, and it will be prohibited," he said. "From a liability standpoint, that is more than what we needed."





Student trash sculptors were awarded \$810 last week in the annual West Kentucky Regional Recycling Corp. contest. At top left are the home-school division winners pictured with Crittenden County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development Leslea Barnes, (from left) Caleb Combs, first in upper elementary; Abigail Ramey, third in upper elementary; Jessica Ramey, third in lower elementary; Ashlynn Ramey, first in lower elementary; and Luke Young, first at the middle school level, county and region. Top right, winners for the lower Crittenden County Elementary School level pictured with Barnes and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom are Kasen Whitfield, third; Madison Teas, first; and Parker Cooper, second. At bottom left, upper CCES winners pictured with Barnes and Newcom are Emerye Pollard, first; Jaycee Baker, third; and Cash Singleton, second. At bottom right, pictured with Barnes and Newcom are Crittenden County High School first-place winner Morgan Barnes; and Crittenden County Middle School winners Baylee Muff, second; Neal Bryant for top class participation; and Taylor Haire, first. Not pictured is CCMS third-place winner Madison Schiller.

# Local students earn \$810 in trash sculpture awards

STAFF REPORT

Home-schooled student Luke Young earned \$260 for turning garbage into a work of art.

Young, a middle-schooler, was among the top artists in the county in the 2019 West Kentucky Regional Recycling Corp. trash sculpture contest. In addition to his earnings at the school- and county-level, he received \$150 for his regional ranking and another \$50 for best in show.

But Young was not alone in taking home money last week for trash sculpt-

ing. Crittenden County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development Leslea Barnes and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom distributed checks to 19 students in the county. One hundred forty-three children participated countywide.

The competition asks students to design a piece of artwork using nothing but trash as a means to promote recycling rather than throwing away items. Prizes are awarded for first, second and third place in upper and lower elementary, middle and high school as well as

at the regional level. Altogether, \$810 was awarded in Crittenden County.

Each year, West Kentucky Regional Recycling Corp. sponsors the contest to help children learn the importance of recycling. The regional recycling group is a multi-county partnership that collects recyclables from Crittenden County, four other counties, Land Between the Lakes, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the West Kentucky Correctional Complex.

In the public school grouping, Madison Teas took top spot in the lower elementary division and Emerye Pollard was first in upper elementary. Taylor Haire earned first place at the middle school and Morgan Barnes at the high school. Middle school teacher Neal Bryant was awarded \$50 for school projects because his class had the highest contest participation rate in the county.

For home-schoolers, Ashlynn Ramey was first in lower elementary and Caleb Combs in the upper elementary division. Young was first at the middle school level, county and region.

## SAUSAGE

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butchered. The rest of the operation is just like it started decades ago – well, other than the electric grinder that makes things easier.

The grinder even has a story.

“Dad bought it from Feagan’s Store. They were upgrading or something and he was able to get it. It was old and used then and I know we’ve been using it since before I was in high school,” said Terry Boone, 62, a physician’s assistant at Tri-Rivers Healthcare.

There’s no real secret to how they spice their sausage. A commercial blend of seasoning is used, but the recipe is highly particular when it comes to ratios of meat to fat and meat to seasoning. Getting the hog ground up into small pieces is key, says Terry, because that gets the fla-

voring more uniform throughout the batch.

Fifty-fifty fat to lean meat is the proper ratio for perfect sausage, Matt Boone said.

Historically, there was even more thrift to the method, adds Terry. Cracklings, lard and souse are no longer produced from the hog as they were years ago.

Still, it’s a custom that’s being passed down to new generations.

“Now, we do it just for family – brothers, sisters and nieces and nephews. We’re just trying to pass along the information that was taught to us as kids so that we could be more self-sufficient,” Terry Boone said.

“It’s just a family tradition that I am pretty proud to continue and carry on,” said Tyler Boone, a high school sophomore and the youngest of the clan who was there last weekend observing and occupying a ritual that’s sure to last another 100 years.



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Mary Ann Boone and Craig Boone grind sausage with a piece of equipment that has its own story.

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# County wants Livingston, Lyon to pay more for using animal shelter

STAFF REPORT

Some on Crittenden Fiscal Court believe the two outside counties utilizing Crittenden County Animal Shelter may not be paying their way.

During last week's Crittenden Fiscal Court meeting, magistrates Dan Wood and Willard Guill expressed concerns over the contributions from Livingston and Lyon counties for their use of the shelter. Neither county has a shelter, but utilize their own animal control officers to bring dogs and cats to the Marion facility.

Each county pays for using the shelter. Livingston County pays Crittenden Fiscal Court \$3,600 annually and Lyon County pays \$3,000.

But those payments seem out of line when usage by those counties, particularly Livingston County, is out of proportion with overall costs to run the shelter, according to the magistrates.

"Is there anything we can do at the animal shelter?" questioned Guill. "Livingston County is loading us up."

Of the roughly 460 animals taken in by the shel-

## Animal shelter report

Only three cats were taken in by Crittenden County Animal Shelter in January after overcrowding forced the county to all but eliminate housing felines. Meantime, 58 dogs were taken in last month, according to the monthly report submitted to Crittenden Fiscal Court last week by Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd.

INFLOW	STRAY	SURRENDER	TOTAL
Crittenden dogs.....	16	9	25
Crittenden cats.....			1
Livingston dogs.....	9	12	21
Livingston cats .....			0
Lyon dogs .....	2	10	12
Lyon cats.....			2
OUTFLOW	TOTAL		
Dogs to rescue.....			11
Dogs reclaimed by owners.....			4
Dogs, pups adopted .....			11
Cats, to local farmers for barns.....			4
Cats adopted .....			0
Cats re-homed for small donation.....			1
FOOD, LITTER	AMOUNT	VALUE	
Dog food purchased.....	4 bags		\$79.80
Dog food donated.....	286.5 lbs.		\$110.00
Cat food donated*.....	114 lbs.		\$68.00
Cat litter donated.....	105 lbs.		\$26.00

The shelter brought in \$960 in January through fees for adoption, reclamation and donations.

ter in 2018, about 150 were from Livingston County. Just fewer than 100 were from Lyon County, with the balance

coming from Crittenden County. Last month, Livingston County accounted for a third of the animals brought in.

"It's killing us. It's killing us on space. It's killing us on cost," said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

"Long term, we've got to take a look at these other counties paying their fair share," Wood said.

Newcom has plans to form a committee to decide on a plan of action and is also looking to discuss the issue with Livingston and Lyon county officials.

