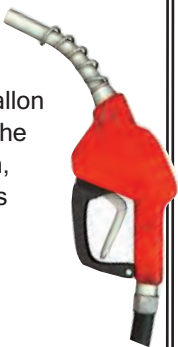


LOCAL MEETING GROUP WILL DISCUSS FARM BILL OPTIONS

Under the current farm bill, farmers will be asked to decide between Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) for their eligible commodities. There will be a forum held in Marion on Thursday, Feb. 20 which will be moderated by Tom Miller, a Ballard County Agriculture and Natural Resources agent. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Service Annex building on U.S. 60 East. A bean and ham meal will be served. Producers are encouraged to bring to the forum an abbreviated 156 Farm Record from the Farm Service Agency. Call the Crittenden County Extension office for more information, 270-965-5236.

GAS PRICES AT 10Y LOW

Gas prices in Kentucky were lower this week than they'd been in 10 years for the first week of February. The average gallon of fuel was \$2.07 across the commonwealth. In Marion, fuel was about three cents per gallon higher than the state average.



AT HENDERSON I-69 BRIDGE FUNDING

The new Kentucky Six-Year Highway Plan includes a total of \$77 million for design, right of way, utilities and construction in building a portion of the I-69 Ohio River crossing in western Kentucky. The section from the Henderson Bypass (KY 425) to U.S. 60 in Kentucky is the southern portion of the project which is expected to move to construction phase in late 2022. While the development of the southern section is underway, Kentucky will work with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to develop a plan for completing the Ohio River crossing connecting Henderson and Evansville. The \$1.1 billion Ohio River crossing portion of the project will likely require innovative financing using a combination of tolls, potential federal INFRA grants, and bi-state dollars from each agency. Kentucky's share of the project is approximately 65 percent of the total project cost.

FERRY IN PLAN THRU '26

Funding for Cave in Rock Ferry is included through 2026 in the new Kentucky Six-Year Highway Plan that was unveiled last week by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet as part of Gov. Andy Beshear's two-year budget. According to the highways plan, Kentucky will pay half of the annual cost to operate the ferry. Kentucky's share is \$464,300 each year. The ferry connects Ky. 91 North in Crittenden County to Illinois Route 1 in Hardin County, Ill.



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2019 average for city crime

STAFF REPORT

Just an average year was 2019 when it comes to law enforcement in the City of Marion.

Last year's criminal data indicate an average amount of criminal activity based on a four-year average (see chart below).

While arrests for possession and trafficking in methamphetamine were up in 2019, most other crimes were about normal when compared against the previous three years. Some were

down a bit, including arrests for driving while intoxicated. It may seem a bit counterintuitive that DUIs would be down about 50 percent considering this was the first year since Prohibition there's been legal alcohol sales in Marion.

It was August when the first convenience stores began selling beer. Now there are two bars in town. From August to December there were only two DUI arrests in Marion, and at least one of those was not alcohol

related.

Indeed, there were only a half dozen DUI arrests in all of 2019 and never more than one in a single month. If it's not a record, it's probably close. The average over the previous three years was more than twice that and in 2016 alone there were 16 arrests for drunk driving.



O'Neal

"I think drivers are more aware of the consequences," said Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

Despite now having two taverns and additional outlets for package sales in town, the chief says his department has received no direct complaints related to alcohol crimes or disturbances.

Another factor that is no doubt affecting the police report for 2019 is the fact that

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Police Activity	2019 Month by Month Marion Police Department Activity Report												Yearly Totals				Avg.
	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2019	2018	2017	2016	4y Avg.
Miles driven/patrolled	3054	1777	2173	2288	3,054	3298	2730	3144	3,898	2,976	2,921	3,067	34,380	33,312	32,000	32,496	33,047
Criminal Investigations	14	7	11	10	13	7	8	12	20	11	15	16	144	203	207	209	191
Domestic	8	7	11	9	7	11	13	15	11	11	5	8	116	92	106	156	118
Felony Arrests	3	3	1	0	2	0	4	5	9	1	7	3	38	27	61	29	39
Misd. Arrests	19	5	2	6	8	2	9	8	15	5	11	7	97	113	113	86	102
Non-Criminal Arrests	0	2	10	1	10	6	12	3	10	8	9	7	78	99	78	70	81
DUI Arrests	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	6	12	10	16	11
Criminal Summons	5	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	2	5	1	20	41	43	37	35
Traffic Citations	15	15	7	18	21	23	24	30	12	39	19	24	247	287	185	268	247
Traffic Warnings	3	13	14	13	21	20	14	0	8	13	6	16	141	123	97	118	120
Other Citations	28	14	14	13	23	12	33	20	45	16	29	7	254	273	236	257	255
Parking Tickets	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	4	3
Traffic Accidents	5	3	8	3	8	4	6	9	5	10	8	9	78	81	62	91	78
Security Checks/Alarms	45	41	64	77	78	76	74	61	60	58	63	57	754	617	658	934	741
Calls for Service/Complaints	177	169	167	167	206	181	203	235	205	223	159	195	2,287	2,681	2,196	3,407	2,643

REAL ID AVAILABILITY

Getting it isn't going to be 'real' easy

STAFF REPORT

Where is your certified birth certificate?

Do you have a non-laminated copy of your Social Security card?

Those are a couple of the more onerous items you'll need to locate before applying for one of Kentucky's new Real IDs.

Then, you'll need a quarter tank of gas because Crittenden Countians wanting to get a Real ID will have to go to Paducah, or perhaps Madisonville at some point.

Beginning in October, the new Real ID will be necessary for Kentuckians to maintain their right to U.S. air travel and entry onto military bases.

The plan is to open more regional offices where resi-



dents can get a Real ID, but for now Paducah is the nearest point.

This new ID form will take the place of your driver's license, if you choose to get one.

Getting one, however, will take some time unless you have all of the required documentation and you're willing to wait in line.

For now, Crittenden County Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill says the Paducah field office is asking her to not

refer any local applicants to Paducah because the lines are already too long. You can't be turned away if you visit the McCracken County station at 2855 Jackson Street, Suite C, but expect some wait time.

Cost for a Real ID is \$24 for four years. If it's time for your driver's license renewal, the four-year option is available to you. Otherwise, the cost will be \$15 to exchange your current driver's license for the Real ID.

Getting a certified copy of your birth certificate – if you don't currently have one – isn't too difficult. A form to order one is available at your local courthouse or from the state's Department of Vital

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Here's What You Need

PRIMARY PROOF

You need 1 of these:

- Certified Birth Certificate
- U.S. Passport
- Or a variety of other options

PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY

You need 1 of these:

- Non-laminated SS Card
- W2 Wage and Tax Statement
- Paycheck Stub with SS Number

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

You will need 2 of these:

- Home utility bill
- Deed to residence
- Property tax bill
- Rental agreement
- Current insurance policy
- State or Federal tax return
- Current driver's license
- Current personal ID
- Current vehicle registration
- Or a variety of other options

CAVE SPRINGS ROAD CLOSING



Bridge replacement will take 2 weeks

If all goes as planned, Cave Springs Road in rural Crittenden County will be closed no more than two weeks while the bridge is replaced over Olive Branch Creek. Work to install the new bridge is scheduled to begin first thing Monday morning. If there are no setbacks during the installation, the road could reopen by Saturday, Feb. 22. M&G Services of Marion won the bid and received the county contract to replace the bridge.

641 phase 2 gets 6-Year Plan funds

Rep. Bechler critical of phase 3 money being pulled from funding plan

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky unveiled its new Six-Year Road Plan late last week and it appears that there could be some movement toward beginning phase two of the U.S. 641 relocation project in Lyon County.

However, almost \$30 million in funding previously earmarked for the third section of the project, which is in Caldwell County, was not included in Gov. Andy Beshear's new highways plan.

State Rep. Lynn Bechler says the plan is not too gracious to

his House district, which includes Caldwell and Crittenden counties. Bechler said Gov. Beshear's two-year spending plan will not likely be the final form that is approved by the General Assembly. The state representative said he will push to have money returned for the Caldwell County portion of the 641 project, which is currently being called phase 3.

As presented, the highway plan calls for \$5.2 million to be spent in 2021 for right of way procurement and utilities relocation of 4.53 miles of U.S. 641 in Lyon County. Another \$19.1 million is in the highway plan in 2024 for construction of the super-two lane road from U.S. 62 near Eddyville north to

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Final budget document will likely look much different

Discussions of bills, budgets and barber shop choirs echoed in the capitol as we concluded the fourth week of the 2020 Regular Session. While legislation continued to move steadily through the Senate over the course of the week, we were welcomed by a variety of talented constituents in the chamber.

Biennial budget discussions officially began while the governor delivered his two-year budget proposal to the Kentucky General Assembly on Tuesday. The budget address is one of the first steps in preparing the state's two-year financial plan. Now that the governor has outlined his budget proposal, the House of Representatives now gets the first opportunity to move budget bills in the legislature. Once the House passes its budget proposal, it will then advance to the Senate for further discussion and consideration. We still face several weeks of studies, negotiations and public hearings before we reach an official budget draft. The final budget document will likely look much different than what was proposed this week by the governor, but the driving force behind it remains the same – we must move the commonwealth forward on a path that is financially sound.

Senate priority legislation

aimed at ending pension spiking, Senate Bill (SB) 6, advanced to the House this week following a unanimous vote on the Senate floor. SB 6 would prohibit state lawmakers who contributed to the Legislators' Retirement Plan from June 20, 2005 through Dec. 31, 2013, from using salary credited in another Kentucky retirement system to determine final compensation in the legislators' plan.

Other priority measures moving through the legislative process are Senate Bills 1, 8 and 9. SB 1, also known as the Federal Immigration Cooperation Act of 2020, passed through the Senate Judiciary Committee. SB 1 would require law enforcement and other public agencies to support the enforcement of federal immigration law. The amended version of this bill includes expanded exemptions to local school districts to rape crisis centers, domestic violence cen-



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ters and other groups that provide social services.

SB 8 and SB 9 were both passed through to the House this week. SB 8 would amend the current school safety statute to expand school personnel with the designation of a school safety coordinator for each district, one school-based mental health counselor per 250 students and a trained and certified armed school resource officer. SB 9, also known as the "Born Alive Infant Protection Act," is a pro-life measure that requires a physician to take all medically appropriate and reasonable steps to preserve the life and health of a born-alive infant.

