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Child’s ‘adulting’ brings Mom pride

Throughout a child’s life, there are lots of moments that make a mom proud.

They’re considered a child prodigy in our minds if they can identify a few site words or decipher a short sentence by the time they start kindergarten, and before you know it, they’re making the honor roll in high school. Definitely moments of which



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Staff writer
Write Now

to be proud. But it’s the little things that often can go unnoticed, and it’s those little things that sometimes mean the most. If you’re a mom, you won’t laugh when I throw out these examples: loading the dishwasher without bribery; taking out the trash without being threatened just because it’s been sitting there; or organizing a

junk drawer because it’s driving them crazy, not just to earn a few brownie points. It’s easy, without a required checklist from mom, for kids to get caught up in Netflix, Fortnite or social activities. But it’s those times they’re doing things around the house to “advance the cause” as I like to refer to it, that are as valuable as a 5.0 GPA. My definition of advancing the cause is to do something useful unsolicited – “unsolicited” being the key word. I say these things with a lump in my throat while

referring to my soon-to-be 20-year-old who returned to college last month after spending nearly six weeks at home over Christmas break. Without a doubt, you get used to having an extra driver in the house to assist with transportation for after-school activities and dental appointments for younger siblings. When they start dinner, run to the grocery or fold a load of laundry, it’s tempting to not put them on the household payroll...oh, wait, we pay for car insurance and college. It’s nice to see them

turn the corner from wanting to be helped to wanting to help out. Watching the transition from them waiting on dinner to be served to them planning and preparing to serve dinner for the family is quite refreshing. In fact, there’s no better feeling than seeing your kid do things around the house to help you out. (Refer back to above list of dishes, trash and junk drawer clean out.) I’ve been proud of my kids for a lot of things, but watching the oldest grasp the concept of adulting – behaving like a

responsible adult, including accomplishing mundane but basic tasks – is so rewarding. Granted, she told me a couple of weeks ago adulting is hard. Obviously, it’s rewarding to be on the receiving end of some of that energy spent advancing the cause around the house, but it also shows me that the badgering and begging and threatening to clean up and straighten up sunk in somewhere along the way. Now, if the 14- and 11-year olds will start to run a play out of her play-book, we’ll be in good

Bevin’s ‘soft’ comment draws chilly reception

Last week, Gov. Matt Bevin created a firestorm as sub-zero wind chills swept across Kentucky. The governor suggested that midweek school closings due to the Arctic-like air are another example of society turning tomorrow’s adults soft. Social media was ablaze with posts roasting the governor’s reasoning. Even “Today Show” weatherman Al Roker weighed in, calling Bevin a “nitwit” on air for his “soft” comments made to a Louisville radio show. First, by definition, a “nitwit” is a “silly or foolish person.” Roker, apparently, has never watched himself on TV. Second, Bevin is far from popular. His budget cuts to bring the state out of a hole and push to fix a broken pension



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My 2¢ Worth

system have angered just about every state employee. He further alienated educators with less than kind words for teachers. Like our President, Bevin can be his own worst enemy by speaking when things would better be left silent. Yet suggesting it may be a tad ridiculous to close schools simply due to a bitter wind chill does not seem all that foolish. Consider that Bevin was born in Denver, Colo., and raised in southeastern New Hampshire. A Labor Day snow in the Mile High City is not unheard of and the average January temperature in the Granite State is only 21 degrees. But we’re talking about children, here! How could someone be so, well, cold? If classrooms in Alaska shut-

tered every time a polar bear shivered, summer school would be kids’ only option. In fact, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District prominently displays on its website, “The school district will not close schools simply because of cold weather.” And it’s rarely too cold for fun: “Outdoor recess is only canceled when the temperature reaches minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit.” Of LiveScience.com’s eight coldest places on earth, Oymyakon, Siberia, holds the title for being the most frigid permanently inhabited place on the planet. Residents there might consider Fairbanks soft. Their schools close only when the temperature falls below minus 61 degrees. OK, Kentucky is far from Alaska or Siberia. Anything below zero is miserable to us. It is uncomfortable. And, yes, it can be dangerous. But schools in Crittenden

County did not shut down last week due to a sub-zero wind chill. In fact, it was quite the opposite. To their credit, local school officials had fully intentions of holding classes last Wednesday and planned extra measures to address the cold North Wind. They know schools can be the best place for some children who might otherwise be left inside drafty homes with little to no heat, shivering under multiple layers on an empty stomach. Sadly, some families struggle to pay utility bills. Even sadder, there are terrible parents who neglect their children. Had Old Man Winter not thrown icy precipitation into the mix to make local roads hazardous last week, schools would have been in session. The fact remains, if a parent believes sending their kid to school is dangerous for any reason, they hold the option to protect that child by keeping them home.

Before you criticize anyone who suggests closing schools because of the cold is tantamount to pampering children, ask your parent or grandparent how many days their school was cancelled due to the cold (or heat). My bet is that number rests right at the freezing mark on a Celsius thermometer – zero. Sometimes it is bitterly cold. Sometimes it is oppressively hot. Sometimes it rains in buckets. Sometimes the wind howls. That is weather for you. Life goes on in the cold. Firemen still fight fires. Garbage still gets hauled. Busted water lines still have to be fixed. Perhaps it is things like giving kids a pass on responsibility when it turns off nasty outside that lead teens to guess 85 percent when asked what an acceptable work attendance rate at might be. If your home catches fire, you shouldn’t have to worry about the wind chill before calling for help.

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LETTERS

Spelling bees thing of past

To the editor:

I was pleased to see all the articles Brenda Underdown found on spelling bees in years past. They were published in the Jan. 24 edition of The Crittenden Press. It brought back memories of when I participated in spelling bees in the 60s. When I was in sixth grade, I won the spelling bee at Frances and competed in the county. When my children went to elementary school in the 1980s, I can remember giving out their spelling words to study for tests on Friday. I don't know who sets our current curriculum, but my grandchildren at Crittenden County Elementary School are not taught spelling. Our granddaughter, who attends Caldwell County Elementary School, has spelling. So, Brenda, years from now, articles regarding spelling bees will not be found for present years, because someone does not see the need that our children in Crittenden County know how to spell. Also, our children will not be able to read our Declaration of Independence or other documents our forefathers wrote, because they are written in cursive. Our children are not taught to write in cursive, therefore, they can't read cursive. **Patty Patton**
Marion, Ky.

Ky. highway deaths down

Fatal data

In the last 15 years, 11,980 people have died on Kentucky's highways. Between 2004 and 2018, according to the annual "Kentucky Traffic Collision Facts" publication, 52 people have died in local accidents.

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FROM STAFF, WIRE REPORTS Preliminary figures indicate highway fatalities in Kentucky declined in 2018 to 722, down 60 from the previous year. Four of those fatalities occurred in Crittenden County, the same number as the year before. According to the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS), 2018 marked the second consecutive year that roadway fatalities decreased in the commonwealth. There were 834 such deaths in 2016. The unofficial 2018 total was the lowest since 2014, when 672 highway deaths were recorded. KOHS Acting Executive Director Jason Siwula commends Kentuckians for being responsible behind the wheel and practicing safe driving behaviors. “We are encouraged by the reduction in fatalities, and we thank the traveling public for making choices

behind the wheel, like buckling up and driving sober, that prevent the loss of life on Kentucky highways,” Siwula said. “It doesn’t go unnoticed that (in 2018) we observed that seat belt usage increased and fatalities decreased.” Almost 12,000 people have died on Kentucky roadways in the last 15 years, almost 3,000 more than the entire population of Crittenden County. In that time, 52 have died on local highways. According to data from the University of Kentucky Transportation Center, Kentucky’s seat belt usage rate rose from 86.8 percent in 2017 to 89.9 percent in 2018. The fatality figures will remain preliminary until all highway crash data is collected. A final report will be released in April. (Editor’s note: The Crittenden Press and Harlan Daily Enterprise contributed to this story.)

