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Preschool screening appointments taken

Crittenden County School District has scheduled two Ready Freddy preschool screenings for April. These screenings are for 3- and 4-year-olds, and registration is mandatory.

Parents of participating children must bring:

- Proof of income.
- State birth certificate.
- Social Security card.
- Insurance/medical card.
- Immunization records.

Screenings will occur from noon to 8 p.m. April 9 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 13, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Greenwood Heights. To register for an appointment, call (270) 965-5846.

Outdoor fire limits start next Thursday

Crittenden County is one of three counties in Kentucky to report wildland fire activity the last week of January, reminding residents that winter months are not a good time for burning outdoors. In fact, statewide burning restrictions take effect next week.



Each year, wildfires threaten lives and destroy homes and structures. Through the end of January, there have been 27 wildland fires, including one in Crittenden County last week, that have burned 292 acres. Twelve of those blazes were started when burning of debris got out of hand. Starting next Thursday and running until April 30, spring forest fire hazard season, it is illegal in Kentucky to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between the hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Violations can result in fines and/or jail time. People doing controlled burns during legal burning hours are asked to notify emergency service dispatch at (270) 965-3500 in order to prevent false alarms.

Flu has killed more than 100 in Kentucky

One of the deadliest flu seasons in Kentucky in recent years continues, with the number of deaths eclipsing 100. At epidemic level for the second week, 21 lives were claimed during the latest reporting period of Jan. 21-27. This season's H3N2 virus strain can be extremely serious, even deadly, for even generally healthy Kentuckians. According to the Kentucky Department for Public Health, one lab-confirmed case of the flu has been reported in each Crittenden and Livingston counties.

Public meetings

- Crittenden County Election Board will meet at 9 a.m. Friday in the county clerk's office.



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School safety paramount

Crittenden instances of student misbehavior relatively low

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
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No amount of data can predict when or where the next school shooting may take place, but the numbers appear to show Crittenden County schools are doing a better job of keeping student behavior in check than some other nearby districts.

Each year, behavioral data for each of Kentucky's 173 school districts and their re-

spective facilities is compiled by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) in an extensive database for public record. Numbers for the most recently completed school year - 2016-17 - indicate the local ratio of behavior events per student to be significantly lower than all neighboring districts but one.

"Overall, we have committed to creating a place that kids want to be, a place where

they feel valued and respected," said Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark.

Across the region in recent weeks, school violence and misbehavior has been at the fore of concerns and discussions among parents, students and school officials. On Jan. 23, a 15-year-old Marshall County High School



Brown

student opened fire with a handgun in a common area of the facility, killing two students and injuring 19 more. And since that time, there was another shooting at a Los Angeles school that injured five.

The incident in Marshall County, though, reminded the nation that even rural schools in the

Bible Belt are not immune from the threat of deadly violence against school children.

"It's hard to get out of your head," said Crittenden County High School Principal Curtis Brown. "Every time a school shooting occurs, it's a cause for self-reflection and 'what-ifs' in our schools."

With hundreds of students gathered in one location,

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Love connection

Christian dating site leads local couple to marriage

By **MIMI BYRNS**
STAFF WRITER

The Internet has changed the way people communicate, form meaningful relationships and even fall in love and get married. Not even in her wildest dreams did Ann Moore, a first-grade teacher at Crittenden County Elementary School, imagine Christian Mingle would be the way she would meet her husband Matt. But, love has its own way of conquering all, and surprisingly to everyone - even to the ones involved - to work out perfectly.

"I am a very conservative, old-fashioned girl. So the general idea of online dating was so weird to me," said Moore. "Also, you hear of so many bad experiences, so I was nervous about that as well."

It all started several years ago. While sitting in her dorm room at Murray State University, she received a surprising email informing her she had just joined Christian Mingle, an online dating site for meeting a partner of shared Christian faith. Thinking it was a cleverly planned joke by her roommate, Moore didn't take this message seriously and continued with her daily activities.

Ann and Matt Moore of Marion met on Christian Mingle, an online dating site, and wed in 2013. She is a first-grade teacher at CCES and he works at Siemens Rail Automation.

"I did not sign up," she remembers. "Fast forward a couple days, and I had a notification that someone had tried to contact me. I was shocked and still amused at the idea of the site. I was not about to pay for a dating site so I couldn't read his message."



"I think online dating is a new outlet for people to use to get out there and meet people that you normally wouldn't."

— Ann Moore

this time, Matt put his phone number in the subject line, which opened the door for Ann to contact

him if she wanted to. She remembers being very excited and nervous at the same time, wondering whether she should text him or not.

"I went for it and texted him, and we hit it off right away," she said. "After a couple of weeks talking and texting, we finally wanted to meet."

"Now, I was a nervous wreck about this, excited but nervous! We met in Eddyville at Oasis, and he drove us to Olive Garden in Paducah, which now is one of our favorites. On the drive to Paducah it was such an odd feeling to be sitting in the car with someone I had never met and only talked to. My stomach was in knots and my hands were damp from nerves. But as the night went on, we talked and talked and had such a great time."

"It was so easy and natural to converse with him from the beginning."

Matt, originally from Paducah,

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Kemper benefit Feb. 17

Tolu rallies again to help one of its own

STAFF REPORT

Two small communities on opposite sides of the Ohio River are coming together to support a local 17-year-old, blessing his families who grew up in the two towns.

A benefit for Crittenden County High School junior Drake Kemper will be held at the Tolu Community Center Feb. 17. A silent auction will begin at 1 p.m., with a live auction to follow at 3 p.m.

Auction items are being donated from as far away as Golden Eagle, Ill., where Kemper was visiting when he was injured in a single-vehicle accident Thanksgiving weekend. Kemper and his family - including his father Daniel and stepmother Hope - were visiting family in Calhoun County, Ill., when the teen suffered a brain injury and serious spinal cord injury in the accident.

He spent two months in a St. Louis hospital and rehabilitation center before returning to Tolu last week. He is able to walk with a brace on his left foot and maneuver stairs in the family's home, but continues occupational and physical therapy three days a week to help regain mobility in his left side. He has made tremendous

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PROVIDED PHOTO

Crittenden County High School junior Drake Kemper, 17, is recovering from a serious wreck last November. A benefit auction is being held at Tolu Community Center next week to help with medical expenses.

Winter yielding high energy bills

STAFF REPORT

Prolonged and severe cold in December and January has led to sharply higher electric bills for customers across Kentucky, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) says.

For many customers - particularly those who heat entirely or primarily with electricity - bills received from late December through January have been much larger than those for the

previous billing period.

That is because the National Weather Service (NWS) measure that tracks the need for home heating was, in December, about 75 percent higher than in November. January heating demand was up another 14 percent over December, or roughly double that in November.

"When you have prolonged periods of sub-freezing weather, as we have had this winter in Ken-

tucky, the amount of energy needed to heat your home goes up dramatically," PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt said. "And energy usage is by far the most important factor in determining energy costs."

Schmitt said customers who are concerned about high electric bills should first contact their utility company for information

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Comer rep to visit

STAFF REPORT

Congressman James Comer, R-Tompkinsville, will have a field representative in Marion next week. Amelia Wilson will host office hours on behalf of the Congressman in Crittenden County to help 1st District residents with federal casework issues.

Wilson will be at the courthouse in Marion from 10 to 11 a.m. next Thursday



Wilson

Breadwinners tired of breadlines

If you've ever wondered how in the world someone like Donald Trump gets elected President of the United States, why conservatives have gained control of Capitol Hill or how Republicans have wrested away statehouses and governor's mansions from Democrats, look no further than your wallet (or purse).

Politics comes down, essentially, to buying votes. Not directly, mind you, but indirectly through policy. And the winning policy ebbs and flows.

Based on election outcomes over the last few years, momentum seems to have shifted from policy that has bought votes through entitlements and forms of



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My 2¢ Worth

public assistance akin to socialism to one that gives money back to the people who earn it.

Everyone knows it's tax season. Some are hoping to avoid paying more than has already been taken from their 2017 earnings. Others hope to get a little back to sock away in savings or pay down a few bills.

Then there are those who look to the IRS for a big payday.

When it comes to getting money back from Uncle Sam each year, there are tax credits and there are cash cows.

A tax refund, as definition implies, is money back on what you paid in. For instance, my tax refund this year was about two-fifths of

what I paid in to the federal government. In IRS-speak, this was thanks to "non-refundable tax credits" for things like a mortgage and student loans. These credits can take a person as far as \$0 in tax liability.

But "refundable tax credits" are where the money lies. These come in the form of things like Additional Child, Earned Income Tax and Health Coverage tax credits. These are golden geese for tax filers. With these credits on your Form 1040, you can rake in more money than you paid to the fed. In many cases, much, much more!

Ironically, tax code complexity makes it easy for some to manipulate.

Someone with college or vocational school debt, a mortgage and a steady job that allows them to live relatively comfortably, earns the right to get back a bit of what they pay for the advan-

tage to live in the U.S. It seems fair.

That is until you see someone who is a freeloader with more money to show from 2017 than you courtesy of a huge – perhaps \$15,000 or more – tax "refund" check from the U.S. Treasury. That "refund" may send them 10 times what they paid in.

That's no refund. That's a gift.

Most of us are lucky to find an investment that pays 4 percent, let alone anything tenfold.

To be clear, freeloaders are the one who just need a little help to get through a rough patch. They are the ones who consistently show up to work late – if they come in at all – or cannot even hold a job. They beat the system by having ever-growing litters of children for whom they couldn't care for without the help of the actual taxpayers.

America rewards irresponsibility. It encourages a deadbeat lifestyle. In America, if you can toss aside self-respect and are willing to settle for the status quo, life can be pretty simple. Maybe not easy, but simple.

And that colossal "refund," that public assistance bonus for which there is no accountability? For many of the freeloaders, it'll be gone in three months, frittered away on things like smartphones, new rims and tires and heaven knows what else. Then, it's back to passing the hat.

The welfare state politicians have created to earn votes is an affront to those who legitimately need help, those who are behind the eight-ball because of age, disability, illness or general misfortune. It also spits in the eye of the risk-takers – our entrepreneurs – and those who work hard and

sacrifice to get by on their own without outside help.

That is why people seemingly unfit for office and those described with adjectives like "cruel" and "heartless" now sit in office. Breadwinners have grown weary of the breadlines.

Abusive public assistance policies have ruffled the feathers of the working class and driven a greater wedge in the neighborhoods of the heartland than any squabbles over race, religion or gender equality.

If you don't like the Donald Trumps of the world, there are plenty of reasons to hold your nose. But for those who work to support their family without outside assistance, the stench isn't so bad when your eyes see more take-home pay at the end of the week and less into the pocket of that coworker who didn't show up for work again today.

Financial bills pass House

As the 2018 session moves into February, activity is ramping up and legislation is moving through the General Assembly. Bills on dozens of non-budget matters passed from committee and from the full House over the past week.

Among these bills was House Bill 84, which passed the House by a vote of 88-0 and is now before the Senate. HB 84 is a bill I filed that would require coroners and medical examiners to release information on a deceased person in their care to Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA), an organ and tissue procurement agency, if they know that the person intended to be an organ or tissue donor. This is most often known when a person has indicated on his or her driver's license a desire to be an organ donor. Last year, the bill made it to the Senate but wasn't heard in committee. I am confident that this year will be different, and I am looking forward to seeing it become law.

Last week, I mentioned HB 46 and indicated that I would vote yes if it made it to the full House for a vote. HB 46 would allow a person to permanently freeze a credit



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reporting company's access to his or her credit information, which can't be done under existing law. HB 46 did make it to the floor for a vote by the full House, and I voted yes. The bill passed and has been sent to the Senate for its consideration.

Three bills relating to education were debated and sent to the Senate last week. HB 55 calls for drug abuse prevention curriculum to be developed by the Office of Drug Control Policy, with a focus on teaching K-12 students about the dangers of the prescription drug epidemic and its relation to other dangerous substances. This legislation is a step toward what hopefully will help combat the rising opioid epidemic. HB 55 passed, and I voted yes.