The Senate passed its first House measure, House Bill (HB) 236, legislation that incorporates federal guidelines, sets requirements for the transportation of products and establishes testing procedures. This bill included a senate floor amendment, which now requires the House to either approve of the bill in its current form or continue the legislative process required to get concurrence from both chambers. If approved with the senate floor amendment, HB 236 will then head to the governor's desk for his consideration.

We also passed a number of other bills in the Senate, including the following:

SB 45, legislation to set standards for food nutrition, physical activity and screen time at childcare centers, passed through the Senate Health and Welfare Committee this week. This measure would require licensed care centers to meet the most recent version of the U.S. Agriculture Department's food and nutrition standards. SB 79, a measure relating to background checks for school employees who have been assigned an administrative hearing for potential child abuse or neglect.

SB 57 is a bill that amends statute to provide school districts with flexibility in renovations of existing school facilities. It removes the requirement that bottle-fill stations and water fountains be installed for minor renovations. This fix will save school districts money, which is especially important during tough budget times.

SB 64 is also a bill that will enable money to be saved locally, as it provides commonwealth attorneys and county attorneys security against financial liability resulting from the performance of their sworn duties to prosecute state law. Losses will be compensated by funds appropriated through the state Finance Cabinet. SB 64 also applies to the Kentucky Attorney General.

SB 74 provides the authority for a judge to issue a warrant for a blood and urine test in DUI cases. Current law only permits a warrant to be issued if there is a death or serious injury involved.

SB 79 makes some clarifications to 2017's SB 236. It defines what is considered to be a "substantiated" case of child abuse or neglect. A "substantiated" case would be a case where a ruling was upheld, or that was not appealed. The bill would maintain the requirement that an employee self-report substantiated findings to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, while also ensuring due process for employees accused.

SB 94 updates Kentucky law to comply with federal regulations, which changed last year to allow gasoline blended with up to 15 percent ethanol to be sold year-round.

To those who have reached out to my office in the past weeks, thank you for staying engaged during these early weeks of the session.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at Robby.Mills@LRC.KY.GOV. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.legislature.ky.gov

Governor's proposed tobacco tax would hit cigs, snuff, chew, vapes

Last week, Gov. Andy Beshear presented his two-year budget and revenue proposals at a joint session of the Kentucky General Assembly. In a break with tradition, he did not provide members of the General Assembly with a preview of his proposals but did provide a preview to the press. There are actually five proposals, revenue, executive branch budget, transportation budget, legislative branch budget and judicial branch budget. Additionally, the governor also provided a six-year highway plan and the judicial branch delivered its two-year budget request.

The House of Representatives is the chamber required by our constitution to initiate appropriation and revenue measures, and with the governor's proposals that process has started. As I write this update Sunday evening, I am in the process of reviewing the governor's proposals. I anticipate using this week to analyze

the difference between these plans and the actual budgets from 2018, the commonwealth's last budget.

The governor has proposed the cigarette surtax be raised 9.4 percent, from \$1.06 per pack to \$1.16 per pack. He also proposed doubling the excise tax on snuff and chewing tobacco. He defined vapor products (ecigarettes) as tobacco whether or not they contain nicotine and recommended taxing those vapor products at .10 cents per fluid milliliter (.034 oz) plus a 30 percent tax on the retail price. Finally, he requires distributors to take a full inventory of their products by end of day on June 30 and



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pay a tax by July 10 on all tobacco products already in their possession, regardless of when the distributors obtained them. He also proposes raising the tax on Limited Liability Corporations by 29 percent.

In my last update, I spoke about House Bill 99 (HB-99), the \$35 million request by the University of Louisville to help with its purchase of Jewish Hospital and the assets of KentuckyOne Health. I noted that I voted no in committee, but HB-99 passed out of the committee and was sent to the full House for consideration. The governor included the \$35 million in his budget proposal, so HB-99 won't be brought to the full House as a standalone bill unless the \$35 million gets removed from the budget that the House ultimately passes.

House Bill 186 (HB-186) addresses direct sellers, exempting them from the requirements of workers compensation insurance. More than 171,000 Kentuckians op-

erate direct sales businesses such as those that offer home décor, health and beauty products and clothing directly to their neighbors. For generations, these types of businesses have offered Kentuckians the opportunity to provide for their families while offering benefits like flexible schedules and independence. Although Kentucky has never required those direct selling companies to carry workers' compensation insurance on those who contract with them, courts are beginning to look at our laws differently. HB-186 defines those Kentuckians who work independently for direct selling companies as independent business contractors. I voted yes, HB-186 passed the House and went to the Senate where it also passed. HB-186 will be the first bill sent to the governor for his signature.

There has been much discussion regarding both medical and recreational

marijuana, with bills in both the House and the Senate. I don't believe recreational marijuana has any chance of legalization, but the passage of a bill legalizing medical marijuana in Kentucky is possible. House Concurrent Resolution 5 (HCR-5) asks the federal government to study the safety and effectiveness of medical marijuana, but would not legalize it. Marijuana has been decriminalized in 33 states, but the decisions to legalize it were not made because of scientific evaluation of the benefits and risks of the use of marijuana; it is time to do so. I voted yes, HCR-5 passed and has been sent to the senate for consideration.

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 www.lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link.

Real ID

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Statistics. There will be fees associated with the order. The same is true for getting a qualifying Social Security card. Most people can go online to the Social Security Administration, create an account and order a replacement card.

"After years of repeated changes and uncertainty surrounding Real ID in Kentucky, my administration is evaluating the options and working tirelessly to bring our state into compliance with the federal requirements," Gov. Andy Beshear said recently. "The deadline to comply is quickly approaching and we must continue to improve this service while encouraging Kentuckians to take action to ensure they have an accepted form of identification by October."

Residents who already have a valid form of Real ID, like a passport or military ID, can use that instead of the new Real ID license if they want to visit military bases and fly within the U.S. starting this October. Current driver's licenses will continue to remain valid for

driving, voting and general identification purposes.

Normal driver's license

Starting Oct. 1, Kentucky driver's licenses, permits and identification cards displaying the Kentucky Unbridled Spirit logo or the language "NOT FOR Real ID PURPOSES" will no longer be accepted to board U.S. commercial flights or access restricted federal buildings to comply with federal Real ID law.

Real ID licenses serve as one of several forms of Real ID. Below is a list of common forms of Real ID Kentuckians may use to maintain air travel and select federal building access:

- Valid U.S. or foreign passport
- Valid U.S. Passport Card
- Voluntary Travel ID license, permit or identification card
- Military ID (issued by U.S. Department of Defense)
- Permanent resident card
- DHS- Trusted Traveler Card
- Global Entry Card

A full list of documents accepted by the Transportation Security Administration is available online. Kentuckians are encouraged to con-

tact military bases and federal buildings, like the White House, to learn what other forms of identification are accepted.

Beginning in October, the new Real ID will be necessary to pass through airport security checkpoints to board a U.S. commercial flight, visit a military base, visit a federal building or facility that requires ID such as the White House or a nuclear power plant.

McCracken County Office

Residents may visit the KYTC-operated driver licensing regional field office located at 2855 Jackson Street, Suite C in Paducah. The office is open from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applicants will receive a temporary 30-day document that serves as a driving credential until the permanent card arrives in the mail at the applicant's residence.

Only debit and credit cards will be accepted (no cash or check). Regional offices are not equipped to serve applicants who require testing or re-testing. The cost of a four-year Real ID license is \$24 and \$48 for an eight-year Real ID license.

What you will need

Residents applying for

a Real ID license must present documentation from a list of specific, acceptable documents that meet federal guidelines, including:

- One valid proof of identity (like a certified birth certificate or valid passport)
- One valid proof of social security number (like a non-laminated social security card) and
- Two valid proofs of residency (like a Kentucky driver's license with your current home address or a utility bill dated less than 61 days).

Additional documentation may be required if an applicant's name or gender doesn't match on the four proof documents (like a marriage certificate or divorce decree if your names don't match due to marriage or divorce). Applicants may need to reorder documents before applying if the documents do not display legal names (like a nickname printed on a social security card). A detailed list of acceptable documents and examples of when additional documentation may be required is available on the Confident Kentucky website.

The online IDocument Guide quiz provides a

customized list of documents an applicant will need to present. Some acceptable documents have strict requirements (i.e., no photocopies of birth certificates, no expired documents, no laminated Social Security cards).


Kentuckians who have never had a Kentucky driving credential or those who require any form of testing or retesting must first visit their

circuit court clerk office before visiting a regional licensing office if they would like a Real ID license, permit or identification card.

Getting a Real ID will certainly take some time and effort, about as much time as it would take to apply for a U.S. Passport. However, the cost for a Real ID will be much less than a Passport, which will cost at least \$145.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the courthouse open on Saturday? The office of circuit clerk is open by appointment only on Saturday. The sheriff's department is open 9-11 a.m. each Saturday. All other offices are closed.

When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. It is closed Sunday.

Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd at Crittenden County Animal Shelter on U.S. 60 East. Call (270) 969-1054 for information.

Bechler recognized for protecting Kentucky’s conservative values

The American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF) has once again recognized Representative Lynn Bechler of Marion with an Award for Conservative Achievement.

Rep. Bechler received his first award in 2014, which was the first year the ACUF started recognizing Kentucky legislators. Rep. Bechler has been recognized every year since then making 2019 the sixth consecutive year he has been bestowed with this distinguished honor. This award is presented to state legislators that continually illustrate conservative principles in their work.

“I am honored to be recognized for my conservative efforts by the American Conservation Union Foundation,” Bechler said. “As an elected official, my number one responsibility is to the people of this commonwealth, and I will continue supporting legislation that protects and promotes our conservative values.”

The ACUF’s Ratings of Congress and Ratings of the States are designed to show the way over 8,000 elected officials across the nation view the role of government. The ratings for Kentucky illustrate the differences between chambers of the legislature and reveal lawmakers’ positions on a variety of issues that directly affect Kentuckians.

“In the 2019 session,



Kentucky state Rep. Lynn Bechler recently made Hazel Robertson of Livingston County a Kentucky Colonel. The Colonel distinction is the highest title of honor bestowed by the State of Kentucky, recognizing an individual’s noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to their community, state and nation. Robertson celebrated her 100th birthday Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Methodist Church in Salem among many friends and family.