"I have told them both we are going to have to sit down with all three judges and go through the numbers to get to a more realistic fee, and they both agreed," Newcom said.

Through seven months of the current fiscal year, the county has spent about \$4,200 for food and supplies at the shelter and \$3,500 on utilities. All veterinary costs for shelter animals from all three counties are born by Crittenden County. Newcom said the contributions from Livingston and Lyon counties fall short of covering the cost of care for their animals.

For the current fiscal year, Crittenden County has budgeted \$16,000 for veterinary services.

## ILLNESS

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districtwide attendance for 1,299 students and 94 preschoolers was 95.21 percent.

Statewide, another 1,316 lab-confirmed cases of influenza were reported for the week ending Feb. 16, bringing the season total to 10,579, including 31 deaths. There has been only one lab-confirmed case in Crittenden County, according to the Kentucky Department for Public Health, but health care professionals are not mandated to report cases and not all flu cases are diagnosed.

The two days of school missed this week in Crittenden County should not affect the date of graduation or the last day of school, Friday, May 24. One of the days will be made up Monday, April 8, originally scheduled as a teacher planning day after spring break. The other will be utilized as a non-traditional instruction (NTI) day, the third used this academic year.

Usually, NTI lessons are due the second day back, but the district is extending the due date to Monday, March 4, to allow students time to feel better and complete their work.

To cover one of the three snow days needed to be made up in Crittenden County, Monday, March 11 has also been made a class day. It was originally a teacher planning day.

All after school activities and practices were cancelled Monday evening after schools dismissed, Tuesday and Wednesday. The only activities approved for participation were the boys regional basketball tournament Monday in Madisonville and the girls regional basketball tournament at Rocket Arena Wednesday and today (Thursday).



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## Truck hits backhoe

Dakota Koerner of Marion appeared to be OK, but rescue squad members had to cut him out of the cab of his Dodge pickup after the vehicle flipped on East Bellville Street at about 8:30 a.m. last Thursday. It appears that the pickup was heading east when it struck a glancing blow against a City of Marion backhoe doing work in the eastbound lane. The truck then overturned. The backhoe operator was not injured. Above, city utilities worker Garry Gerard speaks with the investigating officer, Kentucky State Trooper Darron Holliman.

## Bill would exempt non-profits from tax

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky lawmakers, looking to correct some ill effect from last year's tax overhaul, are working on a fix to ease the burden on nonprofits. Some other key measures have also moved through the General Assembly in the last week.

Admission fees charged by nonprofit civic, governmental and all other nonprofit organizations would be exempt from state sales tax under House Bill 354. Besides the exemption on admissions sales such as Community Arts Foundation events or use of Riverview Park in Crittenden County, the bill would raise the threshold for collection of tax on most types

of sales by nonprofit civic, governmental and other nonprofits to \$10,000.

The House voted to set aside one day each year for Kentuckians to pray or reflect on the state's public schools and their students. HB 166 would designate "A Day of Prayer for Kentucky's Students" on the last Wednesday of each September to coincide with the global See You at the Pole student-led school prayer event held on that day for nearly 30 years.

Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, voted in favor of both HB 354 and HB 166.

The House Licensing, Occupations and Administrative Regulations Committee approved a bill that

would legalize and regulate sports wagering, fantasy sports contests and online poker. HB 175 would allow licensed wagering on sanctioned professional and college sporting events at Kentucky horse tracks, Kentucky Speedway, or through an app downloaded at one of those locations.

Legislation to extend Kentucky's expungement program to additional people convicted of low-level felonies advanced out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senate Bill 57 would allow discretionary expungement of additional Class D felonies not involving sex abuse, breach of public office or crimes against children.

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## Dennis James Conger

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Dennis James Conger, 64, of Ledbetter, Ky., died at 10:22 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Ky.

Military honors were given Monday at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Dennis was born Aug. 4, 1954 in Detroit, Mich., to the late Douglas James Conger and Johnnie Lou McClure Conger. He was a self-employed painter and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his sisters, Jonna Leslie Lizak of Trenton, Mich., and Rita L. Perry (William) of Marion, Ky.

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# Could Allen be No. 1 NFL draft pick?

Kentucky's special football season could end in an even more special way at the NFL Draft in Nashville in April.

Josh Allen still has a chance to be the No. 1 overall pick. No, mock drafts are not projecting him No. 1. Most have Ohio State defensive end Nick Bosa going first to the Arizona Cardinals. However, most drafts also have Allen going second to San Francisco.

"I really don't think there is much of a gap between them," ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper said. "Nick had an injury his senior year in high school and an injury this year. Josh Allen is more of a one-year standout. He really came into his own this year. He was a good player before but he became a great player this year. They could go either way in the draft."

Kiper updated his 2019 mock draft last week and here's what he posted about Allen going No. 2 to San Francisco: "If the Niners don't trade down to add more picks, I expect them to take an edge rusher here. And Allen (6-5, 250) is just a step behind Bosa on my board. Two former first-round picks along the defensive line (Arik Armstead and Solomon Thomas) have struggled in San Francisco, but neither has the pure pass-rushing ability of Allen, who had 17 sacks and five forced fumbles last season. Allen would fill a glaring need."

Another ESPN analyst, Todd McShay, also has Allen going No. 2 to the 49ers in his jock draft: "The Niners really want an edge rusher after only DeForest Buckner cracked six sacks for them in 2018 (Buckner had 12). Allen blew up offensive linemen all season en route to 17 sacks and 21.5 tackles for loss for the Wildcats. With his big 6-foot-5, 260-pound frame, Allen could line up as a defensive end in the 49ers' 4-3 scheme if he tacks on some more weight."

Kiper believes Allen still has a realistic chance to



**Larry Vaught**  
UK Sports Columnist

### Vaught's Views

"close the gap" on Bosa for the No. 1 pick. "Allen had an unbelievable year. It was not like he was not solid before but he became a great player and his numbers improved dramatically," Kiper said. "He became a one-man wrecking crew and had some really good players on that defense with him but he was the cornerstone of their defense. With his length, speed and kind of kid he is, he's right there (in the No. 1 conversation)."

"Allen fits with what the 49ers really need in an edge rusher. Allen would really help that front seven. I don't think the 49ers or Jets (who have the No. 3 pick) would want to trade out (and pass on Allen). I think the 49ers will take him at two."

Kentucky recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow says Allen's high profile on draft day will be "huge" for the Kentucky football program since he came to UK as a two-star recruit that had only one other Division I scholarship offer.