More than half of Crittenden’s adults registered organ donors

STAFF REPORT

More than half of the county's adults are registered organ and tissue donors, according to Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill. And the need has never been greater. The Kentucky Circuit Clerks' Trust for Life reports last year was a record-setting year, both statewide and nationally, for saving lives through organ donation and giving individuals a second chance at life. “In Kentucky, more than 140,000 people joined the Registry for the first time,” said Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill, adding that 1,979,175 Kentuckians are now registered, which is 60 percent of the adults in the commonwealth. Nationally, the 36,527 organs trans-

planted set an annual record for the sixth straight year, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates cared for 134 organ donors, resulting in 423 organs transplanted. These were the highest numbers of organ donors and organs transplanted in the organ procurement organization's 32-year history. Also, more than 30,000 lives were enhanced by the generosity of the 367 tissue donors. An additional 1,000 patients have gained the gift of sight through 824 cornea donors. “As your circuit court

clerk, I am honored to partner with the lifesaving mission in which donors and their families give others a second chance at life. I am proud of my deputies for asking each customer about joining the registry and donating \$1 toward increasing education about organ donation,” said Guill. In 2018, 1,306 Crittenden County residents donated \$1 for community education. And 4,061 Crittenden County residents are now registered donors. “Every registered donor is a bright symbol of hope for children and adults waiting on a life-saving organ,” Guill added.

National Donor Day Feb. 14

CHARGES

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shift. (The) accused was interviewed and asked if he had touched the victim, even accidentally, on her breast,” the investigator wrote in the complaint. “He said that he did not.” The complaint also alleges a history between Lain and his accuser. The investigator’s report says that for a number of months prior to the inci-

dent, Lain had sent the victim messages on social media asking for nude photographs of her. Kirk said pat-downs are conducted for the sake of safety and the benefit of deputies starting a new shift who may have inadvertently left anything on their person that could be considered contraband such as a pocket knife, cigarettes, medication, etc. “Every shift searches at least one or more incoming deputies,” the jailer said. “We do that as a

courtesy to the employee as much as for safety.” Lain apparently did not violate official jail policy at the time by searching a female. The jail’s policy manual was changed by Crittenden Fiscal Court just three weeks after the incident to prohibit employees from patting down other employees of the opposite sex. Jailer Kirk would not discuss details of the incident further because it is an ongoing criminal case.

Crosswalk hosts Family Game Night

STAFF REPORT

“The answer is Boston! What’s wrong with you?” We’ve all been there, sitting at home in front our television watching a game show, yelling at the screen because the answer seems so obvious. Sound like your family? Well, now you can put that knowledge to the test, as Crittenden County High School’s Crosswalk program hosts Family Game Night from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today (Thursday) in the multipurpose room. High school students and their younger siblings and families are encouraged to attend this event, where they can challenge one another and other families to some popular television and board games, including an interactive version of Family Feud. Prizes will be awarded to winners, and free refreshments will be provided. Families are also encouraged to bring their own board games, if they would like. No registration is needed, but you may phone Crosswalk Coordinator Jeff Hughes at (270) 965-2248 for more information.

Proposed KU rate increase almost \$10 monthly

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Utilities Co. customers hoping to learn more about the utility's plans for a 6.9 percent overall rate increase and weigh in on the proposal will have opportunities to do so in person later this month, albeit in Lexington and Louisville. The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) will conduct the meetings.

KU has proposed to increase electric rates across all classes of customers to generate an additional \$112 million in revenue per year. The company estimates the base rate portion of the monthly bill for residential customers would, on average, rise by \$9.63 to \$124.93.

The proposed increase would come through raising the monthly service charge from the current

\$12.25 per month to 53 cents per day, or \$15.90 for a 30-day billing cycle. The charge per kilowatt-hour (kWh) would increase from 9.05 cents to 9.55 cents.

The PSC will hold public meetings Feb. 21 at Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville and another five days later at Bluegrass Community & Technical College in Lexington to present information and receive comments on the request for a rate increase by KU as well as its sister utility, Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (LG&E). Both meetings begin at 5:30 EST.

The meetings will begin with an information session during which PSC staff will explain how rates are set and the commission's review process. The presentation will include an overview of the utility

applications. Public comments will follow the information session.

Written comments will also be accepted at the Louisville and Lexington meetings. Written comments also may be mailed to: Kentucky PSC, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. They may also be faxed to (502) 564-3460 or e-mailed from the PSC website, PSC.ky.gov.

KU has about 523,000 electric customers in 77 counties across Kentucky, including all of Marion and rural Crittenden County along U.S. 641, Ky. 91 South, U.S. 60 West and Ky. 70

The proposed KU rate reflects the impact of the reduction in federal corporate income tax that took effect at the beginning of 2018. That means that when the new rates take ef-

KU rate proposal

Kentucky Utilities Co. customers could be facing a monthly rate increase for electricity if the Kentucky Public Service Commission approves a requested rate adjustment. Below shows the current average monthly residential bill based on 1,200 kWh* of use as well as a proposed rate increase and expiration of a credit tied to last year's federal corporate income tax reduction.

Current monthly KU residential bill.....	\$115.30
Proposed rate increase	\$9.63
Monthly bill with rate increase	\$124.93
Fed tax credit to expire April 30	\$3.84
Bill after rate change, credit expiration	\$128.77

**A kWh is the amount of electricity used by a 100-watt light bulb in 10 hours.*

fect, customers will stop receiving the credit that was established to pass on the tax savings until new rates could be set.

Expiration of the credit on April 30 will increase bills in addition to any rate

adjustment. KU residential customers will pay an additional \$3.84 per month, on average.

In their applications to adjust rates, KU states that the increase is needed to reflect increased operating

costs, including investments made to improve reliability and safety. The company also cites the need to maintain the rate of return for their shareholders and investors.

The evidentiary hearing in the KU and LG&E cases will be combined into a single proceeding, to be held at the PSC offices March 5 in Frankfort. The hearing, which may last several days, will be open to the public. Written comments will be accepted through the conclusion of the hearing.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,100 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky.

Mayor supports city voters' right to choose

By JARED BYFORD
MAYOR, CITY OF MARION

It is no secret that government at all levels is struggling to provide support and services. We hear this message on television and radio and in newspapers on a weekly basis.

There has been a lot of media attention lately about funding shortages at the federal and state level. Locally, we have long faced the reality that our approach to funding community needs requires new and more modern approaches.

Blanket taxation practices (property, payroll, in-

surance) are currently being used to address the community's challenges. It is now necessary to modern-

ize our thinking and consider funding strategies based on taxes on goods and services as well.

Currently, Marion residents visit neighboring cities to purchase adult beverages, allowing those communities to benefit significantly from tax dollars collected. Our neighbors are using this revenue to move their communities forward and address financial challenges while we remain unable to do so.

If we continue to send business out of town instead of taking steps to keep it here, we place ourselves on a path that jeopardizes our future.

A good example of this is easily seen in the area of public safety. The city struggles to compete in the local market to hire and maintain officers in the police department because of our inability to offer compensation consistent with neighboring communities. We also struggle to provide them with necessary equipment, which undermines their ability to keep the community safe.

It is clear that a consumption-based tax on the

sale of adult beverages would generate critical funds to allow the police to meet future public safety needs.

I appreciate that some residents may oppose this issue, and I understand their concerns. However, I would not be doing my duty if I did not encourage this option be placed before taxpayers as an alternative to higher property taxes.

Flu cases continue climb

STAFF REPORT

Flu activity across Kentucky reached it highest number of new cases last week and included six more deaths.

A laboratory-confirmed case of influenza has yet to be reported for Crittenden County, but the first in Webster County for the current flu season was among the 1,243 reported

in the commonwealth for the fourth week of 2018. Livingston and Union counties have also reported one. Caldwell and Lyon counties also remain without any confirmed cases.

So far this season, there have been 5,409 lab-confirmed cases of the flu in Kentucky. All but one of the 19 deaths were adults.

ALCOHOL

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ever, he is hoping the county seat and business hub of the community can benefit from the tax revenue that could be generated by alcohol sales as an alternative to raising property taxes.

Marion Mayor Jared Byford issued a statement last week, supporting the right of city voters to make the choice on legalizing alcohol sales.

"I appreciate that some residents may oppose this issue, and I understand their concerns," the mayor said. "However, I would not be doing my duty if I did not encourage this option be placed before taxpayers as an alternative to higher property taxes."

(Byford's entire statement can be found above.)

Byford estimates revenue from the regulatory taxes on alcohol could generate about \$80,000 for the city. By statute, that money would have to be spent on public safety, but it would give Marion the option of shifting some of the general fund money that currently runs Marion Police Department to other areas of need in city government.

In March 2016, city voters narrowly rejected legalizing liquor by the drink. The measure failed 245-298 and cost county

City voting numbers

In March 2016, Marion voters disapproved of legalizing liquor by the drink in the city by a vote of 298-245. At the time, there were 2,172 voters inside the city. As of Friday, there were 2,209 registered voters, though that number is subject to change when registration books close Tuesday, April 23.