Kentucky lawmakers passed legislation to create economic opportunities and leave intact the Second Amendment rights of Kentuckians. Now, Gov. Beshear is signaling that he intends to spend beyond the state’s means, raise taxes and limit constitutionally protected rights. It will be up to the conservatives of the General Assembly to prevent these bad ideas

from becoming a reality,” said Matt Schlapp, ACUF chairman.

ACUF, host of the Conservative Political Action Conference, recently released its ratings of current legislators and reviewed legislation voted on in both chambers of the legislature to produce average scores of the House and Senate as well as individual scores for each sitting member.

Census on tap for Leadership Breakfast

STAFF REPORT

In March the U.S. Census will begin counting everyone and local leaders want residents to understand the importance of participating in the upcoming 10-year head count.

At the quarterly Community Leadership Breakfast in a couple of weeks, there will be officials from the U.S. Census on hand to present information that might help authorities here get the word out. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says it’s easy to quantify what local residents are worth when it comes to federal money for area programs. Funding for everything from

Medicare, healthcare, school lunches and other Crittenden County programs relies on a head count. For every person that gets missed during the Census, it costs Crittenden County \$972 a year. That adds up to almost \$10,000 before the next count in 2030.

The Leadership Breakfast will be held on Friday, Feb. 21 at Marion’s Ed-Tech Center. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. Home-town Foods will be catering the meal. The Chamber of Commerce hosts the event. Breakfast will cost \$7.

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Kiley Bloodworth (foreground) presents Eric LaRue with an award for Rocket Way employee of the month during the Crittenden County Board of Education’s January meeting. In light of Board Member Appreciation Month, board members were recognized for their commitment to the school district’s students. Also pictured handing an award to board chairman Chris Cook is Gracie Orr.

CRIME

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officers are spending fewer hours patrolling, O’Neal explains. That’s because the department is down to five full-time policemen, including the chief. Fifteen years ago, Marion PD was staffed with seven full-time officers and one part-timer. Budget restraints are largely to blame for the cutback, but it’s also getting tougher to find policemen. Officers require extensive training and a personal and moral standard that makes finding qualified candidates tough, particularly in a small town, the chief said. Pay here is generally lower than in other nearby communities.

With fewer patrols, O’Neal says arrests are naturally going to drop.

Casework occupies a great deal of an officer’s time and quite often there’s just one Marion patrolman on duty at a

given hour. When that policeman is tied to a desk doing paperwork, there’s no one patrolling the streets.

Overall, felonious crime in Marion went up steadily over the past decade, much of it related to illegal drug use, the police chief speculates.

Felony cases investigated by Marion police had gone up just about every year from 2011 to 2017 when there were 91. Those have tapered off a bit in the past two years, again largely due to manpower, according to the chief.

Methamphetamine arrests have spiked over the past few years while it appears that abuse of prescription medications is on a decline.

Possession of a controlled substance, such as meth or medicine without a prescription, is a felony. Possession of marijuana is a misdemeanor. Misdemeanor

crime in the city has been fairly level over the last decade with a peak in 2012 with 160 cases.

The chief says officers cannot neglect casework because solid criminal investigations lead to more convictions, fewer trials and in the end saves taxpayer money. However, when officers spend more time detailing their cases, it can affect the number of new cases that are opened. That’s why criminal investigations were down more than 25 percent in 2019, compared to the previous three years.

A portion of taxes collected on the sale of alcohol will directly benefit the police department. The chief hopes that improved pay for current officers will be the first priority with those funds. Secondly, he’d like to hire an additional officer, which is even more important in light of some recent illness within the department.

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Food check-out week ongoing

Kentucky Farm Bureau is recognizing the efforts of the world's farmers this week with a proclamation recognizing Feb. 2-8 as Food Check-Out Week in Crittenden County.

Nationwide, 24 million people are employed by agriculture and food industries, and every farmer grows enough food and fiber to feed 155 people.

The Farm Bureau proclamation acknowledges the productivity of America's farms, 97 percent of which are operated by families and individuals.

Its proclamation says citizens enjoy the most affordable food in the world, spending, on average, 10 percent of their disposable income on food, annually. In turn, farmers and ranchers receive 16 cents out of every dollar spent on food at home and away from home, Farm Bureau statistics say, and the rest goes for wages, materials for production, processing, marketing, transportation and distribution.

Veteran care available

The Veterans Directed Care Program is designed to enhance home-based support for veterans by providing services that address their limitations and needs. In-home services are provided through the Pennyrile Area agency on Aging and Independent Living. For more information about the Veterans Directed Care Program, contact Payton Kidd or Jill Collins at (270) 886-9484.

Extension

- **After Hours** will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office.
- **Challengers** will meet at noon, Feb. 12 at the Extension Annex.
- FCS Agent Janeen Tramble's monthly class "Cooking Through the Calendar" will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 18 at the Extension Annex. This month's recipe is Hearty Comfort Soup. Participants will get hands on food preparation and a delicious meal along with nutritional information. There is no cost but pre-registration is required, please call (270) 965-5236.
- **Hooks & Needles Crafter's Corner Club** will meet at noon Feb. 19 at the Extension office. They are also taking donations of any yarn, needles, hoops etc. that you do not need any longer. Contact Nancy Lapp (270) 965-4469 for more information.
- **A Beef Cattle Series** will be held from 6-8 p.m., Monday and again Feb. 17 and Feb. 24 at the Extension Annex. Join ANR Agent Dee Heimgartner to discuss topics about beef cattle production. Please call the Extension office at (270) 965-5236 to pre-register.

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- **Dog Club** will meet at 3:15 p.m., Monday at the Extension Annex.
- **Rockology Club** will meet at 3 p.m., Feb. 13 at Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum.
- **Robotics Club** meets at 3:15 p.m., Feb. 13 at the public library.
- **Homeschool Club** will meet at 1 p.m., Feb. 18 at 1pm at the Extension Annex.

Submit local events

Community calendar is designed for individuals, non-profit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events. Call (270) 965-3191.



Frankfort visit

Rep. Robby Mills (center) is pictured (from left) with Kelsey and Austin Berry and Paula and Todd Berry during the Berry's recent visit to Frankfort. They met with Mills to advocate for SB 116, the Parents Rights Protection Act, which creates new sections of KRS 405 to establish specific rights of parents, an important issue for the Berrys. Mills is a co-sponsor of the bill, which was introduced Jan. 24.

School offering free books for kids

About 80 percent of a child's brain develops before age 5. That's one of the many reasons reading is so important. The benefits of reading to children at any age are numerous and include school preparation, vocabulary development, education advancement, stress management and instilling a passion for books and life-long learning.

To give our youngest Rockets a headstart on reading, Crittenden County School District has announced a partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to offer free books to each child birth to age five who will be attending our school.

To register, visit www.imaginationlibrary.com and click on the "Can I Register My Child" button. After entering the required fields, your child will be registered and will begin receiving high-quality, free books once a month until his or her fifth birthday.

If parents or guardians have any trouble getting applications to go through, they may call Crittenden County Schools' Central Office at (270) 965-3525 for assistance.

Established in 1995 in Dolly Parton's hometown of Sevierville, Tennessee, the program has experienced worldwide success. Today, more than one million books per month are mailed to children all over the world, allowing them to experience all the benefits of reading before they start their school journey.



ROTC cadet

Murray State University sophomore John Duvall recently joined the ROTC program. Duvall (right) is the son of Larry and Tammy Duvall of Marion.

Senior Center

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

Upcoming menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is green pepper casserole, new buttered potatoes, tropical fruit and wheat roll.

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

Monday - Menu is vegetable soup, hamburger on

Concert benefits local PACS center

A fundraiser featuring live music by Kenneth Sullenger and friends will begin at 5 p.m., Feb. 13.

Chili will be served for \$5, and visitors can bring a side dish or dessert.

Director Jenny Sosh said the money raised is used toward monthly activities and upkeep of the center.

whole wheat bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, crackers and oatmeal raisin cookie. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday - Menu is BBQ chicken on wheat bun,

baked potato, green bean casserole, baked apples with raisins, margarine and sour cream.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 - Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and pear crisp. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. A tax preparer will be available each Wednesday in February.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

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

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

Scoreboards net cash for dual credits

A one-time payment of about \$4,800 has been returned to Crittenden County Schools as a result of its partnership with Sportable Scoreboards, the company who handled the placement of and initial advertising for video boards in Rocket Arena.

Superintendent Vince Clark said the payment came at the end of a five-year contact and will be used by the district to help with dual credit expenses.

Over 40 students are enrolled in 100 dual credit college classes with a portion of the cost paid by the board. The board pays about \$10,000 each year for dual credit classes.

THANK YOU

The family of Don Atwell would like to say thank you to everyone who called, texted, prayed, visited or supported us during the loss of our loved one. We appreciated the food that was sent, and Freedom Baptist Church for providing us a meal following the service.

Thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home, Lourdes Hospice and Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation for your special attention while caring for him.

And a special thank you to Linda Chandler, Janie Heidrick, Pat Collins, Ali Fowler, Jeri Muff and special neighbor Donnie Corley. We could not have brought him home and kept him "happy" without each of you!

Praying God blesses each person for your kindness.

Kelly & Brian Croft
Ross & Devon Atwell
Steve Atwell

The Crittenden Press

THROW BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879



In 2010, Zac Sizemore (second from right) fulfilled requirements of his Eagle Scout project with the completion of ramp to make Fohs Hall handicap accessible. Pictured with Sizemore (front from left) are Fohs Hall board member Mike Vaughan, Scout leader Sandy Urbanowski, Sizemore's father David, Sizemore, Fohs Hall member Bob Briley, (back) Fohs Hall board members Thom Hawthorne, Sr., Linda Schumann, Marie Burkhardt, Judy Winn, Malcolm Hunt, Ethel Tucker and Alan Stout.

50 years ago Thursday, Feb. 12

- The Crittenden County Rockets played their final home game of the season against West Hopkins.
- Jim Fred Mills was congratulated by Lee Roy Rorer for being selected as the Outstanding Citizen for 1969. The award was given annually by Woodmen of the World.
- Many local beauty salons celebrated National Beauty Salon Week. Fashion Beauty Salon, Deedie's Beauty Salon, Golden Touch Beauty Salon, McConnell's Beauty Shop, Polly's Beauty Shop and Ruby's Beauty Shop were all businesses that were recognized.