HB 132 would require high school students to take a course on financial literacy as a requirement for receiving a diploma. This legislation addresses the need for students to understand the ramifications of debt, be it credit card, student loans or multiple other ways one can get into financial trouble. While HB 132 focuses on personal finances, which is a good thing, it is also an unfunded

mandate for our schools, though relatively small one. With the current monetary issues facing our schools, I do not think additional mandates are appropriate. Therefore, I voted no. The bill, however, did pass the full House.

HB 30 would require every-other-year suicide prevention training in schools for both administrators and teachers. This training would be included in the professional development education that is already required, so schools would bear no additional cost. According to a 2014 report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC, suicide is the second leading cause of death among 10- to 14-year-olds. It is important, therefore, that those who spend significant amounts of time with our students are prepared to spot signs of suicidal behavior. HB 30 passed the full House, and I voted yes.

Substance abuse continues to be a serious problem in the Commonwealth, and HB 124 would require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to conduct a comprehensive review of all current state licensure, quality standards and programs that apply to substance abuse disorder treatment and recovery services operating in Kentucky. Under HB 124, the cabinet would be required to develop and publish administrative regulations for implementing those standards by Jan. 1, 2019. The bill passed, and I voted yes.

A piece of priority legislation that was filed last week

is HB 1, which includes comprehensive reforms to our system of adoption and foster care. For far too long, many children have been held up in state care, unable to be placed into loving homes due to financial and bureaucratic constraints. HB 1 seeks to streamline the placement of children into supportive families, and is the product of months of work done by the House Working Group on Adoption of which I was a member. I have filed legislation in the past to address this problem, and I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this bill. I look forward to seeing movement on this legislation, which will be good for all parties involved, most importantly the children who have been held hostage by our inadequate laws.

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

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LETTERS

Bookmobile in Livingston also asset to county

To the editor:

I read with interest your recent front-page article about the library bookmobile ("Bookmobile takes library to readers, Jan. 25). We in Kentucky are very fortunate to have this service available to us.

I would like to remind your readers in Livingston County that we also have a very good bookmobile that comes to our communities twice a month, if weather permits. Like Ms. (Susan) Smith in Crittenden County, our bookmobile driver is very personable and a delightful lady. She is always willing to find books that interest us individually, and we look forward to her visits.

I would urge anyone who likes to read to take advantage of this library outreach, and I commend our fiscal court for their support.

Jackie Myrick
Lola, Ky.

(Editor's note: Livingston County Public Library is funded by Livingston Fiscal Court. Crittenden County Public Library is funded directly by taxpayers as its own taxing district. LCPL was established in 2012. CCPL was established in 1952.)

Governor's budget proposal train wreck'

We have completed the first third of the 60-day session with very little fanfare. However, we anticipate the pace will increase as we delve more deeply into substantial issues looming ahead, such as the two-year spending plan and pension reform.

Passage of a budget is constitutionally required of the General Assembly so both chambers are working on their proposals. The specifics for those plans are not known yet. However, one thing that is known is that Gov. Matt Bevin's budget proposal continues to be a "train wreck." And speaking of train wrecks, as we are trying to draft a balanced budget, we are also looking into solutions to our pension problems – we did not like the Governor's suggestions for reforming pensions either.

The Western Kentucky Legislative Caucus met for

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the first time this session with representation from lawmakers from across Western Kentucky – from Owensboro to Bowling Green and as far west as the Mississippi River. We discussed economic opportunities for our region with area chambers of commerce. But, most importantly, we had a complete briefing on the Interstate 69 corridor as well as the I-69 Bridge. I urge you to be part of the solution and offer comments, questions and concerns about the project. (Project can be found online at 169ohioriver-crossing.com, Facebook.com/169ORX or Twitter at @169ORX.)

Back in Frankfort, budget and pension continue to dominate the headlines – and our agenda – but lesser-publicized bills also require our attention. Some of those gained passage in the Senate last

One of the bills to earn the Senate's stamp of approval is a measure that would change the law for victims of domestic violence seeking a divorce.

Senate Bill 68 closes a loophole so that the victim would not have to pay the attorney fees for the abusive spouse if that spouse has been convicted and incarcerated for the abuse. The costs, which would be paid by the state, would be minimal, but it would be a tremendous help to victims of brutal attacks who must then pay a state-appointed lawyer to represent their convicted abuser.

For some abused spouses – usually women – even a modest legal fee could be a hardship or even out of reach, causing them to abandon the plan to divorce the abusive spouse and, in some cases, go back to an abuser. This is just another barrier we can remove for victims.

SB 68 was named Jeanette's Law for Jeanette McCue, a Kentucky abuse victim who testified that she had to pay her ex-husband's divorce costs while he was imprisoned for abusing her.

In addition, I supported a measure to reduce recidivism rates. SB 37 would allow some nonviolent federal prisoners to get driver's licenses so they can work

outside of prison walls. The goal of the legislation is to allow prisoners to learn employable skills so they are less likely to re-offend. SB 37 was introduced at the request of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, which operates five institutions in Kentucky. This measure, which also passed the Senate chambers last session, contains an emergency clause that allows the bill to become effective immediately upon approval by the governor.

I am less enthusiastic about another bill that passed last week – without my approval. Currently, Kentucky law requires an employer to pay an employee who works more than 40 hours in a week, no less than 1.5 times the hourly wage rate. A new exemption created by SB 35 will deprive thousands of employees of larger amusement parks, such as Kentucky Kingdom and those working for our state and city swimming pools, parks and golf courses, from receiving overtime pay. This legislation will exempt employees employed by "amusement or recreational facilities" if the facility does not operate for more than seven months in a calendar year; or the facility's average receipts show seasonal income.

Other bills to pass the Senate included:

- SB 12, which would designate May 1 of every year as "School Bus Driver Day."

- SB 85, which would allow a notary public whose name has changed, for whatever legal purpose, to get their name change on their certificate without lengthening their term.

Along with passing legislation, I met with constituents from my district, such as school superintendents and board members and advocates for important causes such as United 874K Disabilities Coalition and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children). My door is always open to hear from my constituents.

This is just a quick snapshot of the work this week. There are many other issues being discussed in Frankfort and I encourage you to join in those discussions.

To check the status of a bill, you may call the toll-free Bill Status Line at (866) 840-2835. To leave a message for any legislator, call the General Assembly's toll-free Message Line at (800) 372-7181. You can also e-mail me at Dorsey.Ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

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2018 BASKETBALL HOMECOMING

Crittenden County High School crowned its basketball homecoming queen and king Friday night. Senior Lauryn Faulker was chosen as queen and senior Tyson Steele was king. Pictured are the royalty and their court (from left) freshmen Leah Fritts and Eli Moss, juniors David Maness and

Cassie Suggs, seniors Madison O'Dell and Clay Stevens, the queen and king, seniors Bailey Priest and Dawson Doyle, sophomores Kyron Hicks and Tanner Way, 2017 queen and king Jessi Brewer and Bobby Stephens and in front are the flower girl and crown bearer Catelynn Maddux and Axel Topp.



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Conrad's contributions

Conrad's Harvest Foods owner Larry Escue was recognized recently for his contributions to Crittenden County Food Bank in 2017. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the recognition was for the significant donations and reduced-price goods Conrad's offered last year to the food bank that serves about 600 people each month. Pictured above are (from left) Newcom, Escue and Crittenden County Food Bank officers Minnie Lou and Fred Brown. Food bank giveaways are the fourth Friday of each month, save November and December. The regular schedule is as follows: Feb. 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24. Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 26 and Dec. 21. Distribution is from 8 a.m. to noon at Crittenden County Assistance Center located at 402 N. Walker St.

KEMPER

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dous progress, according to family members, since the very serious accident. "We feel really blessed," step-mother Hope Kemper said about the outpouring of support from the Kentucky and Illinois communities where they and Drake's mother Patti Thomas were raised. "We experienced a parent's worst nightmare, but we are so thankful and blessed coming from two small communities, because I really don't know how we would have gotten through this without the support." The live auction Feb. 17 includes a Super X4 Winchester shotgun, Savage AXIS XP bolt action rifle with scope, a Ruger LCP380, a custom made high-top table and stools made from re-

claimed lumber, and a three-person duck hunt from Deer Plain Hunting Club in Golden Eagle, Ill. Other unique auction items include custom pork processing, specialty desserts and other small items will be auctioned during the benefit. Additionally, about two dozen themed gift baskets have been donated from Marion, Tolu and Golden Eagle, Ill. areas for the silent auction. Hope Kemper says the family is humbled by the outpouring of support from their Kentucky and Illinois communities and looks forward to seeing friends at the benefit next weekend. Ann DeBoe is one of the organizers of the benefit. Tolu Community Center and its volunteers have rallied around a number of Tolu residents in years past, raising tens of thousands of dollars for families experiencing sud-

den tragedy or illness. DeBoe said Tolu is a close-knit community that feels more like family. "When one of us is in a situation such as this, we all just want to do something to help," she said. "The response has been amazing. We would not be able to do this without all of the support from people donating and coming to the benefit." Hope Kemper said her stepson is a very determined individual, which is beneficial during his rehabilitation. Kemper had spinal surgery in late January, and is hopeful to return to school, perhaps as early as mid-March. He has a follow-up appointment with his neurosurgeon March 5 to determine whether an additional surgery on his neck will be required. "I don't know how anyone wouldn't believe in the power of prayer, because it works," Kemper said.

Lorenzen brings weight loss journey to Crittenden Schools

STAFF REPORT

Former backup NFL quarterback, UK record holder and Kentucky Mr. Football Jared Lorenzen is coming to Crittenden County next week to combat childhood and adult obesity. Lorenzen, 36, will be at Crittenden County Family Fitness Night next Thursday. The annual Family Fitness night will be held at the elementary school from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and is open to the community. He will also be at all three schools the following day for student assemblies. Nicknamed "Hefty Lefty," Lorenzen holds UK's career and single-game passing yardage records and played for the New York Giants as a

backup quarterback during the 2005-7 seasons, earning a Super Bowl LXII ring with the team. Lorenzen knows the ultimate feeling of victory, but he also knows defeat. At 6-4, Lorenzen carried a playing weight around 300 pounds, but ballooned to more than 500 pounds after he left the NFL. It was this battle off the field that led to his greatest losses. His lifelong struggle with obesity created many challenges to Lorenzen's physical and mental health. But he is not alone. A third of Crittenden Countians, as well as a third of Kentuckians,

are considered obese according to the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps program. Lorenzen knows the time is now to take charge of his health, and he's teamed with celebrity trainer Gunnar Peterson to embrace the Now Let's Get Fit project. In his effort to impart knowledge of healthy living through physical activity and nutrition, Lorenzen is touring the Commonwealth, speaking to students and bringing with him a specialized mobile gym built by West Coast Customs to encourage others to join him on his quest for fitness.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Record number of women candidates

More than 550 candidates filed with the Secretary of State for various offices on the May 22 Primary Election ballot, and more than a 1,000 candidates filed for local offices across Kentucky's 120 counties, including 26 in Crittenden County.



Barnes

This year's filing also set a record. Nearly 100 women – a record number – are running for seats in Kentucky's General Assembly. That number includes one from Salem, Abigail Barnes. She is one of 53 Emerge Kentucky trained women to be on the ballot in 2018. Barnes, a 2017 Emerge Kentucky alumna and candidate for Kentucky House District 4, is one of 23 filed to run for the General Assembly. Emerge Kentucky is a non-profit organization that has recruited and trained over 165 Democratic women to run for public office since 2010.

Invalid boat HINs will not be renewed

Last year, the Kentucky Department of Transportation implemented boat HIN validation programming that printed "INVALID HIN" messages on boat receipts. Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford said the message informed the owner that a valid HIN would be needed to register their boat in 2018. Boat renewals are due in April. Owners with invalid HINs have had a year to clean up or get a new HIN. Per an agreement with Fish and Wildlife and the Coast Guard, KyTC will enforce the HIN validation before a boat can be registered in 2018. As a result, only boats with a valid HIN will be allowed to be registered. A boat owner can perform a HIN validation check at Drive.ky.gov in the "Title/Register/Renew a Vehicle or Vessel" tile, included in the "Boats" heading. Clerks will not be able to renew your boat decals unless the HIN has been updated, if needed. Owners will still be able to pay taxes or junk a boat without valid HIN.