"He was a kid that nobody really wanted and to watch his progression to grow to become one of the best college defensive players I have seen in a long time was remarkable," Marrow said. "Me and Josh got close."

"NFL people want to know what kind of kid they are getting for all this money. I tell them he is one of the most humble kids I have ever seen. When he decided to come back (for his senior season), Josh could have been running around here, going to clubs, hanging out, chasing girls. He was totally opposite. He was leading the married, professional life going into his senior year."

Allen became the consensus national defensive player of the year, something Marrow said was "great" for him and the program.

"But it was not a surprise. That is what Mark Stoops wanted this program to be. We want to win awards just like kids



Kentucky linebacker Josh Allen is No. 2 in most NFL mock drafts, but ESPN analyst Mel Kiper says he could end up No. 1 after his "unbelievable" senior season.

at Ohio State and Alabama. We can do all that here and Josh proved that," Marrow said. "Josh is going to change the direction of his family's life in two months. It can be a generational change for him and to think you helped recruit a kid like that is pretty special. He is ready and I am really excited for him."

### Kenny Payne

Kentucky assistant coach Kenny Payne isn't afraid to share insights that many other coaches won't with the media or fans. Payne is candid with his observations and never ducks questions — and he did not recently when asked if coaches have a different approach for different players. Coaches do but most won't admit it like Payne did.

"It has to be. Each kid is different. I have a philosophy that I heard years ago: You can't coach what you don't know and every kid is an assignment," Payne said. "The way Keldon Johnson's personality is is different than the way Tyler's (Herro) personality is, which is different than the way Ashton's is, which is totally different than the way EJ's is."

"Those four freshmen have to be dealt with separately and more geared toward them and what

they are and who they are."

Some freshmen can handle the intense criticism better than others. Payne noted that point guard Ashton Hagans has "pouted" at times this year, something Hagans did not deny.

So which freshman out of all he's coached at UK has been able to take the most criticism?

"Brandon Knight would be the first," Payne said. "No matter what we said, no matter how hard we pushed him he was out to prove to us that he could do whatever."

### Roger Harden

Roger Harden had no illusions about what his role as a point guard would be when he came to Kentucky to play for coach Joe Hall in 1982 after earning McDonald's All-American and Mr. Basketball honors in Indiana.

"The first thing coach Hall got across to me, and he was fair because he told me up front, was that I would have to give up my offense to play point guard for him," Harden said. "You knew you better get the ball inside to Sam Bowie, Mel Turpin and Kenny Walker."

"When I signed, I knew I had taken my last 20-foot shot off the fast break. I knew what I was getting into and I wanted

to play at Kentucky. To me, the greatest thing you could do was play at Kentucky."

Harden played his role well. He had 498 assists in 122 career games. He still ranks third on UK's all-time assists list behind Dirk Minniefield's 646 in 123 games and Anthony Epps' 544 in 141 games. Behind Harden are Wayne Turner with 494 in 151 games, Sean Woods 482 in 91 games and Kyle Macy 470 in 98 games.

"Dirk probably scored more at point guard and had more freedom than anybody coach Hall ever coached," Harden said. "I am amazed at how Cal (John Calipari) makes things work with new players every year. When I got to Kentucky, Dirk was a four-year, five-star player and he had the athleticism of John Wall or De'Aaron Fox. When you are a freshman and run into that, it is not pretty."

"Then we also had Dicky Beal. You come out of that experience a man and you had time to adjust rather than having to play immediately like guys do today. I was just thinking if I could start by the time I was a junior or senior, I am willing to risk going to UK. I was one of the top two or three players in my (recruiting) class, but that was just the way it was then."

## Water district's finances in order

**STAFF REPORT**  
An examination of Crittenden-Livingston Water District's financial statements for the 2017 calendar year was clean, according to an independent audit by the accounting firm of Reed & Co. of Mayfield.

The audit report was presented to magistrates at last week's meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court. The findings show the utility's expenses of \$2.61 million exceeded revenue by \$48,287. The most significant component of the loss, according to the report, was an increase in administrative and general expenses from the year prior of \$86,628. Retirement expense also increased \$116,557 due to pension adjustments.

"Overall, the District's financial position is consistent with the previous year," the audit report reads.

In 2017, the rural water district's had more than \$19.27 million in capital assets such as its land, facilities, equipment, etc.

It serves about 20,000 total customers with about 3,600 individual customers and the balance served by wholesale water sales to Salem, Smithland, Grand Rivers, Ledbetter and Lyon County municipal systems. It takes more than 700 miles of delivery lines to distribute the water in addition to service lines.

Both Crittenden and Livingston fiscal courts appoint three board members to govern the utility.

## CHARGES

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student in which he discussed his desire to have sex with her, according to court records.

Maddux had most recently been living in Goodlettsville, Tenn., where was arrested by federal marshals last week. If convicted, the charges Maddux faces carry prison terms of 10 years to life and fines up to \$250,000. There is no parole in the federal penal system.

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Conger

Dennis James Conger, 64, of Ledbetter died at 10:22 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2019 at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

He was born Aug. 4, 1954 in Detroit, Mich., to the late Douglas James Conger and Johnnie Lou McClure Conger. He was a self-employed painter and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his sisters, Rita L. Perry (William) of Marion and Jonna Leslie Lizak of Trenton, Mich.

Military honors were conducted at Monday, Feb. 25 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations in Crofton was in charge of arrangements.

The Crittenden Press Obituaries

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. Obituaries that appear in the paper are also accessible on the Web for free at The Press Online.

Archived obituaries from The Crittenden Press dating back to 2008 are online free of charge

Area Deaths

Hurley

Peggy Jean Hurley, 70, of Paducah died Friday, Feb. 22, 2019 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

She attended Smyrna Baptist Church in Paducah and enjoyed reading and traveling.

Surviving are her daughter, Gina Ray Hurley and life partner Trent Barefield of Smithland; son Nick Hurley and wife Heather of Burna; sisters Alice Dunning of Hampton and Nola Rodgers of Ledbetter; brothers James McDowell of Ed-dyville, Roy McDowell of Ledbetter, Vaden McDowell of Paducah, and Gary McDowell of Ledbetter; and six grandchildren, Jarred McDowell and wife Hope, Eve Zahner and husband Justin, Addyson Whyte, Elyssa Hurley, Anthony Whyte and Hayden Hurley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Hurley; and parents, Thomas Wayne and Rena Marie Fires McDowell.