25 years ago Thursday, Feb. 9

- Marion was notified that it qualified for a federal grant under the Clinton administration that allowed the city to get a new police officer.
- Local spelling bee winners were third place CCES sixth-grader Joy

Duncan; second place CCES fifth-grader Vince Mitchell and first place CCMS seventh-grader Stacy Cook.

- Farmers Bank and Trust Co. earned the Bauer Financial Report's highest award - a five star rating for the 24th consecutive quarter.

10 years ago Thursday, Feb. 4

- Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham was in Marion and visited with Crittenden County Jailer Rickey Riley and his deputies at the Crittenden County Detention Center.
- Rocket senior forward Patrick Nielsen had the best performance of his varsity career scoring 24 points to lead the Rockets to their second win that week. For the Lady Rockets, forward Laken Tabor contributed 21 points and five three-pointers against the Heath Lady Pirates. Tabor nailed the winning bucket with only :06 ticks remaining.

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Why remembering is not enough

I love hearing stories and I love telling them to anyone who will listen. Even the same story told over again continues to have fresh meaning because every time it is told it is spoken into a fresh context. Events, location, people present, the emotion in the room, and the purpose of telling all change each time it is told.

Telling stories is how we transmit wisdom, empathy, and faith from one generation to the next. The past few days we have been reminded of the events that revealed one of the most horrific pogroms in modern history. January 27 was Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is so because it was on that day 75 years ago that the Soviet army liberated Auschwitz.

In a speech given in 2013, one of those soldiers, Ivan Martynushkin, said, “I happened to be directly involved in the liberation of the death camp in Oswiecim. In January 1945, I was a senior lieutenant, commanding the machine gun squad of the 1087th rifle regiment, 322nd division, 60th army of the 1st Ukrainian Front. Those times are impossible to forget. I could not even fathom that here was the “death camp,” I remember – 27 January 1945, it was



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

damp, wet snow was falling. When we approached the vicinity of the concentration camp, the first thing we saw were fences with rows of barbed wire. In the distance, a group of people. First, they did not understand what was happening. Then they started waving their hands, shouting something. To what we saw in the camp, we had an entirely different attitude. . . What had we liberated, what was the camp for? Only afterwards did I understand. And I was terrified.”

In 2014 at the Museum and Memorial in Auschwitz, Kenya Olhova gave a short speech describing her experience as a young girl and how it affected her. Near the end she shared this, “I believe that the younger generation should know everything about that bygone war, the tragedy and sacrifice of those who stopped fascism, those who saved humanity from the Nazi plague. I have to say that children listen very carefully to the stories of our harsh wartime childhood. Once, a certain girl came up to me, hugged me and

cried. I said, “Why are you crying?” “I feel sorry for you that you survived it.” What does that say? About the compassion of today’s boys and girls, about the understanding of what happened in the life of the older generation that lived through World War II. And it gives you hope; allows you [to] draw the conclusion: the present generation will not allow a repetition of Auschwitz.”

It was a few months later, on April 29-30 that the American 45th Infantry, 7th US Army liberated Dachau with vengeance and horror. We should never forget, and we should continue to tell the stories even as the very last of that generation leaves this life. Every society should constantly be on guard against such ever happening. However, the seeds of such horror are nearly always present. All it takes is enough stereotyping and fear for such to grow again. All it takes is for one group to be labelled as an economic disadvantage or threat to another group and a recession to hit. The danger is ever present if our focus is primarily on economic outcome, individual (not the same a human) rights, or specific identities that divide us into adversarial groups.

We are not very good at remembering. Our agendas and concerns can capture what is remembered and rewrite it to fit a narrative that justifies

our positions. We are also good at choosing parts of the story that show us in a good light, whether it be to demonstrate we have been right all along or to demonstrate that we now stand with those whom we (or “that group I used to belong to”) once ignored or opposed, which can create the environment we are attempting to avoid.

Remembering is crucial, but it must be done in a healthy context, or at least with some understanding of one’s context. Since Holocaust Remembrance Day has just passed, let’s use a healthy context from the Old Testament. It is a context of listening to God first.

It is called the Shema. Here is part of it from Deuteronomy 6:4-7, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

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Cure greed with generosity

Question: I opened my first savings account at the age of 22. I loved to watch it grow and became obsessed with seeing it increase. My savings account slowly began to own me. How can I break my enslavement to riches?

Answer: Wanting more and more money is greed. The Bible warns against it. “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” (1 Tim. 6:10).

The first phrase, “The love of money” is often misquoted to say, “Money is the root of all evil.” Nothing is wrong with having money. Using it wisely and generously, you can help many people meet their needs and in doing so experience much joy. It is the “love of mon-

ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison



ey” that gets us into trouble. In efforts to get more and more, greed can easily lead to theft and deception.

The only cure for greed is generosity. Greed and generosity can never dwell in the same heart. One will be the resident and the other will be the occasional visitor.

How do you change your heart from one of greed to generosity? Let God give you a heart transplant. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone the new has come” (2 Cor. 5:17)! God will give you a new heart when you place your faith in Christ as your Savior and Lord.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Last year shows more baptisms

Baptisms were up slightly among Kentucky Baptist churches during 2019.

The Kentucky Baptist Church made the announcement late last week, citing numbers from last year that show 11,338 people followed Jesus by submitting to a believer’s baptism, which is when a person whose expression of faith in Christ leads to a public baptism by immersion for the forgiveness of sin.

In 2018, Kentucky Baptist churches baptized 11,230.

The Kentucky Baptist Church Association also said in an article written for Kentucky Today by Dr. Todd Gray, the group’s executive director, that a vast majority of Kentuckians do not regularly attend church. It cited a survey by Glenmary research, which bases its conclusions on church attendance records, saying approximately 80 percent of Kentuckians do not attend church regularly.

Church Events & News

■ A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held from 5-7 p.m., Feb. 25 at Marion United Methodist Church.

Families and children are welcome. A short discussion about the religious significance of Shrove Tuesday will be held. An Ash Wed service will be held at 6 p.m., Feb. 26. The public is invited to both events. A love offering will be accepted for Marion United Methodist youth.

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is

open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

■ The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday. It is located at the back of the

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■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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-Matthew 18:20

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Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holeman
SUNDAY CHURCH TIMES:
8:30 a.m. Coffee Juice Fellowship • 8:45 a.m. Sunday School • 10 a.m. Morning Worship
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Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

Crooked Creek Baptist Church
261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., Marion, Ky.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Mark Girten

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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Worship service: 11 a.m.

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Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.
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Press reporter shares his visit to Dycusburg

It is always interesting to take a trip with The Press reporters of long ago to the communities as they seek out people and businesses to purchase a subscription or advertisement space in the local paper. Through their writings we can visit these interesting places of our past. This visit is to the once thriving riverport town of Dycusburg in November 1900.

The Thriving Little City of Dycusburg Visited By Press Representatives.

Tuesday afternoon two members of The Press staff left Marion for Dycusburg, the little city on the Cumberland River, to look after the interest of the paper in that section. Dycusburg is one of the best shipping points on the Cumberland River.

Late Friday afternoon we arrived at the home of Mr. Edgeworth Gregory, about one mile out of Dycusburg. The night was spent with Mr. Gregory.

This worthy farmer is a most entertaining gentleman. He is well acquainted the county over, and until a late hour the estimable host entertained the travelers with the most interesting anecdotes of a somewhat historical kind, relating to Crittenden County and her people in years that have come and gone. Mr. Gregory is a typical Kentuckian, his family is a typical Kentucky family, and Southern hospitality is clearly exemplified in this good man and his wife.

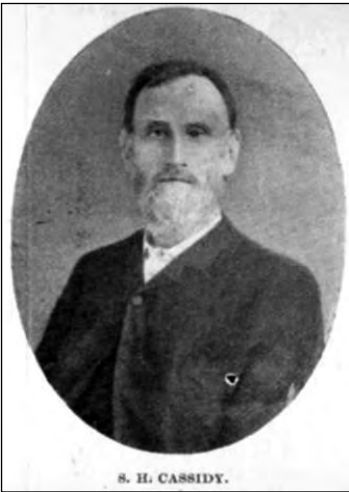
Saturday morning we started for Dycusburg and as we reached the top of the large hill just before the town is entered our attention was attracted by a large American flag, unfurled from a lofty staff, situated on the bank of the Cumberland and on that staff, directly over the star spangled banner, an enormous Democratic rooster, with head erect, and in an attitude suggestive to the observer that he was monarch of all he surveyed, stood as a sentinel to inform the stranger that he stood in a Democratic community.

The first business firm visited was Bennett Bros. General merchandise establishment. The Press representatives were given a warm welcome by Mr. Percy Cooksey, the manager of this business house. This firm is doing an excellent business under the management of so popular and affable a gentleman as Mr. Cooksey.

The Spot Cash Store, S. H. Cassidy & Co., proprietors, was next visited. This establishment carries a large line of general merchandise and from the amount of business done while The Press representatives were in, it can be said that this firm commands a large patronage.



The photo on the left is the large tobacco stemmery of Mr. S. H. Cassidy. Mr. Cassidy and his company operated a general store, grain and tobacco company. It was quite a large enterprise and one of the most successful in western Kentucky. In the middle is Mr. S. H. Cassidy, owner of the successful Cassidy enterprises at Dycusburg in 1900. To the right is W. M. Hill's hardware and grocery store in Dycusburg, another popular business. Mr. Hill carried a select stock of all things necessary for the home and farm. Hill was also a judge in Dycusburg at one time.



S. H. Cassidy & Co., dealers in leaf tobacco and strips, make Dycusburg their headquarters, with factories at Kutta-



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

wa also. S. H. Cassidy, a Kentuckian by birth and a Kentuckian in every way, hospitable, public spirited, and deserving fully the respect and confidence of his immediate friends and neighbors, and the great business world as well.

Mr. Cassidy is a typical example of what untiring energy, backed by good common sense, will accomplish. He owns three great tobacco houses that bear his name, and has an interest in the flouring mill of F. B. Dycus & Co. The cheerful whistle at Mr. Cassidy's flour mill blows each day to make known the dinner and supper hour.

All in all Dycusburg owes much to Mr. Cassidy. Mr. Cassidy is a Mason and also a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Another prosperous establishment is Yancy Bros., dry goods and grocery store. The firm keeps an elegant saloon and a good stock of family groceries. G. M. and S. L. Yancy compose the firm. They are clever, accommodating gentlemen and judging from their stock we know they carry a good trade.