Farley promoted at DOC training center

Steve Farley of Marion has been promoted to Instructor I at the Western Region Training Center in Eddyville. He began his new duties last Thursday. Farley began his corrections career as an officer at the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex (WKCC) in 2002. During his officer tenure, he has worked every post and every shift, familiarizing himself with all facets of the correctional environment. In October 2003, Farley became a member of WKCC CERT, where he remains an active member. He has served as WKCC's recreational leader since August 2008. Farley has held numerous instructor certifications during his career, including firearms and taser.



Farley



Clark

SAFETY

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schools can be a powder keg for outbursts of emotion and misconduct. Even the smallest school districts face multiple instances daily of student disorder. Last year, there were 430 behavior events – 0.32 per student – reported in Crittenden County Schools, more than half of which are chalked up to disruptions in the classroom. Twenty-six cases of bullying or other harassments were cited in the data, lowest among area districts along with Livingston County. There was only one incident involving a weapon reported, and it was not a gun; five drug violations; and zero alcohol infractions. Tobacco appears to be the biggest problem with 31 events reported. "Basically, we try to build a positive place for students to learn and teachers to teach," Clark said. "But you can see by the numbers that we have misconduct occurring in our schools and classrooms." Behavior events measured by KDE run the gamut, from classroom distractions to felony assault. In Crittenden County, 274 of the 430 events last year were in the classroom, 40 were in the hallways, 26 in the cafeteria, 25 in the gym, 17 on buses, 14 on the playground and the remainder in various other settings. "That's just where students are interacting more, in closer proximity, for a longer period of time," explained Brown of the high number of classroom incidents. "We do not have more physical fights in the classrooms, but we may have more verbal disagreements." There were no reports of assault or other violence locally last year. In fact, over the last four school years, there has been only one incident reported involving violence. It occurred at the high school. Neighboring school districts

struggle with varying issues. In Livingston County, 775 behavior events were reported, leading to a per-student ratio (0.67) double that of Crittenden County. There were also 131 out-of-school suspensions, 90 more than in the three Crittenden County schools. Lyon County Schools, with more than 400 fewer students, had 27 cases of bullying and one instance of violence. Union and Caldwell counties struggled with bullying, with 73 and 53 cases reported, respectively. Though each district has a significantly higher enrollment, the ratio of harassments and suspensions was much higher than in local schools. In Webster County, where the lowest ratio (0.24) of behavior events occurred based on enrollment, there were three instances where criminal charges were filed against students. There were no legal sanctions in Crittenden County schools. Clark said the district takes student safety and well-being seriously, employing an arsenal of preventative measures alongside punishment. "It starts with positive Back2School Bash/Sneak-A-Peek events," the superintendent said of the pre-academic year events at all three facilities. He also cited recognition at student assemblies, Care and Connect (CC) time to start each day with teacher-student conversations at the two upper schools, Mountain Comp Care behavioral health counseling at all schools, extra- and co-curricular activities, mentoring for teens and more. "Our counselors do an amazing job building up students and listening to their needs," Clark said. And "school nurses play a big role in building a positive school culture." But when misbehavior does occur, administrators are not

afraid to dole out punishment, he said. "Our principals assign consequences to students when they've violated those rules," Clark said. "Students understand there are consequences for their actions." In fact, Crittenden County Elementary School was the only school in the surrounding counties to use corporal punishment last school year. Six paddlings were given last year and 19 in the last four years. At the middle and high schools, where most of the behavior incidents occur – 509 at each the last four years compared with 295 at CCES – the stakes are higher for curbing violence and misconduct. Additional steps, like random searches by canine units trained to sniff out drugs and weapons, are taken at the two schools. "We don't even know when those are going to happen," middle school Principal Tom Radivonyk said, referring to administrative staff. Both he and Brown, responsible for about 350 adolescents each, stress that keeping lines of communication open are paramount in school safety and order. "Communication is key to heading things off," Radivonyk said. No reason has been cited by authorities as to why the shooter attacked fellow students at Marshall County High School, but historically, bullying has been a factor in pushing students toward school violence. In the last four years, there have been 114 total documented cases of bullying in Crittenden County Schools, relatively low in comparison to other districts. Radivonyk said that issue is one taken very seriously at his school, but adds there is a clear delineation between bullying and a simple conflict between two students. "They are actions against a person where there is no balance of power," the CCMS principal explained of bullying, adding that it requires a significant difference in things like age, size or social class to be classified as such. Brown believes his school does a good job of policing itself when it comes to bullying. "A slogan we've focused on

	CRITTENDEN SCHOOLS	LIVINGSTON SCHOOLS	CALDWELL SCHOOLS	LYON SCHOOLS	WEBSTER SCHOOLS	UNION SCHOOLS	MARSHALL SCHOOLS	KENTUCKY SCHOOLS
Basic data								
Enrollment.....	1,329	1,155	1,949	912	2,263	2,346	4,859	678,449
Behavior event per student.....	0.32	0.67	0.65	0.46	0.24	0.57	0.16	42.4
Behavior events								
First-degree assault.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41
Other assault, violence.....	0	1	2	1	6	0	5	1,823
Weapons.....	1	0	7	0	2	0	3	403
Harrassment, bullying.....	26	26	53	27	31	73	100	14,876
Drugs.....	5	3	5	0	0	5	69	2,828
Alcohol.....	0	4	0	1	0	3	8	7,89
Tobacco.....	31	26	13	8	16	18	8	6,349
TOTAL EVENTS.....	430	775	1,268	422	544	1,344	788	287,841
Discipline resolutions								
Corporal punishment.....	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	334
In-school suspension.....	378	682	1,096	368	329	390	568	22,5332
Out-of-school suspension.....	41	131	174	33	200	1,139	207	62,167
TOTAL RESOLUTIONS.....	427	824	1,271	409	540	1,546	568	297,424
Legal sanctions								
Arrests.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	413
Charges.....	0	0	0	0	3	1	6	1,146
School resource officer involvement.....	0	28	4	2	1	1	15	2,664
TOTAL SANCTIONS.....	0	29	5	2	4	3	30	4,553
Problem grade level								
Grade/events reported.....	9/82	8/164	9/172	6/92	9/164	9/326	9/163	9/57,630

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Crittenden-only data for last 4 school years

Each year, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) makes available on its website school safety data for not only all 173 districts in the state, but each individual school. Listed below are compiled data from the four most recently completed school years – 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15 and 2013-14 – at Crittenden County High and Middle schools. Crittenden County Elementary School data is for only three years, as 2013-14 statistics were not reported. Drug and tobacco data were combined by KDE as one category in 2014-15 and 2015-16. Totals may include some data not displayed here.

	CCHS	CCMS	CCES*
Behavior events			
First-degree assault.....	0	0	0
Other assault, violence.....	1	0	0
Weapons.....	2	0	1
Harrassment, bullying.....	30	49	35
Alcohol.....	2	1	0
Drugs only.....	8	1	0
Tobacco only.....	38	9	1
Tobacco and drugs.....	19	5	0
TOTAL EVENTS*.....	509	509	295
Discipline resolutions			
Corporal punishment.....	0	0	19
In-school suspension.....	413	433	250
Out-of-school suspension.....	86	75	6
TOTAL RESOLUTIONS*.....	499	509	293
Legal sanctions			
Arrests.....	0	0	0
Charges.....	1	0	0
TOTAL SANCTIONS*.....	1	0	0

*Totals represent some data not listed.

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this year is, "Take care of yourself, each other and this place," he said. "Getting our students and staff to realize how important it is to take care of each other is a real goal. Yes, our counseling services offer professional help to our student with issues, but the overall school culture is vital to reducing the incidents of bullying. "I think our students are proactive in reporting it when it happens, and other students know that, so it lessens the frequency of bullying incidents." Moving from middle school to high school can be particularly difficult for a lot of students. In fact, statewide, the number of behavior incidents by grade level is by far the highest for freshmen. That is the same at CCHS. Nearly a fifth of the 430 events reported

last year occurred at the ninth-grade level. "The transition, absolutely," said Brown of the reason for the spike in numbers. "It's not unusual for 50 percent of our discipline events to be freshmen-related." He said the CC groups at the school have helped freshmen gain perspective and advice from upperclassmen who have "been there, done that." Radivonyk and Brown recognize the ever-present threat of deadly violence among teens in today's schools, but neither is willing to give in to the terror. "As a principal, I absolutely run scenarios through my mind, but don't give in to the fear or a sense of inevitability," Brown said. "We just renew our pledge to make school safety a No. 1 priority."



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McD's getting facelift

Employees with Twyman Construction of Nashville, Tenn. began an exterior remodeling project at Marion McDonald's this week. The two-week exterior renovation will be followed by interior remodeling, workers say.

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Marion businesses flourished in 1894

Thanks to some early editions of The Crittenden Press, we can meet some of the businessmen from 1894 and read about the businesses they owned. Adding to the history are sometimes pictures and personal information about these men and their progressive way of thinking for the betterment of our town.

A. Dewey & Co.
Proprietors of the Merchant Mills at the close of four years of successful business still enjoy a good patronage, and there is no doubt but that the business will continue to increase as it has in years past.

In a community where there is so much time devoted to the capital invested in the culture of the two great commercial factors, wheat and corn, or to aid in manufacturing them into useful productions, there must necessarily be found a number of firms whose operations are conducted upon a scale of such vast magnitude with trade covering so large a scope of territory as to call forth more than ordinary notice.

Prominent by reason of its magnitude, as well as by its far reaching arms of trade, the business of A. Dewey & Co., extends prominently in view. This firm owns the Merchant Mills, one of the finest milling plants of the entire state and has a daily capacity of 100 barrels of flour, yet the demand more than equals the supply.

It goes into the large cities and there successfully competes with the best flour made in the world. Provision inspectors everywhere remark of its purity and its merit makes it sales. Their favorite brands are Dew Drop and Royal Patent. For this grain they pay the farmers thousands of dollars annually and always pay the highest market price for good grain, as that is all they have any use for.

They also do an exchange business so they can suit all who trade with them.

To run their plant requires the assistance of several men all of the time, but Mr. Dewey, one of the firm, is a practical miller himself and does not have to depend

wholly on his help, although only the best of experienced and competent men are employed throughout the plant. The mill is provided with all modern machinery, run by a 28 hp Allen engine. Helpers have had long experience in the milling business, so every advantage is afforded to produce flour that will be sought at home and abroad, and such favor is accorded to the product wherever it has been shipped.

The main building is 33x42, four stories high, and was erected by Kevil & Lamb in 1887, but it was bought by the present management four years ago and in the last two years, it has been thoroughly renovated, re-modeled and refitted with the latest improved machinery, so it is properly classed with the leading milling plants of the state.

The individual members of this firm are A. Dewey, Dr. John Riley Clark and John N. Clark. These gentlemen represent a commercial element of the city foremost among the businessmen in all matters of public spirit, enterprise and improvement. They are of a class ever zealous and determined in preserving to the city a reputation it so justly merits. Enterprising and prosperous they have ever been and the future

opens bright for them.

This business being located on East Bellville St. near the railroad tracks was spared by the fire of 1905.

Moore & Orme Druggists
The drug house of Moore & Orme is a leading establishment of the city and the proprietors have shown from its incipency that no pains were to be spared in placing it in the front rank.

The store-room is beautifully finished in oak, and the prescription case is one of the most complete in appointment of any we have ever seen.

The business is as solid as oak, but the growth of the business has been exactly the opposite of that slow growth timer. Mr. Moore is largely engaged in other businesses, as he was a practicing physician for 15 years, is an ex-president of the Marion bank and is now a candidate for railroad commissioner.



Orme

J. H. Orme is a registered pharmacist of five years experience, a graduate of Vanderbilt University, and has been in business here for the past three years. To him is left the entire charge of the establishment.

The druggists' profession, while among the most attractive, is at the same time one of the most responsible callings; a druggist must, of necessity, possess much knowledge of the service be painstaking, careful and reliable.

The confidence reposed in the skill and knowledge of a druggist, in constantly entrusting our lives in his hand, speaks louder than an encomium. Among these in Marion none enjoys more implicitly the full confidence of the people, and justly, too, than Mr. Orme, whose business premises are next door north of the Marion Bank.