POLLING LOCATION (PRECINCT)	2016 VOTE YES NO	CURRENT VOTERS
Absentee	721	
Courthouse (No. 1)	8461	782
Emmanuel Baptist Church (No. 2)	4068	373
Marion Baptist Church (No. 3)	5891	614
Marion Ed-Tech Center (No. 4)	4144	334
St. William Catholic Church (No. 6)	1513	106
TOTALS	245298	2,209

taxpayers about \$10,000. This year, however, the alcohol referendum will be on the same day as the statewide primary, costing the county nothing beyond the usual expense of an election.

If approved at the ballot box in a little more than three months, the number of stores selling liquor inside Marion would be limited based on population. Statute would limit the number of retail licenses for package sales to two. Though the number of licenses issued is based on population of a territory, two is the minimum number allowed for a city.

But recent changes to the law would allow an unlimited number of restaurants or bars to serve alcohol. That's because in December 2017,

Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) repealed long-standing quotas on licenses. Senate Bill 110 passed in last year's General Assembly restored the quota limit for retail package licensing, but left alone the unlimited number of retail drink licenses available to restaurants and bars.

MPD activity report

Marion Police Department made 19 misdemeanor arrests last month, more than double the number in January 2018, according to an activity report from Chief Ray O'Neal. The data below reflect information from January 2019 compared with figures from January 2018.

CATEGORY	JANUARY 2018	JANUARY 2019
Miles driven/patrolled	2,943	3,054
Criminal investigations	17	14
Domestics	10	8
Felony Arrests.....	1	3
Misdemeanor arrests	8	19
Non-criminal arrests.....	10	0
DUI arrests	2	0
Criminal summons served.....	1	5
Traffic citations.....	17	15
Traffic warnings.....	4	3
Other citations.....	28	28
Parking tickets.....	1	0
Traffic accidents.....	5	5
Security checks/alarms.....	8	45
Calls for service	200	177

Marion Police Department is comprised of Chief Ray O'Neal, Assistant Chief Bobby West and patrolmen Heath Martin, Eric Gray, Rocky Howton and James Duncan.



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Area Deaths

McDowell

Eddy L. "Ike" McDowell, 66, of Fredonia died Saturday, Feb. 2, at his home.

He was a retired signalman with CSX Transportation. He was a member of Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen.



Surviving are his wife, Tammy Sanderson McDowell of Fredonia; two sons, Jamie McDowell and wife Alicia of Marion; and David McDowell of Fredonia; a step-son, Wesley Smock of Columbus, Ohio; a brother, Rick McDowell of Fredonia; four grandchildren, Brynna McDowell, Dyllan Thornton, Ryan McDowell and Devin McDowell; three great-grandchildren, Ryder Williams, Julius McDowell and Ryah Williams (due to arrive in June); and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lilibert and Thelma Baldwin McDowell; and two brothers, Don McDowell and Joe McDowell.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Lakeland Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Eddyville with Rev. Curtis Franklin officiating. Burial was at New Bethel Cemetery in Lyon County.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Anne Webber, 21 Dogwood Dr., Eddyville, KY 42038.

Drennan

Inez Evelyn Drennan, 97, of Fredonia, formerly of Marion, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019 at Christian Care Center in Kuttawa.

She was a member of Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Rosemary Collyer of Marion and Wanda Pulliam of Fredonia; grandchildren, Troy Hart of Ohio, Reggie Hart of North Carolina, Carolee Harris of Marion, Jana Johnson of South Carolina and Stacy Collyer of Marion; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David C. Drennan; a brother; and a sister.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Sugar Grove Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Fredonia Scholarship Fund through Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

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

Young

Jesse Young, 75, of Marion, formerly of Sturgis, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019 at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

He was born in Millwood, Ky., to Alva and Emily Crawford Young. He worked at Grayson County Ambulance Service before moving to Union County. He worked at Union County Ambulance Service in 1976 before he went full-time with the Sturgis Fire Department in 1978 and retired as captain with the department. He was an avid deer and rabbit hunter. He was also owner and operator of Young's Mowing Service.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Mary Lou Young of Marion; two sons, David Young and wife Toni of New Albany, Ind., and Damion Young and wife Addie of Marion; a daughter, Brandi Payne and husband Justin of Sullivan; a sister, Jenny Gorrell and husband John of Lexington; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

There will be a memorial service at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8 at the Sturgis Senior Citizens Building. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m., with Fire Chaplain Jeff Paris officiating.

Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be made to Lourdes Hospice, 1510 Lone Oak Road Paducah, KY 42008 or the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Kentucky Chapter Kaden Tower, 6100 Dutchmans Lane STE 410 Louisville, KY 40205-3284.

Joyce

Danny Edward Joyce, 72, of Dycusburg died unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019.

He graduated from Crittenden County High School and attended Murray State University. He was a long-time employee of Bobby Stinnett Used Cars in Marion. He was a faithful volunteer blood donor at Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center and had been recognized as a six-gallon donor.

Surviving are his daughter, Mandy and her husband Chad Moss; step-grandson, Clayton; and another daughter Cody and her husband Bradley McNeely, and a grandson due in March. Also surviving are his brother-in-law, Richard Shewmaker; nephews Adam and Justin; and a great-niece, Mary Margaret.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Frances Joyce; and his sister, Kathy Shewmaker.

Services were Monday, Feb. 4 at Lakeland Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Eddyville with Rev. Aaron Brown officiating. Burial was at Glenn's Chapel Cemetery in Lyon County.

The family encourages blood donation at your local center in his honor.

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Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce directors recognized a new member recently during its current membership campaign. Professional Touch Salon joined the Chamber under the one-year free program. Pictured are (front from left) Chamber Director Elizabeth Floyd, Professional Touch stylist Jessica James, Professional Touch stylist Stephanie Camp and Chamber directors Randa Berry and Natalie Parish.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

Raccoon, Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Rabbit/Quail, Nov. 12 - Feb. 10
Squirrel, Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trap, Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Bobcat Trap, Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunt/Trap, Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose, Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
Snow Goose, Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
White Front Goose, Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
Bobcat Hunt, Nov. 24 - Feb. 28
Crow, Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Goose Conservation, Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote, Year Round
Groundhog, Year Round
Youth Turkey, April 6-7
Spring Turkey, Apr. 6 - May 5

Winter seasons closing

Most of the winter hunting seasons will come to a close later this month, if they haven't gone out already. Hunters are reminded that their license's expire at the end of February and will need to be renewed in order to hunt beyond Feb. 28.

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Analyst: UK among 7 with title shot

ESPN analyst Jimmy Dykes thinks there are seven teams that can win the national championship, and Kentucky is now one of them.

He has Duke, Virginia, Tennessee, Michigan, Michigan State and Gonzaga on his list along with the Wildcats.

"I really think the national champion will come from those seven teams," Dykes, a former UK assistant coach, said. "If PJ (Washington) keeps playing the way he has been, Kentucky could find itself in the Final Four and I didn't think in December I would say that. Kentucky is playing as well as anybody right now."

Washington had three straight games with 20 or

more points snapped in UK's win at Florida when he had 15 points and 12 rebounds but that was his third straight double-double – the first time a UK player has done that since Julius Randle in 2014.

Put ESPN analyst Dick Vitale in the same boat as Dykes.

"I like this team better than last year's team, I love the depth factor and the versatility. No reason Kentucky can't be a Final Four team," Vitale said.

It's basically the same thing Vanderbilt coach Bryce Drew said after the Cats had his team down 30 points at halftime last week and held Vandy to 15 points in the first half. The week before it was coaches Ben Howland of Mississippi State and Bill

Self of Kansas putting UK in that elite category.

"If Kentucky plays defense like it has been and knocks down 3s, it can win a national championship," ESPN analyst Jay Williams said.

Kentucky coach John Calipari believes five to seven teams have "separated" themselves from others, but are not unbeatable as Kentucky almost found out before rallying from an 11-point deficit in the second half at Florida Saturday to win.

"You never know in this thing. If you have a streaky kind of shooting team – my first year in 2010 that's what we had then we go 0-for-16 from the 3-point line in a game (against West Virginia) and we lose (in the Elite Eight)," Calipari said.

That was the UK team that had John Wall, DeMarcus Cousins, Patrick Patterson and Eric Bledsoe – all still playing in the NBA.

Coach Cal can relate

This is John Calipari's 10th year coaching at Kentucky since he started coaching college basketball 30 years ago at Massachusetts (he had a four-year break from college coaching when he was head coach of the New Jersey Nets in the NBA).

He insists it is not hard for him to relate to players today who are much younger than him.

"If they know that you care about them and they know you make it about them, I don't think age matters," Calipari said. "If you're into your own numbers, wins and everything is about the program, the program, the program and it isn't about them and they know it, it doesn't matter what; you're not going to connect with those kids or their families."