One of the landmarks of Dycusburg is W. M. Hill. He located at Dycusburg in 1855, to take a position with Cobb, Gellatly & Co., one of the largest business houses of that place. He remained with that firm 15 years and until he elected to give up the position. He has served the town as police judge several years, making a good reputation as a fair

and impartial officer. In his younger days he was noted far and wide for his great physical strength, being a giant in that respect, though the years have come and gone, he is still a powerful man, retaining the vigor, both mental and physical, of his youthful day.

He is at present engaged in the hardware and grocery business. He carries a select stock of these goods, keeps his house in splendid shape, everything having a tasty appearance; and being so well and favorably known by the people of that section, he naturally does a good business. His affable disposition, good humor, and social qualities make him a popular man, and then in a business way he is honorable and trustworthy.

One of the substantial citizens of Dycusburg and Crittenden County is J. H. Clifton. His career has been a long, successful and honorable one. He learned the blacksmith trade and followed it for 18 years at Dycusburg.

It was while working at the forge that he formed a large acquaintance and established a reputation for business integrity that served him so well in after years.

When he began merchandising at Dycusburg, his business grew as the years went by, and today he has one of the leading business houses of the county, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of the people among whom he has lived so many years. He carries a \$10,000 stock and his business occupies three large rooms.

He handles dry goods, groceries, notions, clothing, hardware, and in fact, "everything," as he expressed it, "except whisky and coffins."

His stock is well kept and well arranged. The main building is devoted to general dry goods, notions, shoes and hats, and in the second sto-

ry is his clothing. An adjoining room is filled with heavy groceries and hardware, and the fourth room is the office. The splendid patronage Mr. Clifton enjoys is an evidence of his fair dealing, his honesty and his enterprising spirit as a merchant and a citizen.

He keeps the best grade of goods, sells at low prices, and whatever he tells you can be depended upon; his life and his business have been so long and so closely connected with the town that he is regarded, and justly, as an important factor in the continued prosperity and good name of the town.

Other places visited include the Dycusburg School which was flourishing under the management of Misses Helen Boyd of Salem, and Miss Fannie Gray of Marion. Everyone spoke in terms of commendation of the work of the two young lady teachers.

The venerable Dr. Graves, Dycusburg's oldest physician, gave the travelers a hearty handshake. No man is more loved and respected in the county than Dr.

Graves.

The churches of Dycusburg are pretty buildings, and each claims a large membership. A series of meetings is in progress at the Baptist Church.

A great deal of shipping is done at the town and its commercial transactions are quite extensive.

The people of Dycusburg are thrifty and industrious and the town is advancing steadily in population and business.

Late in the afternoon, as the shadows began to lengthen, the two Press representatives bade the city of Dycusburg goodbye and stared for home. The last the travelers saw of the little city as their horses sped

over the hill homeward bound, was the stars and stripes waving over the quiet village and the proud rooster standing as defender of the banner of liberty.

Articles such as this one, preserved in The Crittenden Press archives, help us to remember the people that help make our county what it is today, and how things used to be long ago.

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

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BASKETBALL

FIFTH DISTRICT STANDINGS

BOYS		
Lyon County	14-9	5-1
Trigg County	10-14	4-2
Crittenden Co.	10-13	3-3
Livingston Cent.	1-21	0-6
GIRLS		
Trigg County	18-6	5-1
Crittenden Co.	14-6	5-1
Lyon County	11-13	2-4
Livingston Cent.	5-12	0-6

Upcoming Games

THURSDAY
Lady Rockets at Hopkins Central
Rockets at Community Christian
FRIDAY
Rockets host Dawson Springs
Lady Rockets host Dawson Springs
TUESDAY
Rockets at Caldwell County
Lady Rockets at Caldwell County

ROCKET LEADERS

Player	Pts	Reb
Gabe Mott	17.0	3.6
Preston Turley	15.6	8.6
Erik O'Leary	14.8	2.8
Preston Morgeson	5.2	2.6
Maddox Carlson	2.5	1.6
Ben Dobyns	1.6	0.9
Hayden Adamson	1.4	1.2
Braxton Winders	1.2	3.0

LADY ROCKET LEADERS

Player	Pts	Reb
Taylor Guess	17.7	6.7
Nahla Woodward	9.1	7.4
Jaelyn Duncan	7.1	4.5
Natalie Boone	6.7	1.4
Chandler Moss	4.4	3.6
Grace Driskill	2.8	3.7

OUTDOORS
Hunting Seasons

Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29
Raccoon (trapping)	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Red/Gray Fox	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Beaver	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Canada Goose	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Coyote	Year Round
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Groundhog	Year Round

Small game going out

A couple of small game seasons end Monday, but squirrel season continues through the end of February. Rabbit and quail hunting will end at the first of next week. Field reports for bunny hunters was pretty good this season, but quail hunting continues to be very challenging.

Coyote event changed

The annual coyote hunting contest has been postponed until Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22. Register at Hodge's sporting goods store on Sturgis Road. Cost is \$20 per two-man team. Hunters may hunt overnight on Friday. Check in will be at 5 p.m., on Saturday. Coyotes can be legally hunted at night with a light from Feb. 1 through May 31. The event was originally scheduled for this coming weekend.

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SECOND REGION TOP 10

Weekly Regional Media Poll

BOYS	GIRLS
1. Madisonville	1. Henderson Co.
2. Henderson Co.	2. Madisonville
3. University Heights	3. Webster County
4. Webster County	4. Trigg County
5. Christian County	5. Hopkinsville.
6. Hopkinsville	6. Christian County
7. Lyon County	7. Caldwell County
8. Caldwell County	8. Crittenden Co.
9. Crittenden Co.	9. Lyon County
10. Trigg County	10. Union County

Pictured at left, Rocket sophomore Maddox Carlson hauls down a rebound at Livingston Central on Friday. Also pictured are (from left) Rocket Preston Morgeson, Cardinal Isaac Wring, Rockets Braxton Winders and Gabe Mott, Cardinal Max Downey, Carlson and Cardinal Everett Garrett.

Rockets close out 5th play with win at Livingston

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County closed out its regular-season Fifth District schedule on Friday at Smithland, beating Livingston Central 56-45.

The win gives CCHS the third seed going into the post-season tournament. The Rockets will face Trigg County in the first round of the playoffs – a team that has beaten CCHS twice, including an overtime loss for the Rockets early last week at Cadiz.

At Livingston on Friday, it was a one-point contest to open the fourth period, but Crittenden County pulled away thanks to a couple of three pointers by freshman Preston Morgeson and some excellent foul shooting.

The Rockets were perfect at the line, going 12-for-12 at the stripe, including eight points there in the final seconds as Livingston was fouling, trying to close a 10-point deficit late in the game.

Livingston played well, coming off its first win of the season four days earlier against Fort Campbell.

Rockets fall to Croft's Cards

Former Rocket Payton Croft brought his Mayfield Cardinals basketball team to Marion Saturday afternoon and handed Crittenden County a 78-47 loss.

The Rockets were playing shorthanded as senior and third-leading scorer Erik O'Leary was out with an ankle injury.

Sophomore Hayden Adamson got his first start in O'Leary's normal place.

Gabe Mott led the scoring with 18 points and Preston Turley had a dozen.

Croft, the son of former CCHS coach Jimmy Croft, had previously coached at Trigg County, but resigned last summer to take the Mayfield position.

Mayfield 78, Crittenden 47				
Mayfield	16	33	58	78
Crittenden County	14	24	39	47
MAYFIELD - Kennemore 15, Daniel 12, Brooks 21, Parrot 6, Neely 12, Morris 6, Tynes 2, Browning, Watkins, Rogers, Stone 2, Perry, Lawson. FG 32. 3-pointers 7. FT 7-13.				
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson, Winders, Mott 18, Guess, Davidson, Champion 5, Dobyns, M.Carlson 9, Adam-				



Erik O'Leary picks up his dribble at LCHS.

Crittenden 56, Livingston 45				
Crittenden County	13	29	36	56
Livingston Central	9	22	33	45
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 13, O'Leary 16, Mott 17, Winders, Champion, Dobyns, M.Carlson 4, McGowan, Turley 6, Adamson. FG 19. 3-pointers 6 (Morgeson 3, O'Leary 2, Mott). FT 12-12.				
LIVINGSTON - Downey 12, J.Barnes 9, Cossey 2, Wring 10, Ramage 5, Garrett 1, Zaim 6, Goodaker, Johnson. FG 14. 3-pointers 2 (Barnes). FT 12-20.				

Lady Rockets to flip for Fifth's top seed

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden 54, Carlisle 49

Crittenden Co.	10	14	30	54
Carlisle Co.	8	13	28	49

CRITTENDEN - Guess 17, Boone 16, Moss 3, Duncan 3, Woodward 15. FG 13. 3-pointers 3 (Woodward, Boone 2). FT 26-37.

CARLISLE - Whitaker 12, McGee 6, Wright 8, Owens 5, Tyler 8, Jones 2, Hall 8. FG 17. 3-pointers 5. FT 10-19.

Crittenden 62, Livingston 46

Crittenden	12	31	49	62
Livingston	13	26	36	46

CRITTENDEN - Guess 17, Boone 7, Moss, Duncan 14, Woodward 15, Easley, Perryman, Long 2, Conyer 1, Smith 5. FG 22. 3-pointers 1 (Boone). FT 19-24.

LIVINGSTON - Downey 3, Davidson 8, Salazar 2, Wring 23, Quartermous, M.Downey 4, Ramage 4, Jennings, Dropeza 2, Tramble, Holman, Jennings. FG 18. 3-pointers 1 (G.Downey). FT 9-16.

Crittenden 63, Hardin Co. 40

Crittenden	14	28	49	63
Hardin Co.	6	18	29	40

CRITTENDEN - Guess 11, Boone 12, Moss 4, Duncan 10, Woodward 4, Easley 5, Perryman 1, Long 2, Conyer 1, Smith 13. FG 20. 3-pointers 2 (Boone). 21-44.

HARDIN - E.Mott 4, M.Mott 9, Hicks 15, Fowler, Rose 2, Wallace 6, Mills, Bishop 4. FG 16. 3-pointers 0. FT 5-8.

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Rockets got some balanced scoring at Livingston Central on Friday to pace a 62-46 Crittenden County victory.

The win ties Crittenden County with Trigg County for the Fifth District regular-season crown. A coin toss will determine whether the Lady Rockets or the Lady Wildcats get the No. 1 seed for post-season play.