The stock of drugs is large and complete, so no one ever calls for anything in the world of medicine that is not to be found and of a good quality, kept fresh and pure.

This house of business burnt in the great fire of 1905, but Mr. Orme rebuilt his drug store in the same location. The location was the former home of the Marion Cafe and now the home of Bowtanicals Flowers and Gifts.

J. H. Morse Mercantile Establishment

There are many things for which the City of Marion is justly famous, and one of its prominent features is the magnitude of its mercantile houses, for in this she rivals many larger towns of the state.

Foremost among our solid business concerns is the mercantile establishment of J. H. Morse. Mr. Morse was born in Caldwell County in 1863, and spent his early life



Morse

on a farm. He started in business for himself with a capital of brains and energy, which have by their proper use surrounded him with the comforts of life, nor are the luxuries debarred. While he was poor even for that time, he was rich in the possession of energy and business qualifications. He was for six years engaged in the tobacco business at Shady Grove, when on closing out there three years ago he moved to Marion and opened up this large retail house. His business daily increased, and J. H. Morse commenced taking immense strides in business affairs that has placed him in the ranks as a prominent business man.

He has put in a large, carefully selected stock of dry goods, boots, shoes, notions, hats, caps and clothing and makes a specialty of ladies' shoes and dress goods. In buying his goods he pays cash, gets the best discounts, and so is about to sell lower, as he sells for cash only and does not intend that his paying patrons shall pay noncollectable debts.

The ladies are drawn as by a magnet by the low prices and excellent quality of the goods, at the same time looking at the goods, chatting good-naturally over the caprices of Dame Fashion, ordering dress patterns, of the latest fabrics, beautiful trimmings that match exactly and carrying their parcels away with a satisfied air.

Mr. Morse carries a



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J. H. Morse, owner of one of Marion's mercantile houses, was a prominent businessman and also an inventor. S.D. Hodge of Hodge and Co., (above) had a fine reputation as a dealer in the most fashionable clothes of the latest styles.

\$12,000 stock of goods filling his fine two-story building, 22x80, with a choice stock in excellent display shape. He has two polite clerks who render valued assistance in waiting on his numerous customers.

Mr. Morse is also quite an inventor and has patented a button exhibitor, ribbon case and a rack for kitchen utensils, all of which are unique in design, useful and ornamental. Marion numbers Mr. Morse as a progressive citizen, and he is an honor to the town.

S. D. Hodge & Co.

From Marion's early history, the town has been wonderfully favored with men of capital and advanced ideas, who have sought the dry goods and clothing parade, located within its precincts and through its tempting displays, and made it a mart where dry goods are dispensed in volumes that would do credit to much larger cities and brought to its doors a trade that is far-reaching and steadily growing.

In this respect, S. D. Hodge & Co., is placed as one of the leaders for its enormous annual sales.

The individual members of the firm are S. D. Hodge and R. E. Bigham, both men of superior business qualifications and marked executive and financial abilities, such as are destined to lead successfully an important mercantile life.

Their store building is 22x80, beautifully finished in hard wood and made attractive by tasteful decorations and has 10,000 stock in fine display. They carry dry goods, clothing dress goods, boots, shoes and the very best of goods that can be bought in the wholesale houses of the north and east.

Mr. Hodge is a native Kentuckian and has been for 10 years in the mercantile business. He received his schooling from J. N. Woods, the merchant of Marion, who has sent from behind his counters into the active business world, scores of men whose success has been imminent since they opened their business to the public, and Mr. Hodge's success has been exceeding flattering.

S. D. Hodge & Co., have gained a fine reputation as dealers in clothing and have just opened up a stock to which they respectfully invite attention. These suits are made from the most fashionable cloth, cut in the latest styles, so you cannot fail to be suited, and they guarantee to fit you perfectly.

Moore & Orme, J. H. Morse and S. D. Hodge & Co., were all destroyed in the devastating fire of March 1905 that destroyed all of Marion's main business district.

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He that sows to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Galatians 6:7

What we sow, we reap and more

So fundamental and ancient is the established fact, we reap exactly what we sow, and it multiplies.

God created that law on the third day of Creation. Every seed was to produce its own kind.

This is one of the most evident and ignored facts in the world. It is as factual as death.

Most of the grief people suffer is because of the seeds they have sown.

This fact is on my mind as I watch so many in our country do just what it wants, acting as if evil acts do not have any consequences.

The cry that comes from a heart that knows the consequences of reaping is, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap."

"He that sows to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Paul in Gal. 6:7.

The law God put in sowing not only gives us back exactly what we sowed, but He also included the multiplication table in it.

Sin seeds are perennial and the damage, suffering and grief goes on and on, even where we might get forgiveness for sin, its effects

last as long as we do.

The damage is physical, spiritual and mental. Sin breaks homes, children, bodies, minds and lives, dumping our souls into spiritual poverty.

How sad when some of the most educated minds flaunt this eternal truth of sowing and reaping, sowing their deadly poison.

This evil damage is seen in 98 percent of the professors of our colleges and universities, spewing their educated spiritual depraved malignity in to the minds of our vulnerable youth.

These youth will soon become leaders of the same mindset, ruling over all of us.

What are we, who have been changed by God's merciful grace, to do about all the sin, grief, danger and our nation's future? All we can do is as Jesus instructed us.

"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you."

God is the only one that

can change people, who will turn from sin's destruction and better all our world.

And prayer, prayed in faith, leads God to do the desperately needed change in the majority of Americans.

His words, "Ask and you shall receive."

So good people call on God to send the Holy Spirit to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, yet again.

Bible history tells us of faithful prayers causing God to change wicked kings, and doing great things because of the prayers of Saints that come up before Him.

See these verses in the Holy Bible: Rev. 5:8; 8:4.

If we don't care enough to pray for the lost of our nation, which are the ones losing our nation, then we deserve the final loss, here and hereafter.

To remove God from this country will destroy it," said Robert Byrd, a former U.S. senator.

•Editor's note: Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.



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Church Events & Outreach

Methodists hosting Ash Wednesday service

Marion United Methodist Church will hold an Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m., Feb. 14 at its worship center on North College Street across from the U.S. Post Office. Everyone is welcome.

Community signing planned at Maranatha

Maranatha Baptist Church, located at 1442 Cedar Grove Rd. in Salem, will host a community signing at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 17, weather permitting. Refreshments will be served.

Other outreach programs

- 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 at the church's Family Life Center.
- 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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Sunday school - 10 am • Worship service - 11 am

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Area Deaths
Stinnett

Paul Stinnett, 72, of Dycusburg died Friday, Feb. 2. He was a logger and a member of Dycusburg Baptist Church.



Survivors include his wife, Faye Joyce Stinnett of Dycusburg; a son, Joe Paul Stinnett of Dycusburg; two grandchildren, Mason Stinnett and Elizabeth Brown Fitzgerald; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Rhea Baldwin Stinnett; a daughter, Paula Brown; a son, Rusty Stinnett; and two brothers, Bobby Stinnett and Ken Stinnett.

Services were Monday, Feb. 5 at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. Steven Kirk officiating. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: Dycusburg Cemetery Fund, c/o Faye Stinnett, 202 Stinnett Rd., Fredonia, KY 42411.

Tinsley

Margaret Tinsley, 66, of Salem died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2018 at Ray And Kay Eckstein Hospice Care in Paducah

Surviving are three brothers Charles R. Williams of Millington, Tenn., Lloyd W. Williams of Lagrange, Ga. and Allen E Williams of Auburndale, Fla.; four daughters Trisch McMurray of Long Island , N.Y., Tanya Dockery of Paducah, Renee Rogers of Lola and Frankie Greenwell of Symsonia; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lloyd and Thelma Williams; three sisters, Linda Nelson, Lila Williams and Peggy Allen Ralff; and a granddaughter.

Services are at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 7 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Visitation is 5-8 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be held at Repton Cemetery in Crittenden County.

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Local woman seriously injured

A Marion woman was severely injured in an early-morning traffic accident inside the city limits on Sunday.

Tiffany Lanham, 31, was a passenger riding in the rear seat of a 1999 Saturn when it left the roadway in the pre-dawn darkness and slammed into a utility pole on North Weldon Street.

Lanham was taken via ambulance to Crittenden Hospital and later transferred to a Paducah hospital with serious injuries. She was still in the hospital at press time.

Another woman in the vehicle, Kirsten Myers, suffered minor injuries but refused treatment, according to the police report. The vehicle allegedly belonged to a relative of hers.

The crash happened just before 5 a.m.

The accident remains under investigation by Marion Police Department.



A Marion woman was seriously injured while riding in the back seat of this vehicle, which crashed early Sunday morning into a utility pole in the Marion city limits.



Partners Insurance Agency in Marion has been selected as the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month. Partners is located on East Bellville Street in Marion. The agency and its owners have been instrumental in Chamber activities, most notably as coordinating director of the Marion Christmas Parade. Pictured at the award presentation are (from left) agency employees B.J. Minton and Savannah Oliver, Chamber President Randa Berry, Partners co-owners Denise Byarley and Shelly Davidson, Chamber Director Elliot West and Alex Jackson.



Crittenden County High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) competed in Region 2 STAR events last weekend. Thirteen CCHS students competed in nine categories. Each one captured a first-place award and will advance to state competition in March. Pictured are (front from left) Jessie Potter, Anzie Gobin, Kalli Champion, (second row) Ellie Smith, Sydney Coomes, Kirsten Deboe, (third row) Sara Jones, Belle Minton, Alaina Cowser, Jenna Potter, Lili Newcom, (back) Brock Langston and Jaimie Burt.

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Scam has sheriff's number

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent wants to alert the public to a possible scam that could have pirated his office phone number.

Agent said he has received a complaint from a local citizen who took a phone call soliciting personal information. Agent said the caller was alleging to try to help the local resident avoid tax penalties.

The phone number that appeared on the Caller ID

was (270) 965-3400. That is especially alarming, Agent said, because that is the phone number to the sheriff's department at the courthouse.

"We are not allowing our number to be used to solicit anything," the sheriff said.

If you receive a similar call or any call where the sheriff's number appears in Caller ID, he would like to know about it.

The sheriff said an investigation has been opened into this matter.

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2017 Crittenden County Animal Shelter activity

Crittenden County Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd tracks the inflow and outflow of animals at the shelter. At last month's fiscal court meeting, Todd submitted a summary of 2017 activity at the shelter, including purchases and donations of food and cat litter. Livingston and Lyon counties pay a fee to the county for bringing their animals to the shelter.

Dog/puppy statistics

CATEGORY	COUNT
Brought in to shelter.....	618
Crittenden County.....	216
Livingston County (plus 1 pig, 2 rabbits).....	250
Lyon County.....	78
Adopted.....	181
To rescue.....	336
Reclaimed by owner.....	86
DOA (hit by vehicles).....	4
Stolen from shelter (after hours).....	2
Euthanized*.....	7

Cat/kitten statistics

CATEGORY	COUNT
Brought in to shelter.....	319
Crittenden County.....	104
Livingston County.....	158
Lyon County.....	57
Adopted.....	39
Given away for small donation.....	100
Given to farmers as barn cats.....	153
Euthanized*.....	5

*Only gravely ill animals or those deemed dangerous are euthanized.

Dog food; cat food, litter

ITEM	POUNDS	VALUE
Dog food, county-purchased.....	5,900	\$1,976.50
Dog food, donated.....	7,862	\$2,633.77
Cat food, county-purchased.....	60	\$37.47
Cat food, donated.....	1,514	\$1,498.00
Cat food, 2016 carryover.....	300	\$187.37
Cat litter, county-purchased.....	5,920	\$1,230.56
Cat litter, donated.....	549	\$137.00
TOTAL SAVINGS from donations.....		\$4,456.14

- **Animal Control Officer:** Timmy Todd
- **Contact:** 1901 U.S. 60 East, Marion.; (270) 969-1054
- **Hours:** Open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon
- **Online:** CrittendenShelter.blogspot.com and on Facebook by searching for "Paws Crossed in Crittenden County Animal Shelter"
- **Funding:** Public funds and private contributions
- **Adoptions:** \$65, which serves as a voucher for spaying or neutering at most area veterinarian clinics with exceptions to some animals that might cost more
- **Volunteers:** Applications are available for prospective volunteers
- **Greatest needs:** Dog food, cat litter, cleaning supplies (towels, bleach, detergent, etc.), and small blankets

Dogs in more homes, but cats outnumber canines

STAFF REPORT

Dogs appear to still be Americans' best friend, but by sheer number, the count of cats in the United States outweighs canines by more than 4 million animals, according to figures from the 2012 U.S. Pet Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook.