"Hopefully these kids feel that we're about them. This is about their success collectively and individually. We try not to leave anybody behind. We're coaching every kid like they're a starter."

Calipari noted that he has "mellowed" over the years and former players often tell him that. He's not sure if he has or not.

"You get comfortable with a team and you don't have to be as aggressive. And comfortable means no one's trying to trick anybody. No one's trying to get over (someone)," Calipari said. "The stuff we have is a bunch of good kids."



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist

Vaught's Views

Merrick book signing Saturday

STAFF REPORT

Local author Regina Merrick's final book in her Southern Breeze Series is available, and the former director at Crittenden County Public Library will be on hand this weekend where she once worked.

Merrick's third published work, "Carolina Grace" became available Tuesday, but the Christian fiction novel will be available for sale at Saturday's book signing, which begins at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room. This will offer followers of the series their best chance to pick up a copy of the 292-page book and talk with the author as she begins to focus on new

works.

Merrick was director at CCPL for 13 years, but left the job in late 2017 to focus on her writing career. At the time, "Carolina Dream" had already been released. The second installment in the franchise, "Carolina Mercy," was released last year.

From Amazon's book summary, "Carolina Grace" follows first-year special education teacher Charly Livingston, who demonstrates God's love on the outside but is resentful that He allowed back-to-back tragedies in



Book signing
10 a.m. Saturday
at the library

her family.

Meantime, Rance Butler is a top-notch medical intern on his way to the top. When he meets Livingston, he knows things will only get better. But when he discovers family secrets and a dying father he never knew, his easy, carefree life seems to

disintegrate.

"Even in the idyllic ocean breezes and South Carolina sunshine, contentment turns to bitterness and confusion except for God's amazing grace," the summary concludes.

December 2018 jobless rate up from prior year

December 2018 county jobless rates rose in Crittenden and most surrounding counties from the previous month, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics.

Meantime, unemployment rates fell in 69 Kentucky counties between December 2017 and December 2018, rose in 38, and stayed the same in 13 counties. In Crittenden County, the rate bumped up 0.2 points from the last month of 2017 to 4.3 percent in December 2018.

Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's low in June to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between.

AREA	DEC. 2018	NOV. 2018	DEC. 2017
U.S.....	3.7	3.5	3.9
Kentucky	3.8	3.5	3.8
Pennyrile Region.....	4.2	4.0	4.4
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1)	2.6	2.5	2.6
Webster	3.4	3.1	4.2
Caldwell.....	4.0	4.0	3.8
Crittenden	4.3	3.8	4.1
Union.....	4.3	4.1	4.6
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Magoffin (120).....	11.3	9.9	12.6



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WKCTC names dean's list

More than 500 students were recently named to the West Kentucky Community and Technical College Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be a full-time student earning at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) and successfully complete 12 hours or more of course work numbered 100 or above for the academic term.

Marion residents making the dean's list are: Taylor Belt, Megan Chambliss, Emily Robertson, Kaylee Graham and Megan Sherrell.

Livingston County residents on the dean's list are Brady Birk, Braxton Bebout, Paige Dudley, Jake Gott, Julie Lasters, Christi Hosick, Alison Armstrong, Tabitha Padon, William Taylor, Macie Young, Cristi Ginn, Addison Ringstaff, Alexis Birk, Alex Doom, Tara Ramage and Keisha Litchfield.

And from Fredonia, Robert Gill and Felicity Baker.

Church note

On the first Sunday in February each year Cumberland Presbyterian churches through the world celebrate Denomination Day. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church was founded Feb. 4, 1810 in Tennessee. The Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church was organized in 1812 and is the first Cumberland Presbyterian Church organized as such in Kentucky. For 207 years faithful members of the Piney Church have shared the "Whosoever Will" gospel. On Sunday, Feb. 3 2019 the Piney Fork church celebrated by recognizing and honoring two of its faithful members, Jane Campbell Rogers, an active member for 65 years and Mary Martin Head, an active member for 64 years.

Extension

– Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Janeen Tramble is starting a new series of classes for 2019. Each month she will be featuring the recipe from the food nutrition calendar provided by the SNAP program. This month's recipe is One Pot Cheesy Spaghetti. She will demonstrate the food preparation and share nutritional information. The first session will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 11 at the Extension Annex. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required, by calling (270) 965-5236 before Feb. 8.

– **Challengers** Homemakers will meet at noon Feb. 13 at the Extension Annex.

Co-op offers scholarships

The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative will award 10 \$2,000 scholarships to students for the 2019-2020 school years on the basis of the student's overall grade-point average, writing ability, and leadership potential. All applicants must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 from their current educational institution. The BTGCA will show preference to those applicants who have a tobacco farming background.

Applications are available on the BTGCA website, or by calling the office at (859) 252-3561. Applications must be postmarked by April 1.

CASA auction

An online auction benefits the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program of Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden counties. Visit the CASA Facebook page to see a list of items up for auction. Bidding is Feb. 9-16.

Crittenden Hotel elegant, popular

The Crittenden Springs Hotel, the well-known and popular watering place in the late 1800s and early 1900s, enjoyed hosting many entertaining parties and gatherings.

Guests were entertained during the season with balls, costume parties, outdoor sports, including croquet matches, barbecues, watermelon feasts and grand 4th of July celebrations. Whether a formal gala in the beautiful ballroom or a fun filled meal outdoors, a good time was sure to be enjoyed by all that attended.

During these long, cold dreary winter months, let's take a break and enjoy some of these summertime gatherings, thanks to the articles written and shared in The Crittenden Press.

October 1893 Bird and 'Possum Supper

It was a splendid affair. The 'possum and tatters were delicious beyond description; the quail-on-toast was simply superb and the sulfur water was sweetened and otherwise prepared to gratify the taste of anybody and everybody. Monday evening about dusk a party of 14 left Marion for Crittenden Springs upon invitation of Mr. James Smith, the manager of the Springs, to assist in the principal act of an opossum and quail supper.

Opossums were there in all of their plenitude, and quails were there in coveys, and they were such 'possums as only Crittenden County per-simmons can flavor for such occasions and quails as plump as they grow in that famous neighborhood.

The great dining room was festooned with the gay colors of the autumn leaves, wreathed with the wild vines, blushing with the first kisses of frost, and smiled with the beauty of the wild woods.

No homage overpaid to salaried cook of king or potentate would do justice to the culinary arrangement of this occasion. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Dulaney superintended the preparation of opossums and quails, and pencil is too short to adequately sing the praises of the deliciousness of such viands.

After the glorious supper, properly lubricated

with 'possum gravy, Mr. Ollie M. James was chosen to be toast master and gave an eloquent toast to the evening.

July 1900 – Opening Ball

The opening ball at the Crittenden Springs last evening was largely attended and was a pleasant affair in every way. One hundred fifty people were in attendance.

The happy throng that gathered to enjoy the opening feature of the season at Crittenden's famous summer resort was made up of people from Evansville, Henderson, Morganfield, Princeton, Paducah, Memphis, Cairo, St. Louis, Marion and other neighboring towns.

An excellent orchestra from St. Louis furnished the music for the occasion. From ten o'clock until dawn the large ball room presented a beautiful and most charming scene. The dancers were numerous, the ladies all dressed in their silks and satins and the men as equally elegant in their fine silk suits.

July 11, 1901 – Grand Concert

On Sunday, July 14, very special arrangements have been made to entertain the greatest number of visitors Crittenden Springs has ever received. A magnificent programme of music has been arranged by Prof. Carl Beck, the leader of the hotel orchestra.

The Crittenden Springs chef has already in preparation a menu for both dinner and supper on that day that simply makes one's mouth water to read over.

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Carriages will be at the Marion Depot on the arrival of the two morning trains, conveying guests to the Springs in ample time for both the dinner and the musical programme.

May 1902 – A Toothsome Menu and Pleasant Visit

Dinner served at Crittenden Springs Hotel is

berry gelatin salad.

Friday - Chicken pot pie, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, green beans, Mandarin oranges and wheat bread. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Monday – Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, buttered spinach and tropical fruit. Tax preparation assistance is available. Please call for appointment. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday – Pork roast, baked sweet potato, black-eyed peas, carrot raisin salad and cornbread.

Each Friday, Story Hour with Kathleen begins at 10 a.m. for preschool-age children to the library to listen to stories and do fun activities.

On Feb. 9 Crittenden County Genealogy Society meets in the library meeting room at 10 a.m.

Also on Feb. 9, a Book Signing for former librarian Regina Merrick's latest novel beings at 10 a.m. This novel, Carolina Grace, is the third in the Southern Breeze series.