Services were Monday, Feb. 25 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Bill Mcalpin officiating. Burial was at Carrsville Cemetery.

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Gibson

Patsy Lee (Mooney) Gibson, 78, of Floyds Knobs, Ind., died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019.

She was a member of the Edwardsville United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Willing Workers group. She loved painting.

She was born on Nov. 14, 1940 in Dixon to the late Squire and Hazel (Porter) Mooney.

Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Thomas P. Gibson; children, Scott (Lisa) Gibson, Nancy McDonald, John (Debbie) Gibson, Grant (Tammy) Gibson, and Porter (Pam) Gibson; grandchildren, Katie Emily, Patrick Gibson, Josh Croft, Anna Gibson, Matt Gibson, Amanda Mulvene, Jake Gibson, Rachel Gibson, Thomas Gibson, Nancy Gibson, and Kaitlin Gibson; great-grandchildren, Thomas Croft, Ben Emily, Jacob Emily, Harper Gibson, Kennedy Gibson, Finn Mulvene, Ada Mulvene, Nolan Gibson, Ty Gibson, Owen Dixon, Cameron Dixon, and Hayden Gibson; and a sister, Florence Gaffney.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 23 at Tunnel Hill Christian Church in Georgetown, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Adaptive Hospice, 702 N. Shore Dr #201, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.



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STAFF REPORT

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Ribeye sales are Saturday in town

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School's track and field team is having its annual ribeye sandwich sale from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday at the Farmers Market on Main Street in Marion.

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Shelby Belt was taking advantage of a break in the recent wet weather on Tuesday to get some work done at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds. Belt and his son Jared were tearing down the old Lions Club concession stand in order to make room for a new one. Construction on the new 50x70 foot building will begin soon. James Penn Construction has the bid to erect the new version, which will double as a multi-purpose facility.

Belt, Buntin, Chittenden on county committee

Jenifer Chittenden, Paula Belt and Wade Buntin have been elected to positions on the USDA Farm Services Agency County Committee for Crittenden and Livingston Counties.

Nina Hunt, Executive Director of the two-county agency, said elections are over and the ballots have been counted.

Chittenden of Salem was elected to represent local administrative area LAA 4. Belt of Marion was elected to represent local administrative area LAA 3 and Buntin of Marion will serve as the first alternate.

"County Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA," said Hunt. "They help deliver programs at the county level and work to serve the needs of local producers. All recently elected County Committee members took office in January and will be joining the existing committee."

Every FSA office is required to have a County Committee, and they are made up of local farmers who are elected by local farmers.

Nearly 7,800 FSA County Committee mem-

bers serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms. One-third of County Committee seats are up for election each year. County Committee members impact the administration of FSA within a

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### Calendar

— A **chili supper** to benefit the Fredonia Valley Riding Club will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday at Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 303 Cassidy Ave., Fredonia. A silent auction will also be held during the event.

### Extension

— A **Private Pesticide Applicator Training** will begin at 6 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Extension Annex. This training is for those who wish to become certified private use applicators, or renew your certification. Please call (270) 965-5236 to register.

— The **Hooks and Needles Corner Club** (formally Crochet Corner) invites anyone interested in needlework — embroidery, knitting, tatting, etc. — to meet at noon the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Extension office. Donations of yarn, needles, hoops, etc. are also being accepted. Contact Nancy Lapp (270) 965-4469 for more information.

— The **Pennyryle Area Cultural Arts Day** will begin at 10 a.m., Friday at the Christian County Extension Office. Join us for a day of celebrating the arts. Call the Extension Office for more information at (270) 965-5236.

— A **Produce Best Practices Training** at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday at the Extension Annex. This updated training is required for a sampling certificate through Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Some markets surrounding Crittenden County require producers be PBPT certified to sell at that market. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.

— The **Quilt Show Committee** will meet at 1:15 p.m., March 7. An International meeting begins at 2 p.m.

— Dr. Rachel Rudolph, Extension Vegetable Specialist, will be present a class on High Tunnel Basics at 5:30 p.m., March 7 at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. Call the Crittenden County Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to register.

### Church Note

— **Frances Community Church** will host a singing featuring Beneath the Tree of Eddyville at 5 p.m., Sunday. Fellowship will follow.

### Senior Center

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

Menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and banana pudding.

Friday - Menu is chicken alfredo, buttered spinach, garlic breadstick, Mandarin oranges and margarine.

Monday – Menu is beef stew, brown rice, cole slaw, cornbread and chocolate pudding. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday – Menu is chicken pot pie, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, green beans, Mandarin oranges and wheat bread.

March 6 – Menu is tuna noodle casserole, seasoned turnip greens, brownies, wheat roll and margarine.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

PACS provides milk, coffee, tea and water each day. Aging coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center, which is a service of Pennyryle Allied Community Services.

For more information, call the center at (270) 965-5229.

# Spider research outs myths, truths

I was never afraid of spiders. A mouse would have me looking for the highest elevation in the room, but not a little spider. Nevertheless, when my grandson told me how poisonous a daddy longlegs spider was, I had to check it out.

To my surprise, the long-legged spider is a venomous predator, but because it almost never bites, there had been no research. Scientists assumed its fangs were too weak to break through human skin.

That assumption presented a challenge for the Discovery Channel's "Mythbusters." After some coaxing, the show's co-host proved the spider's fangs were strong enough to puncture his skin, producing only a mild burning sensation. As for me, I would be more cautious from now on. All my life I had handled them while telling my children the long-leg was friendly and wouldn't bite. I'm glad I did my homework.

The first thing that grabbed my attention was the sheer number of spiders there are out there. As many as one million spiders dwell within a one acre grassy field. They can be found almost anywhere from the bedroom closet to the top of the tallest mountain.

Twenty-five hundred different species of spiders have been found in North America. Some live in the ground, under rocks, logs, or within dead vegetation such as leaves. Those that prefer dark shaded areas may also take cover in cellars and basements. In Kentucky, most species are not toxic or harmful to humans, with two exceptions:

Brown spiders (Loxoscelidae) are also known as the recluse spiders. The best known and most notorious member of this family is the brown recluse that has a violin-shaped pattern on the back of the front body segment. These spiders have only six eyes, while other spiders have eight. They construct a sticky sheet of silk that helps trap their prey. Their bite can be painful and result in skin and tissue loss.