America's 69.93 million dogs are spread across 43.45 million households – or about 36.5 percent of homes – more than any other animal. Though the number of felines is 74.06 million, they are found in only 36.12 million households. That's 30.4 percent of homes.

And we spend more on keeping our dogs healthy than any other pet. The average veterinary expense per dog –

\$227 – is almost equal to what is spent on cats, birds and horses combined – \$237.

Most Americans also tend to keep just one dog around, with an average of 1.6 dogs owned per household. Cat owners average 2.1, birds 2.3 and horses 2.7. Fish aficionados average a whopping 7.5 per home and are the third most popular pet.

Interestingly, according to the same research from five years earlier, the number of pets has sharply declined. In 2012, there were 2.19 million fewer dogs, 7.66 million fewer cats, 18.15 million fewer fish and bird numbers dropped 2.9 million.

The 2012 pet count from the Sourcebook is shown at right.

PET	HOUSEHOLDS	POPULATION
Dogs.....	43,346,000.....	69,926,000
Cats.....	36,117,000.....	74,059,000
Fish.....	7,738,000.....	57,750,000
Birds.....	3,671,000.....	8,300,000
Horses.....	1,780,000.....	4,856,000
Rabbits.....	1,408,000.....	3,210,000
Turtles.....	1,320,000.....	2,297,000
Poultry.....	1,020,000.....	12,591,000
Hamsters.....	877,000.....	1,146,000
Guinea Pigs.....	847,000.....	1,362,000
Lizards.....	726,000.....	1,119,000
Livestock.....	661,000.....	5,045,000
Snakes.....	555,000.....	1,150,000
Other rodents.....	391,000.....	868,000
Other reptiles.....	365,000.....	732,000
Ferrets.....	334,000.....	748,000
Gerbils.....	234,000.....	468,000
All others.....	246,000.....	898,000

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Left to Right: Aubrey Marvel, Miranda Wheatley, Amanda Stevens, Dr. George Steedly, Wendy Rush, Bree Foster, and Meredith Harley

Coping with passing of pet not easy

NEWS RELEASE

The loss of a pet can bring as much grief as the loss of some human friends and family members.

This makes sense when you consider the role our animal companions play in our everyday lives. You cared for your pet's every need and, because they could not speak, you learned to communicate in other ways. Such caring builds intimacy similar to that found between a parent and their infant; love without conflict, jealousy, or any of the other complications found in most relationships. So when a pet dies, the depth of your grief reflects your loss of a special relationship.

"When we lose a pet, we lose a relationship unlike any other," says Ken Dolan-Del Vecchio, a family therapist and author of "The Pet Loss Companion: Healing Advice From Family Therapists Who Lead Pet Loss Groups."

"Many of us love our pets the way we love our children. But in the immediate aftermath of this unique loss, too

often family members and friends say things like, 'Just get another one.' Instead of devaluing your grief over the loss of this important relationship, as others may advise, embrace your sorrow. Your grief is important, for it will lead you to healing and teach you important things about what matters most in life."

Dolan-Del Vecchio offers these tips for those grieving the loss of a pet:

- Share your grief with empathetic friends. Spend time with people who understand

your closeness with your pet. Even some friends may be insensitive, so be careful to avoid "get over it" types of people. "Unfortunately, many people see animals as if they were non-living objects," Dolan-Del Vecchio says.

- Attend a pet loss support group. Pet loss groups provide a concentrated dose of social support. Meeting with others who also grieve and share similar emotions can boost one's healing greatly.
- Keep moving. Exercise is a healer. It boosts feelings of well-being and calm, improves sleep and brightens your mood.
- Be creative. Whether you lean toward writing, scrapbooking, ceramics, photography or making collages, creative projects may contribute to healing.
- Spend time in nature. Nothing quiets the mind and soul like a stroll through a park, nature preserve, or by the seashore. "The natural world brings special benefits when your heart has been torn by grief," Dolan-Del Vecchio says.

"The sights, sounds, and smells of nature connect us to eternal, circular stories of life and death in ways that go beyond our usual thoughts and feelings, and this experience brings solace to many people."

"It's important to care for yourself when you're grieving your pet," Dolan-Del Vecchio says. "This requires some planning and acts of will, as grief can diminish energy and motivation. You can lessen your distress through self-care. Above all else, be gentle with yourself."

What's in a name?

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METRO SERVICES

Choosing pets' names can be just as challenging for pet owners as naming children is for parents. Many pet owners want a name that encompasses the animal's personality and rolls off the tongue. Some names are gender-specific, while others are universal. If you need help naming that

new bundle of fur or feathers, you may find some help by looking at the most popular pet names. Each year, Veterinary Pet Insurance releases its list of popular pet names. Some of the most popular pet names for today are shown below.

For those who appreciate a little humor with their pets' names, Nationwide Insurance listed a bulldog named McLove the Stud Muffin and a kitty called Agent Jack Meower as 2016's top Wacky Pet Names. Kanye Westie and Optimus Prime Rib were some other clever pooch names, while Shakespurr and Butch Catsidy made the list as funny feline monikers.



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League Standings
5th District Basketball

Boys		
Team	Overall	District
Livingston Central	16-11	4-2
Trigg County	11-9	4-2
Lyon County	6-14	4-2
Crittenden County	5-14	0-6
Girls		
Livingston Central	13-12	6-0
Lyon County	16-6	3-3
Crittenden County	10-12	3-3
Trigg County	7-14	0-6

Crittenden Scoring
Rockets

Player	Games	Points	Average
Sawyer Towery	16	201	12.6
Preston Turley	18	173	9.6
Logan Belt	15	93	9.4
Gabe Mott	18	146	8.1
Hunter Boone	16	93	5.8
Tyler Boone	17	87	5.1
Tyson Steele	18	31	1.7
Sean O'Leary	17	18	1.1
Braxton Winders	16	15	0.9
Jayden Carlson	15	11	0.7
Erik O'Leary	14	9	0.7

Lady Rockets

Madison Champion	21	297	14.1
Mauri Collins	21	206	9.8
Nahla Woodward	21	175	8.3
Shelby Summers	21	130	6.2
Chandler Moss	21	81	3.9
Matthia Long	18	23	1.3
Taylor Guess	11	14	1.3
Jaelyn Duncan	9	9	1.0

Crittenden Rebounding
Rockets

Player	Games	Rebounds	Average
Preston Turley	18	131	7.3
Sawyer Towery	16	70	4.4
Tyler Boone	17	84	4.9
Logan Belt	15	56	3.7
Gabe Mott	18	38	2.1
Hunter Boone	16	28	1.8
Braxton Winders	16	19	1.2
Sean O'Leary	17	17	1.0
Tyson Steele	18	17	0.9
Jayden Carlson	15	6	0.4
Erik O'Leary	14	6	0.4

Lady Rockets

Nahla Woodward	21	172	8.2
Madison Champion	21	135	6.4
Shelby Summers	21	87	4.1
Chandler Moss	21	113	5.4
Mauri Collins	21	51	2.4
Jaelyn Duncan	9	16	1.8
Taylor Guess	11	17	1.5
Matthia Long	18	25	1.4

Upcoming Games

Friday
Rockets at St. Mary
Lady Rockets at St. Mary
Saturday
Lady Rockets at Union County
Sunday
Rockets at Marshall County
Tuesday
Rockets host Hopkins Central
Lady Rockets host Hopkins Central

Hunting Seasons

Raccoon Hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Fox	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Rabbit & Quail	Nov. 13 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trap	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose	Nov. 23 - Feb. 15
Bobcat	Nov. 25 - Feb. 28
Red Fox	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Grey Fox	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Nighttime	Feb. 1 - May 31
Youth Turkey	April 7-8
Spring Turkey	April 14 - May 6

Diamond Club meets

Crittenden County High School Diamond Club will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday at Rocket Arena Conference Room.

Baseball, softball change

The assessment date and deadline to register for youth baseball and softball has been changed to Saturday, March 10 at Crittenden County Middle School gymnasium. Assessments are for players new to the league or moving up a division. For more information, Call Tanner Tabor at (859) 333-9751.

Flipping district leaves Rockets up in air

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's post-season obligations have been up in the air for more than a week as a three-way tie for first place in the Fifth District had left everything unsettled. Except, that is, where the Rockets finished.

Crittenden was winless in the league, making them the odd man out in the four-team district. Lyon, Livingston and Trigg counties all tied with identical 4-2 records in the regular-season round robin.

"It's unprecedented," said Crittenden County boys' basketball coach Denis Hodge.

Hodge said longtime Fifth

5 District

District mentor Jimmy Croft, who has either played or coached in the league since the 1970s, didn't recall such a situation.

The three-way tie left uncertain who Crittenden County would face in the opening round of the district playoffs. Of course, one win in the district tournament gives a team the right to play in the Second Region Tournament – which is a particular feather for the cap despite the season's record.

Crittenden has obviously struggled with a very young team. However, the Rockets have competed much more closely with Trigg and Lyon than they did against Livingston this year. In fact, the Rockets have lost to Trigg by a combined total of just five points in two games. Their differential against Lyon was 23 and Livingston had whitewashed Crittenden in two meetings by a combined 43 points.

League officials were scheduled to meet in Eddyville on Wednesday of this week to hash out a solution for the tiebreaker. On Tuesday, Hodge said his best guess was that the odd team out

in a three-way coin toss would earn the No. 1 seed for post-season.

"But none of that is official," he said. "The district will have to vote on it, but there is really no other fair way to do it."

Trigg County coach Peyton Croft suggested a free throw shooting contest to break the tie. In jest of course.

Honestly, that would go against Croft's Wildcats who have shot 62 percent from the foul line. Ironically, Crittenden has the best free-throw shooting percentage in the league at 66 percent. Livingston is next at 65 and Lyon at 62.

Sunday matinee at Marshall

Game opportunity offered at rare time

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County will play a rare Sunday matinee basketball game at Marshall County this weekend.

The contest will start at 3 p.m. It is a game only recently scheduled in order to help the Marshals recover from a series of missed games due to the tragic shooting at the school last month.

Rocket coach Denis Hodge and Marshall County coach Terry Birdsong have a unique kinship. They've known one other for many years. Birdsong played basketball at Marshall County and Murray State and later had a coaching stop at Webster County.

Hodge said playing on Sunday is not something he or the school district would normally support. However, based on the unique situation, it was approved in order to help Marshall pick up a game to make up for lost opportunities and as a gesture of good will toward

the community.

Marshall County (12-9) is one of the best teams in the First Region. The Rockets currently have the second worst record in the Second Region. Some things are not about basketball, coach Hodge said.

"At this point in time, it's something positive we can give to their community," he said.

Marshall County lost three scheduled games due to the immediate impact of the shooting.

Crittenden lost a homecoming game to Todd Central Friday. The Third Region Rebels (13-11) controlled the tempo from start to finish.

Todd Central 68, Crittenden 50
Todd Central 21 34 53 68
Crittenden 5 19 30 50
CRITTENDEN – Towery 11, Mott 8, Belt 4, Turley 4, H.Boone 10, E.O'Leary 2, S.O'Leary, Winders, Carlson 6, T.Boone 5, Steele, FG 21. 3-pointers 5 (H.Boone 2, Towery 2, Carlson). FT 7-12.
TODD CENTRAL – Foster 13, Barrow 12, Calvery 10, Roger 2, Johnson 6, Sharp 5, Bell 7, Weather 1, Morrow, S.Johnson, Briggs 4, McCuiston 6, Toliver 2, Nolan. FG 27. 3-pointers 7 (Foster 3, Barrow 2, Johnson 2). FT 7-15.



Lady Rocket junior Shelby Summers blocks out a Todd County opponent during Friday's game at Rocket Arena. Summers was still sporting a black eye from a brutal collision during a game last week at Livingston.