Feb. 18, is the kickoff for



An early drawing of the Crittenden Springs Hotel that appeared in the Evansville Courier in 1890 advertised the opening of the season for the famous springs. The delightful resort was new and elegantly furnished, had all the modern conveniences, with bathrooms, billiard room, ball room, ten-pin alley, croquet, lawn tennis and all the comforts and amusements found at a first-class summer resort. The mineral waters were well known and unsurpassed by any springs in this country.

from home grown material. The following menu of the dinner given by Mr. John Wilson at the Crittenden Springs Hotel is somewhat remarkable on account of every article served being produced on the hotel estate with the exception of the tea, coffee and sugar. Puree of green peas, radishes, lettuce, water cress, duchess potatoes, green peas, butter beans, Irish potatoes, green onions, sweet potatoes, strawberries, and blackberry tarts. The meats consists of Ohio River bass, roasted sirloin of beef, barbecued lamb, broiled spring chickens and giblet gravy, young squirrels on toast and breaded frogs legs.

Mr. Wilson's extensive gardens produce all the vegetables desired, the stream that meanders through the hotel grounds supplies the fish, while the pools adjacent furnish the frogs. The beeves and muttons are fattened on the rich grasses of the bottom lands, while the chickens, ducks and turkeys are brought to a high degree of perfection in their separate houses. Milk and cream, not the milkman's product, but the old fashioned, golden tinged article is served ad libitum; the hotel woods are full of squirrels, quail and pigeons. The ice houses are packed to the roof with the congealed water.

Charming drives through a delightful country, with various scenes of pastoral and mining life diversified with shooting and fishing, make the days pass pleasantly. The evenings are enlivened with music and dancing, games and tete a tete supper parties; the celebrated springs of sulphur iron and lithia

waters tone the system, quicken the appetite and bring a roseate color to the most listless and jaded.

June 1902 – A Night of Pleasure At The Springs

The Opening Ball at the big Crittenden Springs Hotel was thronged with guests. The day was a gloomy one, rain fell all morning, and the roads were very heavy before evening, but the clouds disappeared in the afternoon and carriages and buggies were to be seen winding their way to the popular watering place.

An elegant supper was served, and manager John W. Wilson and his genial assistant, Mr. W. D. Baird, left nothing undone toward making the evening a pleasant one for all present.

Society was out in all its splendor, and it was a most brilliant and beautifully attired gathering. The many lovely Kentucky belles and their handsome partners who participated in the usual opening feature of the ball, made the scene a charming one.

A splendid orchestra, under the direction of Mr. John Glasscock, made the music. An old fashion Virginia reel was the cause of much merriment, and to the strains of the entrancing two step and the mazy waltz, the dancers tripped merrily until the dawn.

The ball was a magnificent success and will be remembered as one of the most enjoyable functions in Crittenden Springs brilliant calendar of society events.

June 1905 – Independence Day at Crittenden Springs

Fourth of July at Crit-

tenden Springs will be a day of pleasure and amusement, and the close will be a beautiful display of fireworks. It is expected that crowds of people will come to spend the whole day. The band will play, the birds will sing and music will reign supreme, while the stars and stripes will wave in the breeze.

Among the events of the day will be a genuine shooting match at 30-, 50- and 500-yard range, two or more match games of baseball and many other incidental amusements, besides the evening dance, and most important of all the grand fireworks beginning at eight o'clock p.m. And not the least important part of the preparation for the entertainment of the crowd will be the cold drinks on the ground and the barbecued meats prepared in the grand old Kentucky style. There will be plenty for everybody to eat and drink, and this year's Fourth for those who attend will be the best the county has had for many years. No time and money has been spared in preparing this part of the program.

Wonderful colorful stories from the glorious days of our Crittenden Springs Hotel and Mineral Water Resort. What a wonderful and beautiful place it must have been. I would have loved to visited and stayed there for a while in its day.

(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).



Rogers Group honors

Amanda Dossett (left), West Kentucky Sales Representative, and Gary Johnson, West Kentucky Area Construction Manager, accepted awards last month for Rogers Group, Inc. from the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA). Rogers Group earned Quality in Construction and the Airport Pavement awards during the NAPA Annual Meeting in Marco Island, Fla.

Athletics Hall of Fame to Induct Two on Friday

Cozart was 3-sport standout at Crittenden

STAFF REPORT

David Cozart’s modus operandi as a three-sport high school athlete and collegiate football player has clearly spilled over into his career and personal life as an adult.

The 1989 Crittenden County High School graduate has found great success as a civic leader, community organizer, mentor and minister in Lexington. Four decades ago, his energy and effort were tantamount to his triumphs on the fields, courts and diamonds. On Friday, Cozart will be inducted into the Farmers Bank Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame. It is the 21st year for hall of fame honors, recognizing individual and team accomplishments of student-athletes.

Cozart was a lively defender and good scorer in basketball. He averaged eight points as a junior and more than a dozen as a senior, but he was more widely lauded for his defense. Quickness along with long arms and legs gave him the length to defend inside or out. He was selected to the All Fifth District team as a junior and senior. His team was knocked out of the regional tournament in 1999 by the Travis Ford led Madisonville Maroons. In the district tournament that year, Crittenden beat Livingston



Cozart

Central 103-52, one of the last times a Rocket team scored over 100 points.

“Nobody gives a bigger effort than David. Sometimes he tries too hard,” his basketball coach Joe McCord told The Crittenden Press for a post-season honors article in 1989.

In baseball, he was a feared middle-of-the-order batter who had a tremendous junior season that is to this day one of the best in school history. His seven homers in the spring of 1988 is the best single-season performance ever. That year, he batted .423 and drove in 29 runs. He pitched and played first base mostly, but Cozart’s versatility was clearly illustrated by the fact that he also played on the middle infield at times. He was selected as the Rocket baseball team’s most valuable player in 1988.

Football is where Cozart left his greatest mark on CCHS and caught the attention of Campbellsville University. He earned the starting quarterback job in 1996 the year after Crittenden won the Class A state championship after being a backup on the title team. Cozart’s passing efficiency was always very good, but he played in an era when throwing the football wasn’t commonplace. His best individual performance came in the 1987 season as a junior. Cozart threw for eight touchdowns and 865 yards.

It was in that same year that Cozart connected with teammate Jerry Jessup to set

a KHSAA state record for the longest passing touchdown. The 99-yard strike came at Reidland and is tied with others in Kentucky as the longest ever.

Cozart was an All Western Kentucky Conference selection twice and finished his high school football career with 1,180 yards passing, which was among the best ever when his career ended. As a senior, he rushed for almost 400 yards.

In college, Cozart was a quarterback at Campbellsville where he was the team’s career leader in yards per attempt when he ended his career in 1992. He is now tied for fourth all-time in that statistical category. Cozart played three seasons at Campbellsville where his average yards per completion (18.6) remains No. 3 on the school’s all-time list. He was also a punter and tight end for the Tigers.

“I was supposed to be doing my quarterback stuff one day and instead I was down with the punters,” Cozart remembers.

He was just goofing around, but busted a high tight spiral that caught his coach’s eye.

“He yelled, ‘Who just punted that?’” Cozart recalls. When Cozart fessed up to being in the wrong drill, the coach



Cozart
1988 Photo



David Cozart was best known for his defense on the basketball court, but he scored in double figures as a senior. Here is a picture of him guarding one of Caldwell County’s best players at the time, Michael Gray, who is now Brescia’s women’s coach.

made him a punter.

He was the starting QB as a junior at Campbellsville, but tweaked his knee and missed a couple of games. During that time John Myers (former Russellville coach who has ties to Crittenden County) filled in. When Cozart returned to action, he played tight end.

“I loved it. We weren’t a passing team, but I got to crack back and just let loose, something I enjoyed,” he said.

Cozart also played two years of baseball at Campbellsville, mostly as a third baseman. But when his role on the football team increased, he quit playing baseball.

“Honestly, I think baseball was my favorite. I wish I would

have paid more attention to it in high school and college,” he said.

Humbled, he said, was his first reaction to being selected to the hall of fame. He also said there were many others besides him who deserve to be honored first.

“I am very proud of where I came from and very proud to be part of this induction ceremony,” he said.

Cozart, who has a bachelor’s degree in psychology/sociology and a master’s in theology, has 25 years experience as a community organizer. He is currently director of the Lexington Leadership Foundation’s Fatherhood Initiative.

O’Leary sharpened her game on the playground against boys

STAFF REPORT

It has been 33 years since Angie (Hobbs) O’Leary wore a Lady Rockets basketball uniform, but her mark on the school’s athletics programs remains mighty strong.