The black widow is a

member of the Cobweb Spiders (Theridiidae) which build irregular cobwebs inside and outdoors and tend to hang upside down from them. Frequently, the house spider lives in buildings, typically locating its web in the corners of rooms or in the angles of windows. Its name comes from the fact that it kills its mate shortly after mating.

When I considered Kentucky's dark, damp winters, I could see why spiders preferred to live here. Homes, like ours, in wooded areas or with naturalized or landscaped foundations, are ideal spider habitations. On the positive side, most run away from humans, preferring to dine on other spiders for survival.

Spiders usually mate in late fall, choosing places to lay their eggs in dark, secluded locations like chimneys, downspouts, or burrows. Once spring arrives and the ground warms, females lay their eggs and a new crop of babies enters the picture.

Aside from the internet, some of my information came first hand. Last year, one of our friends from Paducah got bit by a black widow while driving his truck through a grassy field. He had his window down and his arm hanging out since the weather was warm. He knew when he was bit, but thought it was nothing more than a horse fly. When he got home, he treated the whelp with some topical cream, confident that would help. He wasn't too alarmed.

The next morning, his whole arm was red with two distinct fang marks coming from the three-inch lightning bolt design where he was bitten. Of course, his doctor recognized the bite right away. All signs pointed to a black widow spider bite. Immediately, he prescribed antibiotics and steroids to prevent infection. Evidently, his arm had come in contact with the web-building spider while riding through the field the day before.

For weeks, the pain was so severe, he had to prop himself up on a pillow at night away from the bite. The simple act of breathing on the wound

caused tremendous pain. Thankfully, he recovered after two rounds of medication, but almost a year later, there is still some residual pain.

Also, we had a family member who was bitten by a brown recluse spider on the leg. She had to be hospitalized, plus have a series of procedures to keep infection from spreading. For months, she was treated for pain and fever. Although she eventually recovered, she has a deep hole in her leg where the flesh rotted and scar tissue formed a cover over the wound.

All that spider information brought back memories of the 1990 Hollywood movie, "Arachnophobia," where one of the main characters had the condition with an extreme or irrational fear of spiders. In some actual cases, just seeing a spider may cause them to experience anxiety and panic. Even worse, seeing a spider in real life can bring on emotional outbursts, heart palpitations, nausea and trouble breathing.

Luckily, watching the spider thriller had no adverse effect on me, but when I recommended it to friends, I received several looks of disbelief with statements like, "That's creepy," or "I can't believe you really liked that." Others shivered and rubbed their arms as though just the thought was overwhelming.

The fear of spiders can be treated using a technique known as exposure therapy. People are taught relaxation and desensitization exercises before looking at pictures of spiders, then, they face their fear by interacting with real spiders. Therapy has been very successful.

Nevertheless, after doing my research and having witnessed all the damage the brown recluse and the black widow can inflict on humans, I will keep my distance. As long as they give me my space, I will give them theirs. When it comes to my fear of mice, I wonder if they offer therapy for that.

*(Linda Defew is from Livingston County and periodically writes a column for this newspaper. Her stories have been published in numerous magazines and books, and recently, she had her first book published, "Murder in Little Heaven." She can be contacted at oldwest@tds.net.)*



**Linda DEFEW**  
Guest columnist  
*Defew's Views*



## Rocket Way recognition

**Ann Moore, a first grade teacher at Crittenden County Elementary School, was named Rocket Way Employee of the Month for the local school district at last week's board of education meeting. Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark praised Moore's dedication and attitude. "She is a great planner who values every child," he said. "She always has a smile on her face." Moore expressed her appreciation for being recognized. "I love my job and seeing the kids every day," she said. "Some days it's hard, but I love it."**

## Fluorspar book tells miners' stories

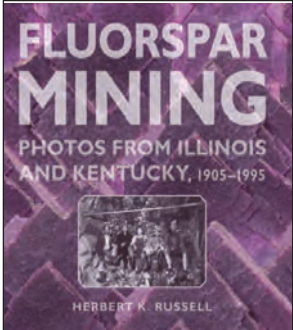
A new book has been published about the Illinois-Kentucky Fluorspar District, which includes Crittenden County, a community for which fluorspar played an important role in its history.

"Fluorspar Mining: Photos from Illinois and Kentucky, 1905-1995" tells the story of fluorspar mining in the two-state mining district. The author of the book, Herbert K. Russell, has carefully chosen pictures to depict this story. Each picture has a caption that helps the reader to understand the fluorspar mining industry.

"Until now, the story of our local miners' tribulation and triumph in producing the strategic mineral fluorspar has been untold," said Ed Clement, a director at the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum in Marion. "Herbert K. Russell's 'Fluorspar Mining: Photos from Illinois and Kentucky, 1905-1995' is a captivating visual essay of the vital role these great men played in winning two world wars."

Many of the 86 pictures in the book came from the local mineral museum's collection.

"This first-ever pictorial record of the people and methods of the Illinois-Kentucky Fluorspar District from the 1900s to the 1990s covers early and modern means of extracting, hoisting, processing and transporting the mineral from mine mouth to end user," reads the description of the book on SIUPress.com. "(Images) show early pick-and-shovel extraction and open-flame lighting as well as primitive drilling methods and transportation by barrels, buckets,



barges, mule teams and trams, in addition to the use of modern equipment and sophisticated refinement procedures such as froth flotation. Russell also provides an overview of the many industrial uses of fluorspar, from metal work by ancient Romans to the processing of uranium by scientists seeking to perfect the atomic bomb.

"Preserving what is known about the industry by miners, managers, and museums, this detailed and fascinating pictorial history looks both above and below ground at fluorspar mining."

The 102-page paperback is available for purchase at the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum Gift Shop at 205 N. Walker St. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Russell, a retired director of college relations at John A. Logan College, is a literary scholar and Illinois historian who has been a college teacher, an editor, and a writer. He is the author or contributor of several encyclopedia articles and books, including "The State of Southern Illinois: An illustrated history," "Illinois Coal: A portfolio" and "A Southern Illinois Album: Farm Security Administration Photographs, 1936-1943."