Champ's big night is just not enough

STAFF REPORT

Lady Rocket senior Madison Champion had 32 points and a dozen rebounds in an overtime loss to Todd Central Friday at Marion.

It was Crittenden's homecoming game.

That was a career high for Champion. She had scored 30 earlier this season against Carlisle County.

Todd Central 55, Crittenden 53, OT
Todd Central 12 26 40 47 55
Crittenden 10 22 36 47 53
TODD CENTRAL – Robertson 9, Peterson 8, Roger, Brumfield 24, O'Daniel 8, Graves, Reding 2, Mims, Artis 4, Weathers. FG 20. 3-pointers 4 (Brumfield). FT 11-15
CRITTENDEN – Collins 10, Champion 32, Moss 2, Summers 1, Woodward 8, Guess, Long. FG 21. 3-pointers 3 (Collins 2, Champion). FT 8-12.



Youth basketball is in full swing at local gyms. The 3-4 grade Lady Rockets played Livingston on Saturday at Marion. Pictured above is Crittenden's Anna Boone running the point and at left is Chloe Hunt (3) grabbing a rebound as teammate Bristyn Rushing comes in to help.

Brown earns fishing berth in Nation, angling toward bid in Bassmasters

STAFF REPORT

A local angler has fished his way into the national regional finals of the BASS Nation fishing series.

Jason Brown will be among the field competing March 7-9 at Toledo Bend Reservoir on the Texas-Louisiana border with a chance to earn a berth in next fall's BASS Nation National Championship and maybe even a spot in the Bassmasters Classic.

Brown, 35, finished fourth in the BASS Nation Kentucky State championship in November at Nolin Lake. He qualified for the national-regional tournament as a non-boater, meaning he will not take his own watercraft to the event. Instead, he

will be paired with another boat-operating fisherman.

A lifelong hunter and fisherman, Brown is new to tournament fishing. He joined a bass fishing club in Kuttawa a couple of years ago and just last year started angling on the circuit.

"I grew up like everyone else, pond-hopping with the old man," he said. "I'm not a pro by any means. This is a fishing tournament series for the working man."

If Brown scores high enough in the regional event and gets a chance to fish in the national event in October, he says, there are three slots reserved for the top fishermen to move on to the professional Bassmasters Classic.



Angler Jason Brown with a couple of nice bass.

Youth Hunt

Last Saturday and Sunday was Youth Waterfowl Weekend and some local gunners made a big day of it. Pictured here are (from left) Gabe Keller, Turner Sharp, Tucker Sharp and Coleman Stone who bagged a nice harvest of ducks in a flooded field. Dads Philip Sharp and Nick Stone went along to fetch the ducks.



Dustin Collins and Wyatt Williams won the Hodge's Coyote contest last weekend. There were 23 teams in the event. Collins and Williams bagged two coyotes to capture first place in the annual event sponsored by Hodges and Marion Tourism Commission.

Olympics ‘icing on cake’ for UK cheerleaders

Kelsey LaCroix thought about what it would be like to participate in the Olympics when she was a young gymnast.

She assumed any chance to participate in the Olympics ended when she made the decision to stick with cheerleading over gymnastics at age 11.

That decision worked out well, though, as she recently helped Kentucky win a third straight national cheer title. But now she's going to the Olympics — along with other members of UK's national cheerleading team.

They will participate in an exhibition cheer competition at the Olympics in South Korea next month. Teams from Great Britain, Russia, Germany, Norway, Australia and Canada will also be there as part of a push to hopefully one day make cheerleading an Olympic sport.

“That’s some of the top cheerleading powers around the world,” UK cheer coach Jomo Thompson said. “Cheerleading is exploding everywhere. To be chosen from so many great college teams to represent the United States and have that UK on our chest is just awesome.”

Kentucky will have 10 male cheerleaders, eight female cheerleaders, one athletic trainer and Thompson in South Korea.

“Nationals is the big thing for us and we focused on that for so long,” LaCroix, a senior from Illinois, said. “The Olympics is a chance to celebrate what we have done and help make cheerleading even bigger. It’s kind of like the icing on the cake.”

Kentucky had been chosen to represent the United States before it won its 23rd national title. However, LaCroix said the Olympic invitation did add a little presure at nationals.

“We wanted to win nationals first to prove to everyone that us getting the opportunity to go to the Olympics was legitimate and was a big deal for us,” she said. “It definitely increased the pressure on us. What if we had not won nationals? Some might have thought we didn’t deserve to go to the Olympics. But we did win and I think that shows we are very deserving to represent the United States.”

LaCroix has no idea what the international competition will be like. A select Team USA — UK cheerleader Whitney Agee and Dallas Pringle made this year’s team — competes in the World Championships each spring but that doesn’t tell LaCroix how good the other countries might be.

“In the past they have been good,” the UK senior said. “We are going to give our best performance to represent USA. We are going to incorporate a few more skills and things into our routine. It won’t be harder, just different.”

The cheer team took a few days off after nationals to give their “bodies a break” from the intense practices they had leading into the national championships. They will be in South Korea from Feb. 18-25. The Olympics start Feb. 10 and end Feb. 25.

“We will not be there for

the opening ceremony, but from what we know we will be staying in the Olympic Village,” LaCroix said. “We will be there for the closing ceremony and hope we get to participate in that. But we don’t have a lot of details.

“I know it would be really cool to meet some of the athletes and be around them and in the same venue. It’s just an honor to be going. I think it will be an amazing experience.” Her parents are just as excited that she has the opportunity to be part of the Olympics.

“The Olympics are always in some crazy place that is far away that is really expensive,” LaCroix said. “I hoped one day in the future I would get to go, but I never dreamed of this. My parents know they will keep us in safe and nice places.” There’s also one other personal reason this means so much to LaCroix.

“My grandpa was in the Korean War. My dad is really excited about that,” LaCroix said. “It’s going to be cool following in my grandpa’s footsteps. That just makes all this even more meaningful for me.”

Ole Miss wisdom

Mississippi coach Andy Kennedy is in his 12th year in the SEC and is a coach I’ve always respected for not being afraid to share his opinion whether it is popular or not.

When he says this is the best the league has ever been, I pay attention.

“I think the most bids that the SEC has ever gotten (to the NCAA Tournament) is six, that’s going to get shattered I think,” Kennedy said. “I think winning the Big 12/SEC Challenge brought some validity and fuel to the fire as to how good the league is.

“Think about this, the teams that typically play Wednesday night in the SEC Tournament are the teams that finished in the bottom four. The top has always been good in the SEC. The middle has gotten a lot stronger, and the back has been a little bit of a fall off. Well now, there is no fall off.

“All four of the teams that were playing in last year’s Wednesday night in Nashville have all gotten a lot better. So I think top to bottom, this is the best that the league has ever been.”

The bottom four teams in the SEC tourney last year were Auburn, Mississippi State, LSU and Missouri. Auburn leads the SEC this year. Missouri and Mississippi State were tied for sixth place in the league after 10 games and LSU had already doubled its league win total from last year after 10 games.

Look at Alabama. It beat nationally ranked Oklahoma and then lost at home to Missouri. But the Tide bounced back by winning at Florida.

Another sign of the league’s strength? After Kentucky lost at Missouri Saturday, coach John Calipari said his team could lose all eight remaining games — and no one thought it an outlandish statement. No, I don’t think that will happen but there are no gimmes left for UK — or any other SEC team.

Patterson's advice

It’s not going to happen, but John Calipari’s players should pay attention to some advice from former Wildcat Patrick Patterson about the 2018 draft.

Patterson was on UK’s 2010 team that lost in the Elite Eight. He’s now in his eighth year in the NBA and after the Cats lost at Missouri Saturday, he posted this on Twitter: “I would be utterly thrilled if everyone of these kids came back (to UK) next year.”

Depending on which mock draft you select, Kentucky has three players — Kevin Knox, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Hamidou Diallo — projected as potential first-round picks in the 2018 draft.

Most assume Knox will go to the NBA despite his up and down season. Gilgeous-Alexander was not seen as a one-and-done player, but his play at times has boosted his stock. Diallo almost went to the NBA last year without ever playing at Kentucky and there seems little doubt he wants to go even though one NBA scout told me his “average defense and lack of outside shooting” would not appeal to his team despite Diallo’s athleticism. “An average defender his size who can’t score outside doesn’t play for our team,” the scout said.

Believe it or not, one recent mock draft has Jarred Vanderbilt in the first round even though he’s been hurt for most of the last three seasons and has lacked any scoring flow since his return to play in January.

Patterson stayed at UK until his junior year and turned that into a long, productive NBA career.

Wilson in 'heaven'

After spending six months in junior college, quarterback Terry Wilson feels like he is in “heaven” at Kentucky after enrolling in school in January.

A one-time Oregon signee, Wilson will be competing with Gunnar Hoak — and others — for the starting job.

“You have got to come in and get the respect (of the players). You have to be a guy they can trust. You can’t start off making the wrong decisions,” Wilson said.

He threw for 2,133 yards and 26 scores and ran for 518 yards and five touchdowns at Garden City Community College in Kansas in 2017.

He’s already been throwing and working out with UK’s receivers while also



Senior cheerleader Kelsey LaCroix is excited about representing UK and the United States in the Winter Olympic Games.

participating in the off-season conditioning program.

“I feel like just keeping my head strong, keeping my vision tight and just keeping that focus on what I need to do, what the goal is for me and this team, for the guys out there so we can get the job done,” Wilson said.

Hardin returns soon

Senior Jessica Hardin gave Kentucky a needed boost last season when she joined the team when coach Matthew Mitchell had a number of players transfer. She was on campus as a student, tried out and made the team.

She played well early before a midseason concussion limited her opportunity. This year the former 12th Region Player of the Year from Wayne County was expected to play a bigger role on UK’s young team. Instead, a leg injury has limited her to just 10 games, including only one one-minute appearance in SEC play.

“She was out for a while as far as games go, but she’s

modified practice and we’re just trying to work her back in. It’s a situation where she hasn’t been able to get a lot of reps, but she’s progressing and getting better. So, we hope we can get her on the court soon,” Kentucky coach Matthew Mitchell said.

Firecrackers are back

Kentucky fans in Rupp Arena will be in for a treat again Feb. 17 when the Cats entertain Alabama because the Firecrackers, a performance jump rope team of fourth through eighth graders from Kings Local School district in Ohio, will be back with their high energy halftime show.

“Rupp Arena is their favorite hands-down. Probably 99 percent of the girls would say Rupp is their favorite place by far,” said coach Lynn Kelly. “If you are at Rupp Arena all the time, the vastness is lost on you.

“I remember my first time when we were invited. They took me out to the floor before the game and I thought, ‘Oh dear God. No way we can do this. I don’t know how this happened and we got here.’ Just the sea of blue and enormous roar of the crowd is overwhelming. Our first trip the crowd roared and scared a couple of the girls so bad that they cried on the floor.”

If you don’t get to see them Feb. 17, you will get another chance if you go to the SEC Tournament in St. Louis. For the first time, the Firecrackers will perform — probably on Saturday during the semifinal games.

“We’ve never performed in St. Louis and we’ve never done the SEC Tournament,” Kelly said. “The girls are really excited about doing something new.”

Quote of the Week

“It meant a lot to me that the President of the United States wanted to honor me. It was very humbling. We got some time with him. It was very special,” UK fan Matthew Bradford, who is blind and disabled after being injured in Iraq in 2007, on being the guest of President Donald Trump at the State of the Union address last week.

Quote of the Week 2

“All athletes require some type of mental discipline but gymnastics is different. If you mess up, you are on the spot and in the moment. You have to let it leave your mind and forget about it until you watch film and get to nitpick what you did wrong. It does take a lot of mental toughness,” UK gymnast Sydney Dukes on if gymnastics requires more mental toughness than other sports.

Quote of the Week 3

“I didn’t know Alabama was as skilled as it has shown. They are a really good team and can be really, really good. Alabama has so many athletes. They can really defend you and they have three very good wins over Auburn, Oklahoma and Florida,” ESPN analyst Seth Greenberg on Alabama, a team UK will host Feb. 17. (Larry Vaught, a former sports writer at The Advocate-Messenger in Danville, Ky., now covers UK sports on VaughtsViews.com blog and his weekly column appears in many newspapers across Kentucky.)