The 1986 Crittenden County High School graduate is one of two individuals being inducted into the Farmers Bank Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame Friday night. She still holds two track and field records and she’s an avid supporter and volunteer scorekeeper for the CCHS basketball and baseball programs because she has children playing.

O’Leary was a strong 5-foot-8 center on the basketball team from her eighth-grade season on. She ranks No. 14 on the all-time girls’ scoring list with 830 points and was a tremendous rebounder in the day, although those records haven’t survived. In high school she was a center, playing mostly with her back to basket.

“I felt like my job was to get my defender on the bench,” O’Leary said. “When they threw the ball inside to me, it never went back out. I went to the basket.”

Her aggressive play would often draw fouls, and she did a whole lot of damage at the free throw line, where she was very accurate. Plus, it made her assignment easier in the low post.

“I knew if I could get their starter in foul trouble, then I would get to play against the reserve and then I’d have it made,” she said.

She grew up playing against boys on the outdoor court at



O’Leary



Angie (Hobbs) O’Leary’s scoring numbers rank among the high school’s all-time leaders.

Tolu School, which helped her improve her game. It also developed her outside shot, which was a tool not often used during her high school days when she was one of the tallest players on the floor and stayed close to the basket. But in college, she was moved to forward and used that outside touch to continue as an offensive threat.

O’Leary was a key contributor in Crittenden County’s victory over Hopkinsville in the Second Region Tournament in 1984. She and current Lady Rocket girls’ coach Shannon Hodge brought their team from behind as the Rocket girls beat Hoptown in the first round. The lost in the semifinal round that year to Webster County.

There were a couple of things that made that regional tournament victory memorable, O’Leary recalls. First, it’s one of the rare victories Crittenden County has achieved in post-season regional play. Also, it pitted Crittenden coach Joe McCord against his brother Bob, who coached Hopkinsville.

“I remember their mother came to the game. She had on orange pants and blue blazer and sat at half court,” Hobbs said. “Because they were brothers I remember we played Hopkinsville quite a bit over the summer before that season, so we knew them pretty well.”

Just a sophomore, O’Leary led Crittenden in scoring with 16 points in that regional tournament victory. Playing in the regional tournaments were among her fondest memories. She recalls the 1986 regional tournament, too, but more for what happened afterwards than during the game, when Crittenden lost to Madisonville.

Unbeknownst to O’Leary, her coach that year, Jimmy Croft, had been discussing opportunities to play collegiately with the Paducah Community College coach, David Hoskins. However, he hadn’t told O’Leary about it, preferring to allow all her focus to be on playing in the tournament. After the game, he told her get dressed and get outside there was someone wanting to talk to her.

O’Leary had already been offered a scholarship a few weeks earlier to play at Wabash Valley in Illinois, but there was going to be some added expenses for living there that she’d have to pay herself.

“Coach Croft had asked me not to commit because he thought I could get a better deal,” O’Leary recalls.

So when the PCC coach offered her a fully-paid chance to play for the Lady Indians, O’Leary accepted. But it wasn’t without some emotion.

“That was the biggest decision I’d ever made in my life to that point,” she remembers.

O’Leary was selected to the All Second Region Team that season and she was to be recognized at the regional championship game. The PCC recruiter asked her to sign and bring him the scholarship acceptance form at that game.

“I remember that being the hardest thing, walking down those steps and giving him those papers,” O’Leary says with a chuckle. “I felt like I was signing my life away.”

At PCC, O’Leary shared a double-wide mobile home off-campus with eight other players. She was a key offensive contributor as a freshman, earning the team’s Sixth Man Award. As a sophomore, she started the first part of the season, but some family issues in her personal life began to take a toll on her performance. By the last half of the season, her playing time was reduced and she believes that hurt her chances for going to a four-year school and extending her career.

After college, O’Leary went to work at Carhart in Providence where she met her husband, Bobby. Later she finished her associate’s degree and PCC fulfilled its commitment to pay all of her tuition until it was done. The couple has four children, and their two youngest boys, Sean and Erik, play basketball for the Rockets. O’Leary sits right down the court from them as the team’s official book keeper. She says it’s tough to stay quiet – an unwritten rule for those at the scorer’s table – but it’s probably the best place for



At Paducah Community College she earned the team’s Sixth Man Award as a freshman.

her.

“If I was sitting in the stands I would probably be a fool like I am at football games,” she said.

Sean, the son who is a senior, was a standout football player for the Rockets and will be playing next year at Campbellsville University.

In addition to basketball, O’Leary was a star in track and field. She remembers that coach Jerry Thurman asked her to come out for the team as a sophomore. She learned how to throw the discus and shot put from other players, particularly Derrick Cozart. It wasn’t long before she mastered the technique and set school record in both events. Those records still stand at 34-feet-1 for the shot and 89-feet-6 in discus.

And although she never played women’s softball in high school, she became the catcher for PCC’s team while in college.

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 homecoming and there will be a ceremonial crowning of a homecoming queen and king prior to the girls’ game, which opens the double-header. Coronation of the king and queen will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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
Highfil, 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, Ercel - 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 - 2000 - Football
Wheeler, Floyd "Rip" - 2010 - Baseball
Willoughby, James - 2012 - Track
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



BASKETBALL

This Week's Games

THURSDAY
Rockets host Dawson Springs

FRIDAY
HOMECOMING &
HALL OF FAME NIGHT

Lady Rockets host St. Mary
Rockets host St. Mary

SATURDAY
Lady Rockets at Union County

MONDAY
Rockets host Comm. Christian

TUESDAY
Lady Rockets at Hopkins Central
Rockets at Hopkins Central

FRIDAY, Feb. 15
Lady Rockets host Ft. Campbell
Rockets host Ft. Campbell

Second Region Poll

Here are the top 10 teams in the Second Region according to a weekly media poll.

- BOYS
1. University Heights
 2. Madisonville
 3. Hopkinsville
 4. Christian County
 5. Henderson County
 6. Caldwell County
 7. Union County
 8. Lyon County
 9. Webster County
 10. Hopkins Central

- GIRLS
1. Webster County
 2. Henderson County
 3. Christian County
 4. Madisonville
 5. Hopkinsville
 6. Caldwell County
 7. UHA
 8. Lyon County
 9. Hopkins Central
 10. Trigg County

Elementary results

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

BOYS
Crittenden 37, Caldwell 23
6th Grade: Scoring: Brady Belt 10, Chase Conyer 19, Bryson Walker 4, Brayden Poindexter 2, Caden Brothers 2.

3rd Grade: Caldwell 57, Crittenden 7
Scoring: Jack Porter 2, Conner Poindexter 5.

4th Grade: Caldwell 41, Crittenden 24
Scoring: Avery Thompson 18, Brady Dayberry 2, Jaxton Duncan 4.

3rd Grade: Livingston 26, Crittenden 6
Scoring: Jack Porter 4, Drake Young 2.

6th Grade: Livingston 44, Crittenden 43
Scoring: Brady Belt 15, Chase Conyer 15, Bryson Walker 9, Levi Suddoth 2, Kaiden Travis 2.

GIRLS
4th Grade: Crittenden 20, Livingston 18
Scoring: Haylie Hunt 8, Jordyn Hodge 6, Morgan Stewart 4, Presley Potter 2.

6th Grade: Livingston 26, Crittenden 10
Scoring: Elliot Evans 2, Carly Porter 7, Elle McDaniel 1.

4th Grade: Crittenden 23, Trigg 13
Scoring: Jordyn Hodge 16, Morgan Stewart 2, Taryn McCann 5.

6th Grade: Crittenden 38, Trigg 14
Scoring: Elliot Evans 8, Anna Boone 6, Andrea Federico 6, Chloe Hunt 6, Ella Geary 2, Madison Walker 2, Bristyn Rushing 2, Elle McDaniel 2, Carly Porter 2, Georgia Holeman 2.

FOOTBALL

Rocket Signing Day

Six Crittenden County seniors were recognized during a Football Signing Day event Wednesday at Rocket Arena. Because it was held after this week's print deadline, get the details at The Press Online or in next week's edition of the newspaper. Those recognized for signing to play collegiate football were Hunter Boone, Ethan Dossett, Brock Langston, Devon Nesbitt, Sean O'Leary and Parker Johnson.

TRACK AND FIELD

Keller improves time

Crittenden County sophomore Kate Keller, who ran a school-best two-mile time a week earlier at a meet in Lexington, was even faster Saturday during a meet at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. She ran personal bests of 12:27.59 in the two-mile race and 5:37.68 in the one-mile run. Also, in last week's report about her performance on the University of Kentucky campus, Keller's one-mile time was incorrectly stated. It should have been 5:44.67.



Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge said the play of reserves like Kacie Easley (41) and Lilly Perryman (background) will be key down the stretch.

Lady Rockets grab share of district crown

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Rockets captured a share of the Fifth District regular-season championship Friday, beating Livingston Central almost effortlessly at Rocket Arena.

Crittenden County jumped way ahead early, got everyone from the bench onto the floor and beat the Lady Cardinals by 18.

There was a coin toss on Wednesday of this week to determine which team gets the coveted No. 1 seed for postseason. The other teams from the tie-breaker will play one another.

Winning a share of the regular-season crown was important to long-time coach Shannon Hodge, whose trying to groom a very young but talented team into a post-season contender. The Lady Rockets can win a third straight district tournament title when the event opens in less than two weeks at Smithland.

"This was a great win in front of our home crowd,"

Girls 5th District Standings

Team	Overall	Dist.
Lyon County	12-9	4-2
Trigg County	12-14	4-2
Crittenden County	12-11	4-2
Livingston Central	3-22	0-6
Through Monday's games		

Hodge said Friday night. "I am not at all surprised that we're where we are right now, but we cannot be satisfied where we are."

Crittenden got 24 points from its young backcourt and 22 combined points from sophomore center Nahla Woodward and senior forward Shelby Summers. The balanced offensive attack coupled with stellar defense was more than Livingston could handle. The Lady Cardinals have struggled during a rebuilding season, getting just two victories this year and no wins against divisional opponents. They have lost more than 20 times.

The Lady Rockets lost a heartbreaker on Saturday, falling to Paducah Tilghman

by three at Rocket Arena. The Lady Tornado sealed the game at the foul line with under two seconds to play.

Eighth-grade guard Natalie Boone led the way with 15 points, tying her career-best offensive effort. She's scored in double figures in two of the last four games, improving weekly as the second member of the Lady Rockets' very young backcourt. She and starting point guard Taylor Guess are both eighth graders. Guess led the offense with 18 points against Livingston.

"It's really crazy that our two best ball handlers are middle schoolers," said Lady Rocket senior Shelby Summers. "A lot of time I don't think we give them enough credit for how young they are and how well they handle the ball, make good passes and remain calm under pressure."

For the first time this season, Crittenden has fallen out of the region's top 10, as selected by area media.

The poll, conducted each

Sunday, has Crittenden at No. 11 while Trigg made its debut on the list at No. 10 while Lyon moved up No. 8 from 10th and Crittenden fell off the chart after being No. 9 last week. The Rocket girls had been anywhere from 8th to 10th this season, reaching their highest mark in December.

Tilghman 61, Crittenden 58
Paducah Tilghman 17 29 41 61
Crittenden County 11 28 39 58
TILGHMAN - Gray 9, Birgers 8, Anderson 12, Thomas 21, Gavland 9, Askew, Talley, Minter 2, McCoy. FG 20. 3-pointers 3 (Gray, Thomas 2). FT 16-27.
CRITTENDEN - Guess 5, Boone 15, Summers 9, Woodward 13, Duncan 16, Long, Easley, Perryman, Smith, Hunt. FG 22. 3-pointers 2 (Boone). FT 12-19.

Crittenden 50, Livingston 32
Livingston Central 2 9 20 32
Crittenden County 12 24 38 50
LIVINGSTON - Lasher 3, Wring 18, Davidson 2, Downey 3, Tolley 2, Joiner 4, M.Downey, Salazar, Croft, Quettermous, Campbell, Norton. FG 13. 3-pointers 1 (Downey). FT 5-12.
CRITTENDEN - Guess 18, Boone 6, Summers 11, Woodward 11, Duncan 2, Long, Easley, Perryman, Binkley 2, Keller, Hatfield, Smith, Hunt, Geary. FG 21. 3-pointers 0. FT 8-12.

Rockets fall at end in 5th heartbreaker

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden kept Cameron Head penned up for more than three quarters, but with the game on the line, Livingston's senior point guard got loose in the corner and busted a game-winning three-pointer with seconds to go in the district matchup Friday at Rocket Arena.

Head scored all six of his points in the last quarter, but Rocket coach Denis Hodge took aim at his team's paltry offensive production in the post as a key to his team's downfall in a game that could have guaranteed CCHS a third-place finish in the league and another matchup with Livingston in the opening round of the post-season tournament.

Instead, the loss thrust Crittenden into a tie with Trigg County for the playoff's No. 3 seed. A coin toss Wednesday of this week decided who opens the tournament against Livingston and who gets Lyon, the best in the division, when the Fifth District Tournament starts in less than two weeks at Smithland.

"Hunter Boone shot the ball very well," Hodge said after the Livingston game. "Thank goodness for him and Gabe Mott because we only got two points out of our post players and we

Fifth District Standings

Team	Overall	Dist.
Lyon County	16-8	6-0
Livingston Central	13-11	4-2
Trigg County	9-15	1-5
Crittenden County	8-15	1-5
Through Tuesday's games		

were 9-for-18 at the foul line. That hurt us."

Not converting on foul shots late and missing a rebound in the final seconds with Livingston at the line were also key factors in the loss, Hodge said.

Preston Turley had a season-high 21 on Monday to lead CCHS to a win at Hardin County, Ill., then eclipsed that with 29 against Caldwell Tuesday. The Rockets led the Tigers by a dozen in the first half before losing by eight.

Caldwell 79, Crittenden 71
Caldwell Co. 18 36 60 79
Crittenden Co. 21 43 58 71
CALDWELL - Boyd 28, Blaine 10, Branch 5, East 2, Davis 20, Fraliex 8, Smiley 6. FG 25. 3-pointers 2 (Boyd, Davis). FT 27-35.
CRITTENDEN - E.O'Leary 19, Towery 5, Mott 7, Dickerson, S.O'Leary, T.Boone 3, Winders 2, J.Carlson, Turley 29, H.Boone 6. FG 28. 3-pointers 7 (E.O'Leary 3, Towery, Mott, H.Boone 20). FT 8-14.



Crittenden County sophomore Tyler Boone drives to the basket against Livingston's T.Roy Ringstaff. Boone and senior Sawyer Towery made returns to the lineup Friday in limited roles after being sidelined for extended periods because of injuries.

Crittenden 65, Hardin Co. 55
Crittenden Co. 16 25 43 65
Hardin Co., Ill. 11 25 35 55
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson, E.O'Leary 5, Towery 2, Mott 11, Dickerson, S.O'Leary, T.Boone 14, J.Carlson, Turley 21, H.Boone 12. FG 26. 3-pointers 5 (H.Boone 4, E.O'Leary). FT 8-19.
HARDIN - Austin 12, Folwer 19, Cowsert, Johnson 2, Je.Johnson 8, Vaughn 12, Smock 2, B.Vaughn, Banks. FG 19. 3-pointers 4 (Austin 2, Je.Johnson 2). T 12-21.

Livingston 53, Crittenden 52
Livingston Central 7 22 37 53
Crittenden County 9 21 38 52
LIVINGSTON - Mayhugh 14, Head 6, Jewell, Ringstaff 17, Downey 12, Cassey, Stein 4. FG 19. 3-pointers 6 (Head 2, Ringstaff 3, Downey). FT 9-12.
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson, E.O'Leary 7, Towery 3, Mott 18, Dickerson, S.O'Leary, T.Boone 2, Winders, J.Carlson 2, Turley 2, H.Boone 18. FG 27. 3-pointers 11 (H.Boone 6, Mott 4, E.O'Leary). FT 9-18.

Moss playing well despite record

Cassidy Moss, a sophomore forward, scored 19 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in Brescia's third straight road win on Jan. 25 at Indiana University East in Richmond, Ind. She also had five assists in that contest. It was her best performance in a season where she has averaged 11 points and eight rebounds for the Lady Bearcats.

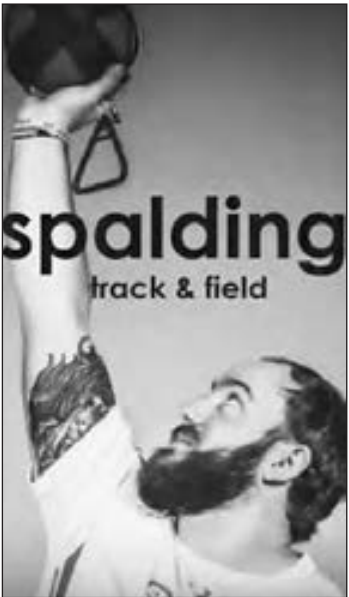
Although the starting forward is having a good season – after recovering from a broken hand – individually, she isn't too sure how much those numbers mean because Brescia is struggling in the win column.