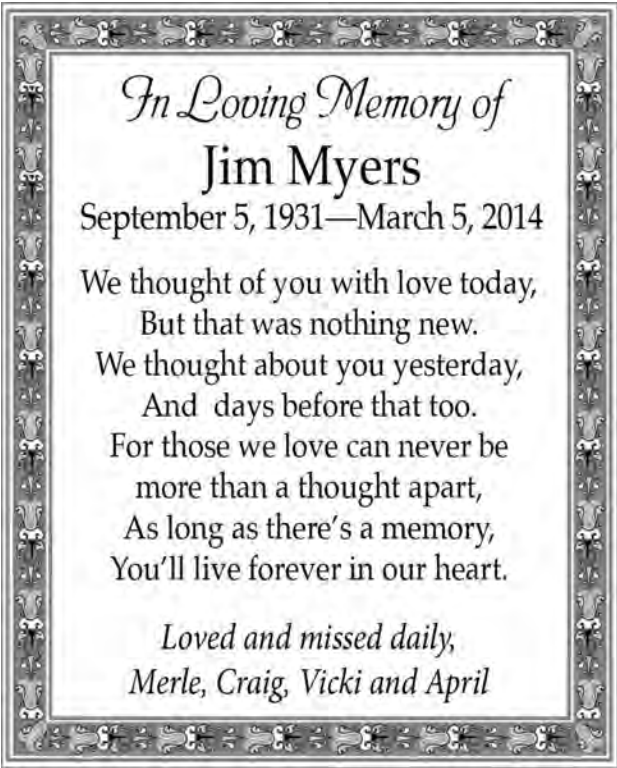


## Trivia winners

**The Smiths won the Conversation Heart Trivia contest Friday night at Crittenden County Public Library. The team is comprised of (from left) Regina Merrick, Michelle Hodge, Todd Merrick and Brian Hodge. In April, the library is hoping to have a fundraiser trivia night during National Library Week to raise money for the summer reading program.**

### Submit calendar items

Community calendar is designed for individuals, non-profit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events. Call (270) 965-3191 or email [pressnews@the-press.com](mailto:pressnews@the-press.com) or stop by 125 E. Bellville St. in Marion.







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BASKETBALL  
Girls 2nd Region

At CCHS Rocket Arena  
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES  
Trigg Co. vs. Henderson Co., 6pm  
Madisonville vs. Hopkinsville, 7:30pm

THURSDAY'S GAMES  
Christian Co. vs. Lyon Co., 6 p.m.  
Webster Co. vs. Caldwell Co., 7:30pm

MONDAY'S GAMES  
Semifinal round., 6pm  
Semifinal round, 7:30pm

TUESDAY'S GAME  
Championship, 7pm

All Region Basketball

Second Region Boys  
KyKy Tandy, UHA  
K'Suan Casey, Madisonville  
Derrin Boyd, Caldwell County  
Kale Gaither, Union County  
Tylan Mann, Hopkins Central  
Kenny White, Madisonville  
Travis Perry, Lyon County  
James Nicholas, Hopkinsville  
Corey Stewart, Henderson Co.  
Tyler Camplin, Webster County  
Drew McGowan, UHA  
Eric Brody, Christian County  
Kendric Adams, Trigg County  
Gabe Mott, Crittenden County  
Skyler Clark, Dawson Springs  
Cade Cunningham, Madisonville  
Gabe Board, Lyon County  
Jacarius Burks, Hopkinsville

Elementary results

Here are individual scoring figures from Crittenden County Elementary School's recent basketball games:

BOYS  
3-4 Grade Championship Game  
Caldwell Co. 42, Crittenden 26  
Scoring: Avery Thompson 18, Isaac James 4, Brady Dayberry 2, Jaxton Duncan 2.

3-4 Grade Semifinal Round  
Crittenden 34, Livingston 17  
Scoring: Avery Thompson 14, Isaac James 6, Brady Dayberry 7, Jaxton Duncan 2, Colt Bailey 2, Davis Perryman 3.

GIRLS  
3-4 Grade Semifinal Round  
Caldwell 29, Crittenden 17  
Scoring: Haylie Hunt 9, Jordyn Hodge 6, Morgan Stewart 2.

OUTDOORS  
Hunting Seasons

Raccoon Hunt Oct. 1 - Feb. 28  
Squirrel Nov. 12 - Feb. 28  
Raccoon Trap Nov. 12 - Feb. 28  
Bobcat Trap Nov. 12 - Feb. 28  
Fox Hunt/Trap Nov. 12 - Feb. 28  
Bobcat Hunt Nov. 24 - Feb. 28  
Crow Jan. 4 - Feb. 28  
Goose Conservation Feb. 16 - March 31  
Coyote Year Round  
Coyote Night Feb. 1 - May 31  
Groundhog Year Round  
Youth Turkey April 6-7  
Spring Turkey Apr. 13 - May 5

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL  
Registration March 9

Crittenden County Dugout Club will host its spring registration from 10 a.m., until noon Saturday, March 9 at Crittenden County Middle School gym for baseball and softball players in various divisions up to age 12. Starting age is 4 for kickball and 5 for co-ed baseball. Get a registration form at the Dugout Club Facebook page or The Press Online.

Local girls man middle

Crittenden County products Cassidy Moss and Courtney Beverly manned the middle last week in an early-season Brescia University softball game at Owensboro. The former Lady Rockets played short stop and second base, respectively. It was the first time in two years at Brescia that the two sophomores have started a game together. Brescia swept a doubleheader over Cardinal Stritch University that day and both had productive outings at the plate.

NUMBER ONE AND OUT  
Crittenden's stay short as region's best takes out Rockets

STAFF REPORT  
Ranked No. 3 in Kentucky and No. 1 in the Second Region, University Heights Academy made quick work of the Rockets Monday in the opening round of the regional tournament at Madisonville.  
Crittenden trailed by eight halfway through the first period and the game was never any closer. The private school from Hopkinsville, featuring three seniors who are either committed or prospects to play collegiate athletics, beat Crittenden 84-42.  
Sophomore Tyler Boone scored a team-high 13 points, making 5 of 13 shots mostly driving to the basket. Crittenden shot 30 percent from the floor while UHA used a number of layups and 32 points off turnovers to shoot 49 percent.  
KyKy Tandy, the Blazers' top basketball recruit, scored 13 points. He showed off his dunking skills three times, but completed only two of them. Tandy has committed to play at Xavier in Cincinnati. Drew McGowan, UHA's other all-region player, scored a team-high 17 points. He has committed to play baseball at Mississippi State. TaQuan Hollowell, another collegiate basketball prospect likely at the Division II level, added 13 points as UHA improved to 25-



Rockets Sawyer Towery (3) and Tyler Boone work to defend UHA's Division 1 committed star, KyKy Tandy during Monday's regional tournament opener at Madisonville.