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Kemper benefit planned Feb. 17

A benefit fundraiser for Crittenden County teenager Drake Kemper will be held at the Tolu Community Center Feb. 17. Kemper suffered a spinal cord injury Nov. 26 near St. Louis and hopes to return to Crittenden County this week. The high school junior is the son of Patti Thomas and Daniel and Hope Kemper of Tolu. The benefit will begin at 1 p.m. Raffle tickets may be purchased and auction items will be on display until the auction begins at 3 p.m. Up for auction are a Super X4 Winchester shotgun, Savage AXIS 6.5 Creedmoor bolt action rifle with Bushnell scope, a 40-inch high top table with four stools custom made of reclaimed lumber, along with numerous themed baskets and specialty desserts. To donate a basket or item for the raffle, call Ann DeBoe at (270) 965-2294 or Darla Lapradd at (270) 965-0874 for pick-up. Finger foods and a whole smoked hog will be served. There is no cost to attend.

WKCTC names fall dean's List

The following students have earned recognition for their academic work by being named to the West Kentucky Community and Technical College dean's list for the Fall 2017 semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must be a full-time WKCTC student earning at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) and successfully completing 12 hours or more of course work numbered 100 or above for the academic term.

Crittenden County residents named to the dean's list at WKCTC are Layken Belt, Jessica Brewer, Morgan Cinkovich, Devin Collins, Hannah Berry, Monica Hodge, Sylvana Hunt, Jerusha Jacobs, Kelley Sizemore, Lindsay Sizemore, Tiffany Stewart, Magan Sunderland, Zachary Tinsley and Colby Watson.

Livingston County residents named to the dean's list are Tonya Salyer and Macie Young of Salem; Sarah Barlow and Matthew Edmonds of Hampton; Emma Colwell and James Woltman of Burna; Jacob Cunningham, Paige Dudley, Nicholas Lampley, William Newton and Madison Denfip of Smithland; Jesse Garrison, Jason Hargrove, Kayla Gish, Kara Mckinley, Jansen Mitchell, Cynthia Pace and Alyssa Toney of Ledbetter; and Chaney Adams, Fernando Molina and Julie Lasters of Grand Rivers.

Fredonia resident Macey Baker of Fredonia was also named to the dean's list.

Calendar

— **Crittenden County Genealogy Society** will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library. The program will be Planning for the New Year in Genealogy Research, My New Year's Resolutions.

— Crittenden County Elementary School will host its annual **Family Fitness Night** at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at the school. Many stations, including GoNoodle, free play/gymnastics, Zumba and yoga will be featured. Attendees also will learn more about healthy eating and can participate in an obstacle course. Former UK football quarterback Jared Lorenzen will be on hand to promote his Get Fit tour.

Extension

— The Crittenden County Extension Service will present tips for **controlling disease in backyard fruit** at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Service Annex. Call Dee Heimgartner at (270) 965-5236 to register for the class presented by specialist Daniel Becker.

— **Morning Glories Homemakers** will meet at 10 a.m., Monday at the Extension Office.

— **Challengers Homemakers** will meet at noon, Feb. 14 at the Extension Annex.

K3, K8, K12 chess teams win 1st

After two months off due to weather cancellations, Crittenden County's Blue Knights were back in action Saturday. It was worth the wait, as three Crittenden teams brought home first-place team trophies.

Regional competition is three weeks away, and the Blue Knights have their sights set on the Regional title.

K3 competition

The K3 team of Wyatt Russell, Zak Smith, Jake Rich, Charlie Ledford, Alex Hewitt, Zeke Smith and Eli Lovell opened the tournament with a clean sweep in round 1 with everyone winning their game. They jumped out early on rival Murray Elementary, but would then fall behind by a half a point in round two. Murray led by half a point through round 4. Going into round 4 the Blue Knights were down 1.5 points and needed to win critical matchups in the final round. At the end of the fourth round, the Blue Knights proved too much for their Murray competitors, as all four top players won their match and boosted Crittenden to a 16-14 victory for first place.

Individually Rich placed 2nd with 4.5 points, Zak Smith placed 5th with 4 points, Russell placed 6th with 4 points, Hewitt placed 7th with 3.5 points, Lovell placed 12th with 3 points, Ledford placed 13th with 3 points, and Zeke Smith placed 14th with 3 points.

K5 competition

The K5 team of Hayden Hildebrand, Nai'Zayah Bell and Cameron Hernandez fought hard against the



K3 team members are (front from left) Eli Lovell, Wyatt Russell, Zeke Smith, Zak Smith, (back) coach Don Winters, Alex Hewitt, Charlie Ledford and Jake Rich.

other full member teams, but would not be denied a trophy yet again by earning fourth place. In what is the largest section player wise, the three-person team continues to place well, with Hildebrand placing 12th with 3 points, Bell placing 14th with 3 points and Hernandez 33rd with 2 points.

K8 competition

The K8 team of Gage Russell, Dennon Wilson, Trey Swaggirt, Tyler Swaggirt, Isaac Sarles and Abbey Swinford also made a clean sweep in round 1 with each player winning their game. Fierce rival Lone Oak Middle School would not go away that easy, as they took a full point lead after round 2. Going into round 4, the Blue Knights were up by ½ a point and would be able to keep that ½ point lead at the end and walk away with the first-place trophy with 11 total points. Individually

Wilson placed 3rd with 3 points, Russell placed 4th with 3 points, Trey Swaggirt placed 7th with 2.5 points, Tyler Swaggirt placed 9th with 2.5 points, Swinford placed 12th with 2 points, and Sarles placed 17th with 1.5 points.

K12 competition

The undefeated K12 team of Clay Stevens, Skyler James, Lauren Gilchrist, Cole Swinford, Chase Stevens, James Crider and Dominic Rorer have proven they are the team to beat as they crushed the competition and took first place by more than 4.5 points. Individually Swinford placed 2nd with 3.5 points, James placed 3rd with 3 points, Gilchrist placed 4th with 3 points, Clay Stevens placed 5th with 3 points, Chase Stevens placed 10th with 2.5 points, Rorer placed 15th with 2 points and Crider placed 17th with 1.5 points.



K8 team members are (front from left) Isaac Sarles and Dennon Wilson, (back) coach Don Winters, Gage Russell, Trey Swaggirt, Tyler Swaggirt and Abbey Swinford.



K12 members are (front from left) James Crider, Cole Swinford, Skyler James, Clay Stevens, coach Don Winters (back) Lauren Gilchrist, Chase Stevens and Dominic Rorer.

"I am very proud of the how the kids played despite not having a tournament in two months," said Coach Don Winters. "They picked up right where they left off, and I couldn't ask for any-

thing better." The Blue Knights host Regionals on Feb. 24, where the top four teams in each section will advance to the state team championship on March 24.



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Pep section

Crittenden County Pep Band members cheer on the Rockets during Friday night's homecoming festivities. From left are Nate Haire, alto saxophone; Dennon Wilson, tenor drums; Kenny Perry, drum set; Carsen Easley, trumpet; Trevor Eifler, trumpet; and Caleb Estes, sousaphone.

Senior Menu

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

— Thursday (today): Menu is baked catfish, navy beans, cole slaw, ambrosia fruit salad, cornbread and margarine. Tai Chi will be offered at 10 a.m.

— Friday: Menu is Mexican lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick and Jell-O cake. Bingo sponsored by Lifeline Home

Health begins at 10:30 a.m.

— Monday: Menu is Frankfurter with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, peach cobbler, cornbread and margarine. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

— Tuesday: Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli salad, garlic breadstick, apple crisp.

— Feb. 14: Menu is oven fried chicken, new buttered potatoes, buttered broccoli, wheat roll and pears. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Assistance with tax preparation will also be provided.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day.

Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

The center is a service of Penyrile Allied Community Services.

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

Library hosting February events

Several special events continue through February at the Crittenden County Public Library, including the following:

— **February is Library Lover's Month** at Crittenden County Public Library. Director Brandie Ledford urges patrons to go on a blind date with a book, check out the Presidential valentines and view the amazing Super Bowl of Books!

— A computer class, **Clean out Your Computer**, at 1 p.m. Monday. Participants must bring their own device.

— Teens are invited to Crittenden County Public Library Feb. 16 for the **80s Retro Movie Marathon** from 6 to 10 p.m. Vote on the library's Facebook page for your favorite John Hughes films from the 1980s. This is a teen-only event for middle and high school-age students.

— On **Random Act of Kindness Day**, Feb. 17, fines at the library will be waived in exchange for canned goods to be donated to the local food bank. In order to qualify for fine amnesty, food items cannot be outdated.

— Feb. 24 is **National Trading Card Day**, and Crittenden County Public Library invites you to bring your Pokemon, Yuh-Gi-Oh!, Magic or other cards to exchange or make one-of-a-kind Artist Trading

Cards to swap with your friends. The event runs from 1 to 3 p.m.

Brown Bag Book Club discusses "Daughter of Fortune" by Isabel Allende at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 28. At Crittenden County Public Library.

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The CASA Program of Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden Counties, Inc. has kicked off ticket sales for the official No Show Fundraising Ball for CASA. For this event, individuals are asked to purchase a \$25 event ticket and then do as they wish on the event night, Feb. 14. There is no actual ball. Participants can post pictures on social media of anything they did instead of attending the No Show Ball and use the hashtag #CASANoShow18.

CASA board members

recognize that many people have lots of commitments and value their time at home with their family. The CASA Program helps recruit, screen, train and supervise volunteers that are matched with the communities' most vulnerable citizens.

Tickets are available in Marion at Bowtinicals Florist & Gifts, from the CASA office at 10 South Main Street Suite 26 in Madisonville, from any CASA board member or at Independence Bank's Providence and Sebree locations.

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legal notice

Notice is hereby given that on January 24, 2018 David R. Byler of 1974 Mt. Zion Church Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administrator of Mervin D. Byler, deceased, whose address was 1974 Mt. Zion Church Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064. Robert Frazer, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administrator before the 24th day of July, 2018 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-31-c)

On January 24, 2018, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission for

consent to transfer control of the license of WMJL-FM, 102.7 MHz, Marion, Kentucky, and WMJL, 1500 KHz, Marion, Kentucky from the shareholders of Joemyers Productions Inc (Transferor) to Samuel K. Stratemeyer (Transferee). A copy of the application and related material is available for public inspection at www.fcc.gov. The executive officers, directors and 10 percent or greater shareholders of Transferor are: Joe Myers and Barbara Myers. Samuel K. Stratemeyer is an individual with attributable interests in Radio Station WJLI, Metropolis, Illinois as well as translators W277CH, Paducah, Kentucky - W248CP, Paducah, Kentucky - and W263CT, Centralia, Illinois. (3t-32-p)

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S AMENDMENT TO ITS 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") on January 26, 2018 in Case No. 2017-00483, an Application pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183 for approval of an amendment to Project 36 of its 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan for the purpose of recovering the capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities ("Amended Project 36") through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning August 30, 2018 under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR, also known as the environmental cost recovery surcharge. The total capital cost of Amended Project 36 in KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan is estimated to be \$14.7 million.

On August 8, 2016, the Commission approved KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan, including the original Project 36, and granted an associated Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Case No. 2016-00026. The total capital cost of the original Project 36 was then estimated to be \$11.9 million. Following the approval of this project, KU continued to evaluate the timing of and capacity needs for Phase II of the landfill at the E.W. Brown Generation Station ("Brown"), and construction did not begin prior to the one-year expiration of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorization. The increase in the total capital cost between the original Project 36 and the cost of the now proposed amendment to Project 36 is estimated to be \$2.8 million.

Federal and state environmental regulations require KU to build and upgrade equipment and facilities that produce energy from coal to operate in an environmentally sound manner. Specifically, KU is seeking Commission approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction of Phase II of the landfill at Brown and to cap and close any remaining surface area of the Brown Main Ash Pond. This construction project is an amendment to Project 36 of KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan that was approved by the Commission in 2016.