At Livingston, Taylor Guess, Crittenden's leading scorer, was held without a fielder in the first half as Nahla Woodward and Jaelyn Duncan combined for 21 points in the opening two periods.

Guess found her touch in the second half and finished with a team-high 17 points. Woodward had 15 and Duncan 14 to help head off a valiant effort from the Lady Cardinals. Livingston's Lauren Wring scored 23.

The Lady Cardinals were winless in their six regular-season district games; therefore, they will play the winner



Crittenden junior Kacie Easley defends Livingston's Lauren Wring in Friday's matchup at Smithland.

of the coin toss in the first round of the playoffs, which will be held at Lyon County later this month.

81 Foul Shots

Crittenden's girls have had a penchant for getting to the stripe this season. They average 20 free throws a game and are fourth in the region with a 61-percent average at

the foul line.

Crittenden shot 44 foul shots at Hardin County, Ill., last week and 37 at Carlisle County Monday. The Rocket girls made 21 of them in Illinois, but still won the game by 23. Eighth-grader Riley Smith led CCHS with 13 points. At Carlisle, CCHS made 26 and won by 15.

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Hall of Fame induction Friday at Rocket Arena

Leap of faith led Wheeler to state crown

STAFF REPORT

Clark Wheeler’s athletic career was nearly over before it got started, but when he figured out how to jump start it, the rest was history.

Wheeler, 67, will be the only living inductee into the Farmers Bank Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame Friday night. There will be an induction ceremony between the two varsity basketball games at Rocket Arena.

Just the fourth person ever selected to the local hall of fame for track and field, Wheeler was a KHSAA state champion in 1970 at the age of 17 with a jump of 6-feet-¾ inch. A jump of 6-feet-1 inch in the regional meet qualified him for the state finals, and that height remains a school record.

As a sophomore, Wheeler suffered a broken leg, the femur bone just above his knee in a football game against Murray High. He was in a body cast for three months and was unable to participate in sports.

“Believe it or not, walking up and down hills and over creeks hunting got me back in shape,” he said.

Once healed, Wheeler went out for the basketball team, but says it wasn’t his thing.



Wheeler

Toward the end of the season, he asked Crittenden County coach George Whitecotton if he could leave the team in order to join the track and field team. Whitecotton released him and Wheeler started a career as a high jumper.

“Our PE class had a high jump bar and I started jumping over it and landing on a little mat. I said, ‘Hey I would be good at this,’” Wheeler recalls. “I made the right choice and appreciate the basketball coach for allowing it. Track was just getting started and it gave me a couple of months to get ready.”

As a junior, Wheeler remembers trying to learn some of the most popular forms for jumping over the high jump bar. Because of residual effects of his broken leg, they wouldn’t work so he developed a distinctive form, leaping from his right foot because the left leg had been weakened and never fully rehabilitated from the football injury.

“I had a unique style,” he said.

In fact, it was so rare, judges sometimes wanted to call a foul on him at meets.

“The only rule was you had to leave the ground off of one foot. My form was very close to being off two,” he recalls. “I had a stutter step so you had to watch closely to see that I was jumping off the right foot. Everyone else leaped off their



Clark Wheeler’s state championship medal.

left foot.”

As a senior, Wheeler became the best Class A high jumper in all of western Kentucky. He won every meet of that season except one. His only loss was to a Union County jumper who eventually won the state championship in Class 2A.

It’s not surprising that Wheeler’s athletic prowess has gained lasting notoriety. His grandfather, also named Clark, was a major league baseball player, and his father Rip Wheeler played baseball at Murray State and was drafted as a minor leaguer. Rip was inducted into the athletics hall of fame in 2010. Also, Wheeler’s great-niece is a freshman star of the Lady Rockets basketball



Track and field teammates Mike Hamilton and Clark Wheeler (center) talk with coach Jerry Thurman on the high school campus in the days leading up to the state meet.

team, Taylor Guess.

Wheeler walked on at Murray State and made the track team, but the collegiate ranks would not allow him to use his unique form for jumping. He tried to adapt, but could never get higher than six feet.

“That wasn’t enough, so I left the team,” he said.

From there, he concentrated on studies and eventually became a banker. He is now retired and living in Hopkinsville, but visits Crittenden County often and owns a farm here near Tolu.

Wheeler continues to maintain his fitness, working on the farm and biking up to 12 miles during good weather.

He said earning recognition by the hall of fame committee is humbling and he said much of the credit for his success must go to the community. He

explained that the booster club back then was very strong and provided the team with practice equipment to help it succeed despite not having a track for home meets.

His senior year, the Rocket track team finished seventh in the state because he won a championship and Mike Hamilton, who still lives in Marion and owns Superior Trophies on Main Street, was state runner up in the 440 meters.

“We got back from the state meet and they put our medals right up there in the window of the principal’s office. I took a lot of pride in seeing those medals – my gold and Mike’s silver – there the last couple of weeks of school. I have a lot of Rocket pride, a lot of Crittenden County pride.”

Winders’ legacy in local sports was long, broad

STAFF REPORT

Few individuals have touched as many lives as Nicky Winders did over his long professional career as a minister and the ministry he took into the realm of local athletics.



Winders

An ordained minister, Winders filled the pulpit at Sturgis General Baptist Church for 28 years. His personal outreach program lasted even longer as he coached, mentored, supported and reported on youth and school sports from as early as 1978 until his untimely death at the age of 62 in 2013.

Not only was Winders a recognizable adult fixture on the Crittenden County sports scene for almost four decades, he was also quite an accomplished athlete in his day. Winders was among the golfers on Crittenden County’s undefeated golf team in 1967 and he at one time held the Marion Country Club course record for match play.

A three-year member of the Rockets basketball team, Winders clearly established himself as a great CCHS athlete, yet it is largely for his consistent devotion to Crittenden County sports that he is being honored with induction into the Farmers Bank Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame on Friday night.

During his adult life, Winders was instrumental in youth recreational and scholastic sports. He spent 15



In this undated, photograph Nicky Winders (left) shakes hands with the late Buck Travis after each won trophies in a local golf tournament.

years as a little league basketball coach and also coached youth baseball. He was a middle school basketball head coach or assistant for 16 years. He was the official clock keeper at high school and middle school games over many seasons and was the public address announcer for Rocket football games from 2001 to 2008.

It was as play-by-play announcer and commentator for WMJL radio that Winders perhaps is best known by the broader public. From 1991 until his death 22 years later, Winders’ voice brought basket-



These boys represented CCHS in golf during the competitive season just ended and went undefeated. They are, left to right Butch McWilliams, Cam Love, Gary Biggs, John Johnson, Rand Davidson, Coach Steve Davidson and Nicky Winders. Absent where the picture was made was Tommy Loyd, the seventh member of the winning team.



The above Crittenden Press article and photo was from 1967 coverage of the undefeated golf team on which Nicky Winders played.

ball action to listeners. The depth of his knowledge of the players, coaches and program gave Winders an uncanny ability to paint a visual picture of the game at hand with only his words. His experience as a longtime coach and his having skippered many of the players on the court helped him provide a deep insight into every

game.

Beyond being a minister, coach, radio personality and youth sports volunteer, he held a full-time day job. He worked at the Potter and Brumfield plant in Marion, which was later operated under other names, and retired when then-owner Siemens closed the facility about 20 years ago.



Nicky Winders was keeping the clock at a middle school basketball game while his grandson Braxton Winders waited at the scorer’s table to check into the game.

Additionally, he was instrumental in helping develop a General Baptist Church Youth Camp in Crittenden County.

Winders’ legacy continues in the school district as his son, Bryce, is a teacher and assistant athletic director; and his grandson, Braxton, is a junior and three-sport athlete at CCHS.

Among his most unrecognized work was a movement Winders led several years ago to have old trophies from bygone eras preserved and archived at the school. His son, Blair, recalls how his father learned that historic memorabilia, including trophies and plaques won by school teams of the past, were about to be discarded. Winders sprung into action.

“They were probably within minutes of going to the dumpster, but he made sure they were saved and stored in Rocket Arena,” said his son.

Among those trophies was the coveted Class B state championship hardware won by the 1931 Tolu basketball team.

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Two former student-athletes will be enshrined in the Farmers Bank Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame during a ceremony between basketball games Friday night at Rocket Arena. There will be a memory room for the new inductees of the Hall of Fame, their families, friends and former coaches and teammates. There will be a come-and-go reception in the Rocket Arena meeting room. It will be open from 6 p.m., until the end of the final game. Also, Friday is recognition of CCHS 1,000 Points Club members.

Marion-Crittenden County Hall of Fame Roll Call

Player, Year Inducted, Sport

- Andrews, Josh - 2005 - Football
- Belt, Bruce - 2001 - Basketball
- Beverly, David - 2007 - Football
- Brasher, Don "Sucky" - 2002 - Basketball
- Bridwell, Lynn "Lefty" - 2009 - Baseball
- Brown, Nicky - 2009 - Basketball
- Champion, Jamie - 2006 - Football
- Conyer, Roy - 2001 - Football
- Cozart, David - 2019 - Football, Baseball, Basketball
- Cozart, Spencer - 2004 - Basketball
- Croft, Jimmy - 2013 - Basketball
- Daniels, Markeata Brown - 2009 - Basketball
- Davidson, Glen "Ace" - 2003 - Basketball
- Morgan Dooms - 2015 - Basketball
- Easley, Clinton - 2005 - Football
- Elder, Houston "Hound" - 2001 - Football
- Faith, Leonard - 2008 - Basketball
- Franklin, W.A. - 2006 - Basketball
- Gates, Pat - 2002 - Football
- Grady, Orville "Soupy" - 1998 - Football
- Gray, Vanessa - 2011 - Basketball
- Green, Don - 2001 - Basketball
- Hart, Brad - 2017 - Football, Basketball
- Hart, George - 1998 - Basketball
- Head, Frank - 1998 - Football
- Hicklin, Robert "Hickie" - 2002 - Football
- Highfill, Hugh - 2002 - Basketball
- Hill, Tim - 2016 - Basketball, Track
- Hinchee, Jeanee - 2007 - Basketball
- Hodge, Denis - 2006 - Football