4 on the season. The Blazers won this year's All A Classic state championship, their ninth in school history.  
Facing the No. 1 team in the region was a daunting task for a Rocket basketball team that never got on its feet due to a

series of injuries this season. Crittenden County had seven of its top eight or nine players injured at one point or another during the season as the team finished 11-19.  
UHA will play Caldwell County in the semifinal round.

2REGION Boys  
Tournament

at Madisonville  
MONDAY'S GAMES  
UHA 84, Crittenden County 42  
Caldwell Co. 67, Union County 64

TUESDAY'S GAMES  
Henderson Co. 75, Lyon County 65  
Madisonville 67, Christian County 53

FRIDAY'S SEMIFINALS  
UHA vs. Caldwell County, 6pm  
Henderson vs. Madisonville, 7:30 pm

SATURDAY'S GAME  
Championship, 6pm

UHA 84, Crittenden 42				
Crittenden	12	19	24	42
UHA	27	53	75	84

CRITTENDEN - Towery 5, Mott 5, Dickerson 2, H.Boone 3, Morgeson 5, S.O'Leary, T.Boone 13, Winders, Dobyns 2, J.Carolson 5, Turley 2, Guess. FG 16-55. 3-pointers 5-18 (Towery, Mott, Morgeson, H.Boone, Carlson). FT 5-10. Rebounds 36 (Turley 12).

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS - Tandy 13, Hollowell 13, McGowan 17, Crump 10, Wood, Nailor 5, McGee 5, Bryan 13, Quarles 5, Hall 2, Shouse, Kabithe, Jackson 1, Duncan. FG 35-72. 3-pointers 7-22 (Quarles 3, Bryan, Tandy, Nailor, McGee). FT 7-10.

ALL FIFTH DISTRICT SELECTIONS



Selected to the All Fifth District Team from Crittenden County were (from left) senior Hunter Boone, sophomore Preston Turley and sophomore Gabe Mott. Mott was also selected to the All Second Region Team.



Selected to the All Fifth District Girls Team from Crittenden County were (from left) sophomore Nahla Woodward, senior Shelby Summers and eighth-grader Taylor Guess.



Rocket sophomore point guard Gabe Mott is defended by Lyon County's Kade Blackburn during the Fifth District championship game at Smithland.



5TH DISTRICT  
TOURNAMENTS

BOYS

MONDAY'S RESULTS  
Lyon County 56, Trigg County 36  
Crittenden Co. 46, Livingston 44

THURSDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP  
Lyon Co. 54, Crittenden Co. 40

GIRLS

TUESDAY'S RESULTS  
Lyon Co. 39, Livingston Central 29  
Trigg County 46, Crittenden Co. 37

FRIDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP  
Trigg County 46, Lyon County 41

3s sink Rocket hopes for 2nd straight title

STAFF REPORT  
Lyon County made 11 three-pointers and held off an abbreviated Rocket rally last Thursday at Smithland, preserving a victory and winning its second Fifth District Tournament championship in three years.  
The Lyons prohibited Crittenden County from getting a second district title in as many seasons with some of the most accurate shooting of the district tournament.  
The Rockets have won just two Fifth District Tournament titles since 1957 and had it not been for Lyon's marks-

manship, Crittenden could have been mighty close to an historic finish in the fourth period.  
There was a stretch late in the game where Crittenden County missed a shot and shortly thereafter turned the ball over despite a fanstic hustling play by Gabe Mott and Hunter Boone. The Rockets appeared to know it was their last chance to close the gap and make a threatening run in the final seconds.  
From there, Lyon scored just two more points and the game was over.  
Lyon's dynamic duo - sev-

enth-grade phenom Travis Perry (who has deep Crittenden County roots) and senior Gabe Board - combined for three-fourths of the winner's points, including nine of the team's 11 treys.  
Crittenden was behind by double digits most of the second half.  
The Lyon defense kept Rocket leading scorer Gabe Mott 10 points below his average and Preston Turley paced CCHS with 17.  
Both teams advanced to this week's regional tournament at Madisonville.

Lyon County 54, Crittenden 40  
Crittenden Co. 12 24 31 40  
Lyon County 21 34 45 54  
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson, E.O'Leary, Towery 5, Mott 6, Guess, Dickerson 2, S.O'Leary, T.Boone 1, Winders, Dobyns, M.Carolson, J.Carolson, Turley 17, H.Boone 9. FG 15. 3-pointers 5 (H.Boone 3, Turley, Towery). FT 5-8.  
LYON - Perry 25, Bingham, Blackburn 6, Adams, Board 16, J.Shoulders 4, Board 16, Reddick, Whalin 1, Gilbert, Defew 2. FG 19. 3-pointers 11 (Perry 5, Blackburn 2, Board 4). FT 5-6.



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by that date shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court  
Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-34-c)

Notice is hereby given that on February 20, 2019, Linda White Frazer of 14124 West 48th St., Shawnee, Ks. 66216 and John White of 712 Tamarack Court, Richmond, Ky. 40475 were appointed co-executors of Robert Lee White, deceased, whose address was 4997 S.R. 135, Marion, Ky. 42064. Robert Frazer, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-executors on or before the 20th day of August, 2019 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

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Notice is hereby given that on February 20, 2019, Alan C. Stout of 2807 Mott City Road, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executor with will annexed of Ethel S. Tucker, deceased, whose address was 319 South Main Street, Marion, Ky. 42064. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present teh same properly proven as required by law to the executor with will annexed on or before the 20th day of August, 2019 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION  
18-CI-000080

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A  
PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
Franklin Hamilton  
Administrator of the Estate Of Mary Jean Hamilton, et al.  
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the November 8, 2018, I will on Friday, March 8, 2019 beginning at the hour

of 10 a.m. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit: Property Address: 1776 SR 1668, Marion, KY 42064 Parcel No.: 045-00-00-011.00 & 045-00-00-020.01 Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

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This the 5th day of February, 2019.  
Robert B. Frazer  
MASTER COMMISSIONER  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT (3t-35-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION  
18-CI-000079

U.S. BANK, N.A. as TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR MID-STATE CAPITAL CORPORATION 2005-1 TRUST  
PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
DANIEL W. WESMOLAN, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL W. WESMOLAN,

MARCIA THOMPSON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARCIA THOMPSON, CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
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## FLOOD

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and eligible for federal aid and suspends formalities otherwise required by law for public works and entering into contracts.

In Livingston County, rising waters have closed or threatened to close portions of U.S. 60, including in Smithland, where sandbagging and pumps have been deployed to keep U.S. 60 traffic moving. Livingston County schools were closed Monday and Tuesday due to impassable roads for bus routes.