Additionally, KU is seeking an order approving Amended Project 36 for purposes of recovering the costs of the new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. Amended Project 36 is required for KU to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's federal Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities ("Federal CCR Rule"), and other environmental requirements that apply to KU facilities used in the production of energy from coal. The total capital cost of the new pollution control facilities for which KU is seeking recovery at this time is estimated to be \$14.7 million. O&M costs related to amended Phase II will be similar to O&M costs incurred in Phase I and are not distinguishable. If Amended Project 36 is approved, KU plans to continue to recover its Brown CCR Landfill O&M costs through its environmental surcharge as part of Project 29 in KU's 2011 ECR Plan.

The impact on KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.05% increase in 2018 with a maximum increase of 0.13% in 2020. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules RS, AES, and all Lighting Rates. For a KU residential customer using 1,122 kilowatt hours per month (kWh/mo), the initial monthly increase is expected to be \$0.06 during 2018, with the maximum monthly increase expected to be \$0.15 during 2020. AES customers using 21,341 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.97 up to \$2.50. Lighting Energy customers using 9,307 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.34 up to \$0.87. Traffic Energy customers using 160 kWh/mo and Lighting Service and Restricted Lighting Service customers using 61 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.02.

The impact on KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.08% increase in 2018 with a maximum increase of 0.19% in 2020. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules GS, PS-Secondary (PSS), PS-Primary (PSP), Time of Day Secondary (TODS), Time of Day Primary (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), School Power Service (SPS), School Time of Day Service (STOD), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (ODL).

GS customers using 1,805 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.13 up to \$0.34. PSS customers using 39,535 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$1.85 up to \$4.78. PSP customers using 82,036 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$3.92 up to \$10.14. TODS customers using 245,344 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$8.76 up to \$22.67. TODP customers using 1,241,109 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$35.48 up to \$91.81. RTS customers using 4,160,317 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$106.75 up to \$276.26. FLS customers using 46,076,466 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$1,033.18 up to \$2,673.67. SPS and ODL customers could expect monthly increases consistent with PSS and PSP customers using the same kWh/mo. STOD customers could expect monthly increases consistent with TODS customers using the same kWh/mo.

The Environmental Surcharge Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Public Service Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KU's Environmental Surcharge Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's Amendment to Project 36 of its 2016 Environmental Surcharge Plan and Application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention in Case No. 2017-00483 to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the Application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>), on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.ky.gov>), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after January 26, 2018.

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Kentucky grocery prices continue dip

Cost for 40 basic food items falls more than \$1.50; drop led by sirloin, apples

STAFF REPORT

Grocery prices have dropped again, according to Kentucky Farm Bureau's (KFB) latest Marketbasket Survey. During the fourth quarter of 2017, the study indicates a drop of almost \$4 from the same quarter of the previous year, continuing a trend seen throughout the last two years of the survey.

Each quarter, 40 basic food items are price-checked throughout the state in an effort to gauge current food-price trends. Since the end of 2016, surveyed food items have dropped by a total of \$3.79, or just more than 3 percent.

During the fourth quarter of last year, overall surveyed items dropped by \$1.52 over the previous quarter. The 40 items cost a total of \$114.11 as compared to \$115.63 in the third quarter and \$117.90 during the time frame of 2016.

Quarterly declines by category came from fruits and vegetables, grains dairy and pork while slight increase came in the beef and poultry categories.

The declines seen statewide for these specific food costs are in contrast to the Consumer Price Index from last year. The CPI food

index rose 1.6 percent in 2017. That index was mixed according to last December figures with slight increases for meats, poultry, fish and eggs and small declines in dairy and related products along with fruits and vegetables.

Whether or not U.S. grocery prices fluctuate from one quarterly survey to the next, Kentuckians and all Americans continue to enjoy some of the lowest food prices in the world. Shoppers in the U.S. spend only about 7 percent of their disposable income on food each year. Those costs remain far lower than any other country in the world thanks to many of the agricultural efficiencies utilized in America. Today the average U.S. farmer produces enough food and fiber to provide for about 154 people – a significant jump from an average of 19 people per farmer back in 1940.

Yet while more food is now being produced on less land, the farmer's share of the retail food dollar in America is down. According to the USDA's Food Dollar Series, a farmer earns less than 17 cents per dollar spent on food, down significantly from the 31 cents earned in 1980.



Price change from third quarter of 2017

Apples	down 56 cents per pound
Potatoes	down 42 cents per 10-pound bag
Eggs, large	up 10 cents per dozen
Eggs, extra large	up 18 cents per dozen
Cut-fryer	down 21 cents per pound
Ribeye steak	up 78 cents per pound
Sirloin steak	down 65 cents per pound
Beef, overall	up 34 cents per pound

NEWS BRIEFS

Weather alters KyTC plan for road work

Due to a forecast of rain, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) plan to close a section of Ky. 1901/Seminary Loop Road near the Mattoon Community in Crittenden County has been moved to Friday. It was originally slated for Wednesday.

Ky. 1901 will be closed to through traffic at mile-point 1.4 near the Mattoon community to allow a cross drain to be replaced. This is along Ky. 1901 about halfway between U.S. 60 and Ky. 654 North near the Pleasant View Green-house.

Ky. 1901 will close at approximately 7:30 a.m. Friday. The roadway at this site is expected to reopen to traffic around 2:30 p.m.

There will be no marked detour. However, local residents will have access from each end of Ky. 1901.

This project is scheduled on a weather permitting basis. Approximately 60 vehicles travel this section of Ky. 1901 in an average day.

KyTC also plans to close a section of Ky. 1668/Crittenden Springs Road in Crittenden County today (Thursday), conditions permitting.

Ky. 1668 will be closed to through traffic at mile-point 2.2 to make base repairs. This is along Ky. 1668 between the

Rogers Group quarry entrance and the intersection with Ky. 2123/Glendale Church Road.

The road will close at approximately 7:30 a.m. today. It is expected to reopen to traffic by about 2:30 p.m.

There will be no marked detour. Local residents may access Ky. 1668 from the U.S. 60 end or via Ky. 2123/Glendale Church Road or Ky. 135.

Approximately 300 vehicles travel this section of Ky. 1668 in an average day.

CHS receives three stars from measure

The latest rankings from an online tool that compares hospitals reports Crittenden Health Systems in the middle of the pack.

Hospital Compare gives CHS three out of five stars. The acute care hospital in Marion also received three stars in a patient satisfaction survey and rated above the national average in all patient satisfaction categories.

Hospital Compare, a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services initiative, rates more than 4,000 health care facilities, including 130 Veterans Administration medical centers. Ratings are determined objectively across 57 measures in seven groups.

Hospital Compare can be found on Medicare.gov,

LOVE

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had just moved into an apartment and out on his own. He kept feeling a tug from God that he should try out Christian Mingle. He decided to go for it and sign up. He works at Siemens in Marion but little did he know, that is where his future wife had been living all of her life.

"It was a true God thing because my account was created around the same time he joined," Ann said. "He said my picture kept popping up, and he was intrigued. He knew he wanted to message me, so he paid the \$24.99 membership."

"We have an inside joke that he paid only \$24.99 for his wife," laughs Ann.

She is convinced God has put the pieces together for her and her husband to meet. Before they met, they had both been praying God to send them the right person to spend their life with. Matt chose Christian Mingle because he hoped to find a Christ-like woman and felt it was the right thing to do at that time in his life.

"The funny thing is, the whole time he had worked in Marion, where I have lived my whole life," Ann said. "God has a funny way of working things out. I am a planner and thought I could plan my life out and still at times think

More about online dating

Christian Mingle, founded in 2001, is the leading Christian dating site for single men and women looking for a God-centered relationship with the opposite sex. It launched a dating app in 2014. It has 16 million members.

According to the Pew Research Center, 15 percent of all U.S. adults have used online dating sites or mobile dating apps. A 2015 study also found:

- Online dating has lost much of its stigma, and a majority of Americans now say online dating is a good way to meet people.
- Online dating has jumped among adults under age 25 as well as those in their late 50s and early 60s.
- One-third of people who have used online dating have never actually gone on a date with someone they met on these sites.
- One-in-five online daters have asked someone else to help them with their profile.
- 5 percent of Americans who are in a marriage or committed relationship say they met their significant other online.



that, but boy and was I wrong.

"God has such an amazing plan for each and every one of us even though it's difficult waiting sometimes. I think online dating is a new outlet for people to use to get out there and meet people that you normally wouldn't, especially in such a small town. I also believe it is important to be cautious when online dating and make safe choices when talking to people."

As the relationship progressed, Matt had been thoughtfully preparing for the perfect proposal, but the circumstances didn't allow him

to ask Ann to be his wife the first time he intended to. He remembered Ann telling him about a spring on her grandfather's farm in the woods, where she used to go many times when she was a child.

"On Labor Day weekend, we were having our normal family cookout at my grandparents and Matt mentioned going to see the spring. So we loaded up on the four-wheeler and headed to the woods," Ann recalls. "I hadn't been there in years. He planned on proposing at this beautiful spring on my family's farm."

"Well, we headed into the woods and it was all grown up. There were thorns everywhere cutting our legs and it was a hot mess! We finally got

AG: 'Catfishing' lures online daters

STAFF REPORT

Those who turn to online dating sites and social media to find love and friendship need to be cautious of online 'catfishing' scams, according to Attorney General Andy Beshear.

In advance of Valentine's Day, Beshear issued a Scam Alert to warn Kentuckians that if an online love interest or new friend asks for money it is most likely a scam.

Last year, Beshear's office received reports from 11 Kentuckians who said they lost nearly \$300,000 after being "catfished" by an online scammer who used the secrecy of the internet to pretend to be

someone they are not.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), reports of romance scams have tripled over the past five years and in 2016, \$220 million was lost nationwide to online dating scams.

Beshear said con artists open fake profiles using stolen photos to lure in unsuspecting victims and instead of finding love, victims are left with an empty bank account and a broken heart.

The FTC and Beshear's office recommend never sending untraceable methods of payment to anyone you just met online, and to watch for signs often associated with ro-

mance or friendship scams, including someone who:

- Falls in love, or befriends quickly.
- Says they are working overseas or serving abroad in the military.
- Asks you to leave the official dating, or social media site to communicate.
- Claims they need money for an emergency and says they will pay you back when they come to meet you.

To stay ahead of scammers Kentuckians can sign up for the Office of the Attorney General's Scam Alerts. To enroll, text "KYOAG Scam" to GOV311 or visit AG.ky.gov/scams and select text or email alert.

ENERGY

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about payment plans or heating assistance.

"The PSC consumer services staff will do all they can to help customers who cannot resolve issues with their providers," he said. "They also can guide people to sources of assistance in their communities."

Almost all of the hundreds of inquiries about high energy bills the PSC has received since late December have been about electric service. Customers who heat with natural gas have not seen comparable increases.

That is because the amount of electricity needed for heating rises sharply in times of extreme cold. Even the most efficient heat pumps won't work very well once the temperature drops more than a few degrees below freezing.

During periods of prolonged cold, all-electric heating sys-

tems switch on resistance (or strip) heating, which consumes much more electricity than the heat pump.

"It's like heating your house with a large toaster, and your usage goes up exponentially as a result," Schmitt said.

In contrast, natural gas heating systems work essentially the same way no matter the temperature.

Electric consumption this winter not only rose sharply as milder weather in November turned colder in December and January, but also significantly from last year due to the much colder weather. November and December of 2016 and January of 2017 were all warmer than normal.

In contrast, while November of 2017 was slightly warmer than normal, it was 20 percent colder than the year before. December 2017 was slightly colder than December 2016, while last month was 42 percent colder, in terms of heating demand, than the unusually warm January of 2017.

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Heating-degree days tell tale

Heating-degree days are a way to measure energy consumption in the winter. The below chart compares November-January of the last two winters from an average of temperature readings from eight weather stations across Kentucky. The figures below are arrived at by subtracting a day's average temperature below 65 degrees and adding them for each month. In other words, if a November day's average temperature was 40 degrees, the heating-degree measure for that day would be 25. The sum of heating-degrees for all 30 days in the month are then added. The numbers in parenthesis are the departure from normal. A plus sign indicates the month was colder than normal.

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
2017-18.....	516 (-14)	904 (+35)	1,034 (+79)
2016-17.....	428 (-95)	847 (-15)	728 (-226)