- Hodge, Shannon Collins - 2008 - Basketball
- Hopper, Jimmy - 2005 - Football
- Hughes, Charles "Turkey" - 1999 - Football
- Johnson, Tom - 2001 - Football
- Knoth, Curtis "Gig" - 1998 - Football
- Litchfield, Louis - 2007 - Basketball
- Little, Dwight - 1998 - Football
- Little, Erceel - 2003 - Basketball
- Martin, Turner - 2012 - Basketball
- Mathieu, Jessica - 2018 - Basketball
- McChesney, James "Burlap" - 2003 - Football
- Mills, Jim Fred - 1999 - Football
- Moss, Ronnie - 2003 - Football
- Moss, Ronnie - 2005 - Basketball
- Mott, Chad - 2006 - Football
- Mott, Dennis - 2010 - Football
- Myers, Kyle - 2017 - Basketball, Football
- O'Leary, Angie Hobbs - 2019 - Basketball, Track
- Ordway, Bruce - 2008 - Basketball
- Perryman, Chad - 2011 - Baseball

- Phillips, James - 2000 - Basketball
- Rich, Joey - 2014 - Football
- Rushing, Woodson "Chuck" - 1999 - Football
- Shadowen, Lige - 2003 - Basketball
- Shewcraft, Jeff - 2004 - Basketball
- Simmons, Ellis - 2005 - Basketball
- Smith, Bennett - 1999 - Basketball
- Starnes, Al - 2004 - Football
- Starnes, Angela - 2018 - Track Coach
- Stewart, Wompie - 2007 - Football
- Summers, Von - 2014 - Football
- Swisher, Bob - 2000 - Football
- Tabor, Charles "Bill" - 2003 - Football
- Tabor, Gerald "Hoopy" - 2000 - Basketball
- Tabor, Melissa Jones - 2009 - Golf
- Terry, William "Gander" - 1999 - Football
- Thurman, Greg - 2002 - Basketball
- Towery, Carlisle - 1998 - Basketball
- Turley, Curtis - 1999 - Basketball
- Van Hooser, Carroll - 1998 - Football
- Wheeler, Floyd "Rip" - 2010 - Baseball
- Wheeler, Clark - 2019 - Track and Field
- Willoughby, James - 2012 - Track
- Winders, Nicky - 2019 - Basketball, Golf
- Woodall, Deller E. - 1998 - Football
- Woodall, Jerry - 2004 - Football
- Wring, Tommy - 2002 - Basketball
- 1945 Marion High Football Team - 2008
- 1963 CC High Football Team - 2008
- 1985 CC High Football Team - 2000
- 1942 Marion High Football Team - 2015

1,000 Points Club members honored

In addition to the annual Marion-Crittenden County Hall of Fame induction ceremony Friday night, there will be a special recognition of all members of the Rockets’ 1,000 Points Club. Players from the 1950s to now have been invited to be part of the unveiling of a new banner listing the names and point totals of all of the school’s 13 members of the 1,000 Point Club.

It had previously been reported that there were 11 players – including two this season – who had eclipsed that mark. However, findings of new information over the past few days has allowed local sports historian Andy Hunt to announce that Bruce Belt and Ronnie Moss have been added to the list. Previously, game summaries from several contests in which they participated were unavailable. However, the advent of deeper searches facilitated by sophisticated internet search engines has allowed Hunt to uncover information that had for a while been lost to time. More than half of the 1K Club members will be present for Friday’s ceremony. A hospitality room will be open throughout the evening as a place for fellowship with these men.

Memphis prep point guard has Coach Cal’s attention

If there is one thing that stands out about Kentucky point guard recruiting target Kennedy Chandler it would be his speed with the ball.

“Whether he is in transition or getting a head of steam up in the half court off a ball screen, he can fly,” said Briarcrest Christian (Memphis) coach John Harrington about his 6-1 point guard. “He can really pass the ball, especially to 7-footers or 6-10 kids who like lobs that lead to dunks. He’s very gifted at that but he’s also gifted scoring baskets around the rim with his body. He uses angles and English with the ball very well.”

That sounds similar to how former Wildcat Shai Gilgeous-Alexander managed to score inside against bigger players in high school and college and has continued to do in the NBA.

“Kennedy works on all types of moves whether it is with his left hand, right hand, floaters. He practices all kind of shots,” Harrington said. “He’s very competitive, too. During open gym before the season started I would always put him on the worst team with four knuckleheads for pickup games. Then he would make sure you knew his team had won three or four games in a row any way.”

“Kennedy has grown a lot physically in the last year. When he was a sophomore he was not really dunking the ball a lot. Now he’s driving and making some spectacular dunks. I think he’ll just keep getting bigger and stronger, too.”

The five-star point guard recently narrowed his list of potential college choices to 10 — Duke, Florida State, Kansas, Kentucky, Memphis, Michigan, North Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and USC. He’s considering a visit to Kentucky later this month.

“I think every kid enjoys recruiting at first but when you are a high profile player with social media being the way it is, everything you do is scrutinized and watched. When he got down to 10 schools, school 11 was not happy,” Harrington said. “There has been some criticism and comparing him to other point guards and saying he’s not as good. I just told him when you are really good, you are just on an island by yourself with everything aiming for you.”

Despite facing a lot of gimmick defenses, Chandler has still averaged about 23 points, four assists and four rebounds per game. His team has four Division I football commits, so Chandler also plays a lot of minutes because he’s the team’s most skilled basketball player.

Harrington admits that Chandler doesn’t fit the size mold of the prototypical point guard that John Calipari has had at Kentucky where most have been in the 6-4 range.

“But the one thing Kennedy has is the unique ability to get away from people because he is so fast,” Harrington said. “The team I would actually see him fitting in best with would be North Carolina because they get the ball out of the net, throw it to the point guard and take off. That’s when he’s at his best.”

Harrington, who is the school’s vice principal along with the basketball coach, does see one favorable trend for Kentucky.

“I think Cal coaches more like I coach Kennedy, getting on to him and holding him accountable,” Harrington said. “If the team messes up usually Cal will get

very animated with the point guard. He and are I a lot alike.”

Harrington watched a lot of Calipari’s practices when Calipari was head coach at Memphis — Calipari’s daughter, Megan, was a student worker in Harrington’s office and Calipari’s son, Brad, attended middle school there.

“I have told Kennedy that he (Calipari) knows how to get him prepared for the next level (NBA),” Harrington said. “I also told him that Cal or any coach will be patting him on the back now but after he graduates they will have you on scholarship and will wear you out coaching you.”

Obviously hometown Memphis — and coach Penny Hardaway, a former NBA star — has recruited Chandler heavily. Chandler said at the Marshall County Hoopfest in December that he knew many were assuming he would go to Memphis but insisted then he was not close to a college decision and was “wide open” about where he would go.

“Memphis always has great talent but what Penny is doing is creating a national program where he can go and get some players across the country. He does not have to depend just on Memphis for players,” Harrington said. “Cal did not have a lot of Memphis kids on his team and I know why. He did not recruit Memphis players unless they were special.”

Harrington said he has known Chandler since “he was just a little knucklehead” playing with son in third grade at Briarcrest.

“I got to see him grow and develop into a special player,” the coach said. “He has always played up a grade or two because he had so much potential. He and his mom and dad talked about him being a leader and the intangibles of how to be a good leader for teammates. They take it serious. It’s a process they know for next year at Briarcrest and then however many years in college and Lord willing then he might make a future out of it.”

Kentucky offensive tackle Landon Young doesn’t think he does



Kennedy Chandler and high school coach John Harrington.

enough to help others and wishes he had time to do even more. Cambridge Place Nursing and Rehabilitation employees and residents feel differently.

That’s why the Lexington facility dedicated its dining hall in his honor during its annual pre-Super Bowl party last week and named it the “Landon Young Dining Hall” because of all he’s done at the facility.

“It is amazing that they did that,” Young, who was named captain of the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team for his community service, said. “I want to spend more time out there. It is a blessing they think enough of me and did this for me. I really appreciate what they did and it means so much.”

“My parents tried to raise me the way their parents raised them. Part of why I try to do so much is a fear of not wanting to disappoint my parents. I know they wouldn’t want me to feel that way but I just want to give back. I am so blessed and there’s no reason for me not to give back a lot.”

Young just thought he was coming to Cambridge Place for the annual Super Bowl event.

“I had no clue what they were doing. They definitely surprised me,” Young said. “(Cambridge therapist) Tim Biggs was trying to give me some hints about what might be happening and made me even more interested in trying to figure it out

but I didn’t get close. They really got me.”

It was really nice to see former UK player Bam Adebayo of the Miami Heat named to the NBA All-Star Game as a reserve. However, it’s perplexing how Phoenix guard Devin Booker, another former Cat, was left off the team.

He was averaging 27 points, 6.4 rebounds and 4.1 rebounds per game and shooting 51 percent overall from the field and 37 percent from 3-point range at the time of his All-Star snub.

Gerald Bourguet, editor/writer FanSideNBA, noted that the only other players in NBA history to average 27 points and six assists per game while shooting 50 percent from the field are LeBron James, Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Steph Curry and Oscar Robertson — five of the best players ever to play in the NBA.

Several former UK teammates as well as UK coach John Calipari noted Booker’s slight on social media. Booker took the slight in stride.

“The NBA is different than the game I fell in love with at the beginning... all the best players being in the All-Star Game. Now it’s an entertainment, drama, political filled league,” Booker said.

Still, it’s hard to see how Booker could be left off the All-Star roster especially when players with far lesser numbers were picked.

Kentucky signee John Young admits that UK offensive lineman Logan Stenberg is a player he has looked up to but he’s not sure everyone appreciates him being described as a “nasty” player on the field similar to Stenberg.

“I am not sure my mom would describe me that way because I am different at home than I am on the field,” Young, an all-state lineman at Christian Academy of Louisville, said. “Growing up I wanted to play basketball and she would get mad because I was pushing people down. She was happy when I started playing football and because it was legal to knock people down then.”

Young is now enrolled at UK — he’s rooming

with quarterback Beau Allen — and ready to compete this spring in hopes of showing he could play next season.

“The redshirt thing will take care of itself. We are all here to compete. That’s why you pick the SEC,” Young said. “I am definitely going to compete. I am not opposed to a redshirt year. I could play four games and still redshirt, so that would be fine with me if that’s how it turns out.”

He’s looking forward to learning from two in-state stars, center Drake Jackson and tackle Landon Young — both fifth-year seniors.

“I want to watch and see how they do business and learn from that,” Young said.