"It's hard to judge how you're playing individually when you're not winning as a team," Moss said Monday.

The Lady Bearcats are 6-16 on the season and 4-7 in conference play. They close out regular-season play on Feb. 16 at home against Indiana University-Kokomo.

Moss and her squad need to be close to winning out in the final five conference games to make the postseason cut.

Once basketball is done, she will join the Brescia softball team for the spring season.



Noah Hadfield in college promotional photograph.

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Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

A recent report from the U.S. Census Bureau shows incomes for families in Crittenden County have grown at a slower pace over the last 20 years than most surrounding counties and households across the state and nation. Locally, median household income has risen at only 47.32 percent since 1997, as compared to 63.05 percent around the United States. According to the Consumer Price Index, the average household income in Crittenden County has not kept pace with the rate of inflation, about 55 percent. The percentage of residents living in poverty in Crittenden County also increased between 1997 and 2017, while households in some surrounding counties and around Kentucky and the United States saw a dip in pverty rates.

	MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME						POVERTY	
	2017	CHANGE FROM 2016	2016	2007	1997	% INCOME INCREASE 1997 - 2017	ALL AGES % POVERTY 1997 - 2017	18 & UNDER % POVERTY 1997 - 2017
Crittenden County	\$41,522	▲	\$40,656	\$33,804	\$28,185	47.32	17.3 - 18.1	25.8 - 28.6
Livingston County	\$44,435	▼	\$45,229	\$38,732	\$30,822	44.17	14.6 - 15.4	22.8 - 23.4
Caldwell County	\$42,857	▲	\$40,327	\$38,009	\$27,656	54.96	16.7 - 16.0	25.8 - 24.6
Lyon County	\$44,318	▼	\$44,767	\$40,082	\$29,466	50.40	14.7 - 14.3	21.2 - 20.2
Union County	\$46,708	▼	\$47,017	\$40,711	\$31,197	49.72	14.5 - 17.8	18.0 - 21.9
Webster County	\$42,961	▼	\$43,605	\$39,923	\$30,325	41.67	14.6 - 14.7	21.1 - 20.0
Kentucky	\$48,332	▲	\$46,610	\$40,229	\$31,730	52.32	16.0 - 17.1	23.1 - 22.1
United States	\$60,336	▲	\$57,617	\$50,740	\$37,005	63.05	13.3 - 13.4	19.9 - 18.4

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have an additional \$13,337 to operate on, their buying power from annual earnings have actually decreased over the last two decades. A 1997 dollar was worth about 65 cents in 2017. In fact, the average household income two years ago was worth \$26,989 in 1997 money, almost \$1,200 less than family income for that year.

Of the five counties surrounding Crittenden, only Caldwell County's growth in median household income (55 percent) outpaced inflation.

Crittenden and Caldwell

counties were also the only territories in the half-dozen contiguous counties to see average household income climb between 2016 and 2017 – up \$866 and \$2,530, respectively. Family earnings fell \$794 in Livingston County.

The same Census estimates found that between 1997 and 2017, the overall poverty rate in Crittenden County rose from 17.3 percent to 18.1 percent, or almost 1 in 5 residents. For children, the number living in households below the federal poverty line jumped from 1 in 4 people 18 and under to 2 in 7, or 28.6 percent. The overall and child poverty rates also rose in Livingston, Union

and Webster counties, while both fell in Caldwell and Lyon counties. In Webster County, the overall rate of people living in poverty rose a 10th of a percentage point, but fell for children.

Brandon Harley, CEO of Audubon Area Community Services, said the patterns in SAIPE seem all too familiar to what his organization has experienced in the region that covers 34 western Kentucky counties, including Crittenden and all surrounding counties.

“When it comes to the poverty rate, we’ve seen some growth in those areas,” Harley said. “That comes from some of the outlying counties losing

significant employers. With the families living in those areas having less opportunity, poverty increased.”

Harley said families in Audubon's service area not affected by unemployment have seen the effects of underemployment as stagnated wages failed to keep up with rising living costs.

According to the SAIPE program estimates, Kentucky is in the top 10 for highest poverty rate among all ages, highest poverty rate of people below 18, highest poverty rate among families with kids and highest poverty rate among families with children under 5.

It also has the seventh lowest median household income in the United States.

As more working families in its service area hover closer to the poverty level and impoverished families fall deeper into need, Harley said Audubon was working on how to better address the needs of people trapped in the gulf between economic recovery and depression.

We have utilities, crisis and case management, but we also have an employment side of our programming to adapt to the needs of our workforce,” Harley said. “Family units are complex and balanced entities, and it's hard to raise a family if you are out of the house 16 hours of a 24-hour day. It's hard to raise your kids when you're scrambling from job to job.”

(Editor's note: The Messenger-Inquirer contributed to this story.)



Leah Perkins took over this week as director of Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. Shawn Holloman had been director for the past seven years.

DIRECTOR

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bling and kids having a good time,” Holeman said. “The Lord has blessed us with a beautiful facility and we turn that blessing back over to the community. We encourage everyone to come enjoy it.”

Freeplay is the name of the game. There are no organized events for the snow-freed students, but they stay busy.

Thirteen-year-old Brynn Porter was one of the dozens of youngsters who showed up Friday on the third day in a row that school was out last week

for weather and slick roads. Porter, who loves basketball, likes to mix up with the boys, but she also finds other things to do at the Family Life Center.

“We normally play games and then sit and play on phones,” she said.

Her grandmother and grandfather, Angie and Larry Hurst, usually tag along. Larry likes to walk around the track while his granddaughter plays ball.

“She’s basketball crazy,” said Angie.

“Honestly, we have really good kids in the community. In seven years, I’ve had absolutely no issues,” said Holeman, who’s taken a new job with a former

employer, the Asbestos Abatement Workers Local 207. He’d worked in the union as a supervisor for a dozen years before surrendering to the ministry seven years ago.

“I will continue as youth and children’s minster for the church,” said Holeman, 38, who will be a multi-state project coordinator for the union hall.

Holeman is all smiles when he talks about all the fun kids have at the church’s gym on snow days. It’s part of the job he’s going to miss.

Perkins may have some ideas of putting her own spin on things at the Family Life Center. She says fellowshiping with visitors and meeting new people makes her new post quite enjoyable.

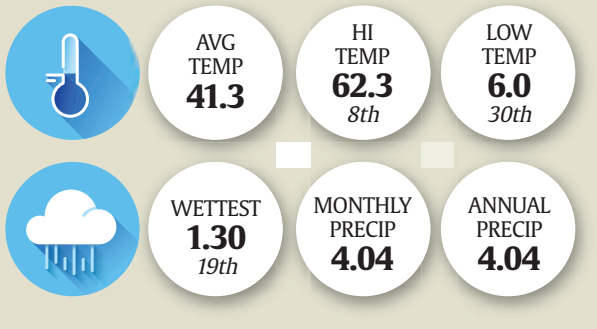
Weather recap

Despite closing out with the coldest temperatures of winter thus far, the first month of the new year in Crittenden County was warmer than normal, with temperatures the first eight days never dipping below freezing and reaching a monthly high of 62.3 degrees on Jan. 8, according to the local Kentucky Mesonet weather monitoring station. The daily average temperature was 41.3 degrees in January 2019, and just a trace over 4 inches of precipitaton fell on the county.

Though the temperature and moisture were above normal for January in the county, just two years ago, the month was warmer and wetter – 48.1-degree daily average and 4.22 inches of precipitation in January 2017.

Spring could be just around the corner. On Saturday, the groundhog Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow, predicting an early end to winter, according to folklore. However, the groundhog is less than reliable. He is wrong about 60 percent of the time.

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Paducah's micropolitan statistical area continues to be the highest-ranked in Kentucky, and is in the top 8 percent of the 551 micropolitan areas nationwide, according to a Florida company which analyzes local and state economies.

The 2019 Economic Strength Rankings, compiled by Policom Corp., list Paducah's micropolitan area 41st nationally, up from its 79th ranking the previous year. The Paducah area has ranked at the top of Kentucky's 17 mi-

cropolitans for more than 10 consecutive years.

Madisonville was ranked second in the state. Micropolitan statistical areas are defined as having an urbanized area (city) with a population of at least 10,000, but fewer than 50,000.

The Policom rankings measure 23 economic factors over a period of several years, such as worker earnings, per capita personal income, construction jobs, retail wages and per capita medical assistance to the poor.

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