Smithland is at the con-

fluence of the Ohio and Cumberland rivers, and water will be slow to subside. While the Ohio River upstream from Smithland continues to fall, a swollen Mississippi River has slowed drainage as both the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers continue to add water released from Kentucky and Barkley dams. Both the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers collected heavy precipitation over the last few days in Kentucky and Tennessee. At the headwaters of the Cumberland River, Wolf Creek Dam on Lake Cumberland has registered record level water releases.

The waters of the Ohio River at Smithland Lock and Dam are projected to crest Friday at 52.5 feet, just 2.4 feet below the record in May 2011.

Work to elevate a section of U.S. 60 in Ledbetter above the anticipated flood levels was delayed Tuesday. Due to a slight drop in the river level overnight Monday and the desire to expedite delivery of sand for the sandbagging operation along the Smithland flood-wall, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet again delayed the start of work in Ledbetter. Delaying the start of this project allows state transportation crews

to focus on other flood-related projects.

### February second soggiest

Through Tuesday, 8.61 inches of rain, snow and ice had fallen on Crittenden County in February, according to the Kentucky Mesonet weather monitoring station at Repton.

That currently ranks second in February precipitation since the station began operation in the summer of 2009. February 2018 saw 9.76 inches of rain, prompting Newcom to declare a state of emergency on Feb. 20, a year and two days prior to this year's declaration.



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Pumps along U.S. 60 in Smithland worked around the clock last week to keep flooding from creeping up near the courthouse and the detour around a flooded U.S. 60.

## KyTC hears transportation concerns at last week's fiscal court meeting

STAFF REPORT

More than a half-dozen representatives of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) – from the local highway garage to Frankfort – dropped in on last Thursday's meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court to address transportation needs and concerns. What they heard was a repeat of the same worries voiced the last several years.

Completion of a new U.S. 641 from Marion to the interstate in Lyon County and an increase funding to counties for road work were underscored to KyTC officials as the most important issues for Crittenden County.

"The 641 corridor through Lyon is very important to us and important to Crittenden County," said Kyle Poat, KyTC District 1 Chief District Engineer. "We are eagerly working to find a solution for Lyon County and (Judge-Executive Wade White) that gives resolution to Crittenden County."

As for county road aid, the use of high efficiency and electric cars had dropped the pool of tax money available from the state for assistance.

"The governor is well aware of infrastructure neg-

lect and lack of funding," said KyTC Commissioner of Rural and Secondary Roads Gray Tomlin. "I would point you to your lawmakers."

Though discussion of transportation needs was open to the public at the meeting, no one from the City of Marion was present to address state highway concerns that are frequently discussed at council meetings, like a swap of Country Club Drive for Old Salem Road and a rework of the intersection of U.S. 60 and U.S. 641 at the stoplight.

### Costly audit

The recently released Fiscal Year 2016 audit of Crittenden Fiscal Court cost the county \$38,624.42. Conducted by Auditor Mike Harmon's office, the state audit cost about four times the fee the county pays private companies for the same audit. However, state law requires the Auditor's office to conduct the financial review every four years.

The cost of the audit was almost covered by excess fees returned to the county by County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office. Magistrates last week accepted \$35,644 from her office.

### Committee assignments

Committee and board assignments for magistrates were introduced last week, including:

- Dan Wood: Riverview Park Board, E-911 Board and Roads Review Committee.

- Chad Thomas: Riverview Park Board and Ohio River Ferry Authority.

- Todd Perryman: Crittenden Community Hospital Advisory Board and Budget Committee.

- Willard Guill: Animal Shelter/Marion Convenience Center and Roads Review committees.

- Greg Rushing: Dycusburg Park Committee and E-911 Board.

- Dave Belt: Blackford Veterans Memorial Committee, Riverview Park Board and Solid Waste Committee.

### Rent reimbursement

Magistrates also approve \$3,600 in rental reimbursement to County Attorney Rebecca Johnson for space used in her private practice office for county business. The reimbursement dates back to the previous county attorney, Alan Stout.

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Marion Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has donated its sanctuary to county government after closing its doors and disbanding in December. On Tuesday, Crittenden County Detention Center inmates (from left) Anthony Wilson, Roy Tipton, Kimball Armstead and Kyle Hammonds load pews donated to the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Kentucky and the jail for its church services.

## CHURCH

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from the courthouse on West Bellville Street, and its intended initial use by county government will be to host a faith-based substance abuse counseling and treatment facility.

"It's an opportunity for us to give back to our community for those with substance abuse (issues) that seem to be so prevalent in this community," said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom of plans to lease the brick structure to Andrea's Mission, a non-profit Christian drug and alcohol rehab facility based in Morgantown.

County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said Crittenden County's district and circuit judges currently refer offenders with substance abuse issues to Andrea's Mission Rehab Center. Johnson said the group has been trying to establish a location in Marion for months.

"It would give people from this community a chance to have outpatient follow-up services," she said. "That's vital to any drug rehabilitation."

The building would be

used for outpatient treatment and counseling only and would not house patients overnight. People from Union and Webster counties, which join Crittenden County in both the judicial circuit and district, could also use the center.

"Andrea's Mission does run a very tight ship," said Johnson. "If you don't follow, you're out."

No formal agreement has been reached with Andrea's Mission, but from discussions at last week's county government meeting, that is clearly the hope of the fiscal court.

Bill Greenwell, who had attended the Christian Church for nearly 50 years, said what was left of the congregation voted to give the building to the county. The last service at the church was held in late December with about a half-dozen in attendance.

The building had been home to the Marion Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since 1915, save a seven-year span starting in 1938. But declining attendance made it difficult to keep the doors open. Only three or four regularly attended on Sunday mornings.

A member of the con-

gregation for about 35 years, John Lucas said his former church was the only Disciples of Christ church left in the communities along U.S. 60 between Paducah and Henderson.

A church has been at the location, the north side of West Bellville Street adjacent to Gilbert Funeral Home's parking lot, since 1874. Prior to that, it had served as a jail. It was named a Kentucky Landmark in 2009.

In the future, the county may look to the building to house some of its own government operations.

"At some point in time, maybe we'll get a courthouse renovation – we've been on the list 20 years," said Magistrate Dan Wood. "If that ever happens, we may need space for offices, and it would be nice to have a place outside of the courthouse to use if necessary."

The local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Kentucky on Tuesday received some of the pews and the piano removed from the church. Crittenden County Detention Center is also making use of some of the pews for its church services.

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