However, the big reason he came to UK was offensive line coach John Schlarman.

“He is a good man and a guy you want to play for,” Young said. “He’s one big reason I originally committed to Kentucky. Everybody loves playing for him and I believe he can keep raising the bar for what the offensive line does. I want to be part of doing that for him and Kentucky.”

Former Kentucky running back Anthony White has worked and lived in Lexington since the end of his professional football career. One of his former teammates, Anwar Stewart, is the new defensive line coach at Kentucky.

White understood recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow’s decision to stay at Kentucky rather than continue to

pursue the head coaching job at Youngstown State was a “fairly big deal” for UK because of the recruiting success the Cats have had under Marrow.

However, White admits he was not totally aware of just what Marrow means to many in the Lexington community.

“I was out with the Big Dog (Marrow) and Anwar and the question was asked to Vince if the money was good enough for Youngstown State to steal him,” White said. “He just smiled.

“Then a guy comes up and asks me and Anwar if we work there. We told him no and then he says, ‘Was that guy just here Vince Marrow/“

“I knew he was big for sports and recruiting but I’m learning Big Dog is really a big deal for this city. He’s a big name. There was a mom standing close to us when Vince was there and she said, ‘You can’t leave.’ A lot of people just love that guy so keeping him was big for recruiting but it’s also big because of all he means to this city.”

Quote of the Week: “I feel like, as a team, we’re real disappointed with this one, especially since we know what we’re capable of. Everyone has bad days. I think coach (John) Calipari said it the other day, everyone has a bad day. Today was just not a good day for the lady Cats,” point guard Jaida Roper after UK’s loss to Florida Sunday, the team’s second game without injured star

Youth baseball, softball, kickball registration deadline is March 7

STAFF REPORT

Youth baseball, softball and kickball will begin organizing in March for summer baseball leagues at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Skills assessment and registration will be held from 10 a.m., until noon on Saturday, March 7 at the Crittenden County Middle School gymnasium.

Registration fees vary between \$25 and \$40 depending upon the league. There are family discounts available for multiple children.

Players who fail to register by March 7 will be charged a \$25 late fee. Forms are available online at The Crittenden Press website, the Dugout Club Facebook Page, at The Press office or at

Insurance in Marion. Forms can be mailed to Dugout Club, PO Box 5, Marion, KY 42064.

Boys and girls may register for kickball or rookie baseball. Kickball is for ages 4-5 and rookie baseball is for ages 5-6. Rookie baseball is an introductory league where

coaches pitch to batters.

There are two age divisions for boys and girls who want to play baseball and softball. The minor leagues (age 9-10) are coach pitch and player pitch. The major leagues (age 11-12) are player pitch.

The two leagues for children ages 9-12 will be require some travel to nearby communities.

Practice will begin March 30 and games will played in May and June.

For more information, call Tanner Tabor at 859-333-9751.

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Witherspoon

Brenton “Dan” Witherspoon, 72, of Marion died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at Wellington Parc Center in Owensboro, after courageously battling several health complications over the past years.

His courage was formed in his upbringing during his early life in his beloved Kentucky, and then hardened during his time in the U.S. Army, and his two voluntary tours of duty during the Vietnam War, where he proudly served as a combat medic in the notoriously and historically dangerous War Zone C, and the Iron Triangle near the Cambodian Border. He volunteered to be a medic aboard an unarmed medical “Dustoff” helicopter. He was responsible for saving hundreds of lives of wounded American and allied Vietnamese soldiers and civilians.

During that service, his heroism was distinguished by the award of the Silver Star, three Purple Hearts for wounds from enemy fire, 35 Air Medals for combat flights, including three for Valor. His courage and determination was well known by all those he flew alongside on those missions. Three of those crewmates came from long distances to pay their final respects and admiration for their comrade and will serve as honorary pallbearers.

His determination is well-known locally for his tireless efforts in helping found the Blackford Walking Trail and Veterans Walk of Honor, a park near Blackford, Ky. He was a passionate giver of his time in this project, and he helped in organizing annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies to ensure that the service and sacrifice of Kentucky’s sons and daughters are never forgotten.

Those left to remember and cherish his memory are his son James Witherspoon of Marion; his aunt, Nancy Lacy of Marion; three beloved grandchildren, Destiny Maynard of Marion, Kenneth Gary Alan Goodloe II of Madisonville and Paisley Witherspoon; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Eldon and Bobbie Louise Witherspoon; his precious daughter Darla Marie Goodloe, two brothers, Dwight and James Eldon Witherspoon Jr.; and a sister, Carrie R. “Jimmie”

Area Deaths

Carlisle.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until the service time Thursday.

Military Rites and Honors will be bestowed at the cemetery under the direction of the U.S. Army, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Flowers and memorial contributions to the Blackford Walking Trail Memorial and Veterans’ Walk of Honor Fund are both welcome. Memorials may be addressed to Crittenden Fiscal Court, 107 S. Main St, Ste 208, Marion, KY 42064.

wife Sarah of Paducah and Bradley Bowman of Marion; a daughter Brandee Bowman of the Mexico community in Crittenden County; a brother, Mike Sutton and wife Linda of Marion; a sister, Angie McLevain and husband Carl of Marion; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Timothy Sutton; and his parents, Stacy and Jennette Buchannan Sutton.

Services were Friday, Jan. 31 at Dunn’s Funeral Home with Rev. Stephen Kirk officiating. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery.

McClure

Donald Gene McClure, 85, of Marion died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a member of Marion Main Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carrie McClure of Marion; daughter, Connie (Michael) Vaughn of Marion; sons, Bruce (Christy) Guess and Dennis (Lisa) Guess both of Marion; brothers, Duane McClure of Marion and Charles McClure of Chicago, Ill.; sisters, Paulette Conner of Marion and Mary Nell Gilland of Gary, Ind.; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robbie and Lura McClure; a daughter, Bonnie Morris; and three sisters.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 1 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International.

Bowman

Ricky Bowman, 66, of Eddyville died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020 at his home.

He was a member of Dycusburg Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Brian Bowman and

Curnel

Bradley Scott Curnel, 48, of Salem died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020 near Salem.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting deer.

Surviving are a daughter, Pamela Curnel of Kevil; two sons, Brandon Curnel and Kyle Curnel, both of Livingston County; a sister, Sue Curnel of Salem; two brothers, Brent Curnel of Salem and Jay Curnel of Carrsville; and parents, Paul Curnel of Salem and Cathy Chittenden Curnel of Salem; and six grandchildren, Wesley Wooley, Annabell Wooley, Aerika Wooley, Aria Ford, Catherine Curnel and Weston Curnel.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; a nephew, “Bubba” Damien Riley Crane; and several aunts and uncles.

Services were Monday, Feb. 3 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. Gary Murray officiating. Burial was at Good Hope Cemetery.

Byler

Lavern C. Byler, 16, of Marion died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah. He was born June 25, 2003 to Cristy and Rhoda (Mast) Byler.

Survivors include his parents; his siblings, Susanna, Regina, Andy and Joni; grandmothers, Mrs. Amos Wilma (Ropp) Mast and Mrs. Simon Rhoda (Yoder) (Byler) Beachy; step-grandfather, Simon Beachy; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by a stillborn brother, two grandfathers; and an uncle.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 1 at the David R. Byler residence with interment in the Marion Amish Community Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral was in charge of arrangements.

Winters

Jackie Winters, 74, of Marion died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

He was a member of Mexico Baptist Church and a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his sisters Diane Henry (Steve) of Princeton and Jo Ann Benoit of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reginald and Lela Winters.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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a point near the Lyon-Caldwell County Line.
Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said that he has been in correspondence with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Deputy Secretary Mike Hancock with regard to the plan. Newcom said it appears that the Lyon County portion of the highway will be built along a corridor proposed last fall during a September meeting

hosted by the Transportation Cabinet in Fredonia. However, the Transportation Cabinet has not made that publicly clear.
If true, though, the route will keep this second phase of the highway construction largely on state-owned property. A map released last fall shows the corridor crossing West Kentucky Correctional Complex property and adjacent land called the Pennyrile West Park Industrial site, which was set aside a few years ago for future

development. Based on the state's exhibit map, the right of way will affect only about a half dozen private landowners.
Newcom said that as currently proposed there would be a third phase to complete the project, connecting the proposed southern leg in Lyon County with the northern leg in Crittenden County, which has already been built and is in use from Marion to Fredonia.
The third segment is expected to be the most

controversial as it will require more sacrifice of privately-owned property as the proposed super two-lane highway enters Caldwell County and skirts to the east and north around Fredonia.
Bechler, a Republican member of the GOP-controlled House, said he was not consulted by the new governor's administration with regard to pulling the funding for the proposed Caldwell County section. Getting that money back into the budget will be a priority, he said.

The map above depicts a U.S. 641 relocation corridor in Lyon and Caldwell counties, which local officials think will be the route the new highway will take in

Magistrates approve investing policy, area broadband study

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court met briefly in special session last Thursday to mostly take care of some administrative tasks, including adoption of an investment policy.
Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said that auditors conducting the 2016 county audit found that the administrative code had never been updated to include a formal policy although the county began investing outside of conventional banks almost five years ago.
Magistrates adopted the policy which provides for a variety of safeguards when investing public funds beyond federally-protected instruments, such as when purchasing annuities, stocks, bonds or mutual funds.
The county purchased a \$500,000 annuity from Woodmen of the World almost five years.

Fiscal Court

Judge Newcom said the annuity, which matures in May, has averaged around three percent return.
"It's been a good source of income," the judge said.
In other business, the fiscal court approved the purchase of a new sheriff's patrol pickup. The Dodge Ram 1500 Classic model came from a Missouri automobile dealership on a Kentucky state contract bid price.
Magistrates also approved spending \$3,009.07 as its share of the cost of a rural broadband study that leaders hope may lead to greater access to faster internet service in Crittenden County.
The Lake Barkley Partnership economic development group is organizing four counties to partic-



Crittenden County Sheriff's Department has a new patrol pickup that went into service last week. The vehicle was purchased from Morlan Dodge in Sikeston, Mo., for \$27,333.99. Morlan had the lowest of two bids received for the new patrol vehicle, said Sheriff Wayne Agent, who is pictured. The sheriff said Deputy George Foster will be assigned the vehicle.

ipate in the study, which will be done by a professional contractor with experience in such matters. Caldwell, Livingston and Lyon counties are also involved in the project.

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