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Wandering child leads sheriff to tragic find

The discovery of a 4-yearold girl walking along U.S. 641 Monday morning led authorities to a tragic find at a Sulphur Springs Road home.

Kentucky State Police say a passerby stopped to help the child, and after realizing something was terribly wrong, contacted local authorities shortly after 11 a.m. The sheriff responded to a residence just over a mile away from where the girl was found. Inside her home, the sheriff found her 33-year-old father deceased. Also in the home was an 8-month-old child in a crib.

State police investigators have determined that the father of the two children died of a self-inflicted gunshot. Investigators say that after talking to the young girl, it was apparent she knew what had happened inside the home and had gone for help.

"Our hearts bleed when we find a situation like this," said Trooper Sean Wint, public affairs officer for Kentucky State Police Post 2.

The children were released to the custody of their mother, who was not at the residence when the incident occurred

Vet benefits claims help available locally

Veterans can get help locally filing service-related claims on the second and

fourth Tuesday of each month. Joe Lanham, a member of VFW Post 12022 in Marion, said service officers will be at the post on North College Street from 8 a.m. to noon on both

You do not have to be a member of the post to receive the free assistance.

Lanham said veterans can get help filing claims any time by calling him at (270) 836-3851.

Also on Tuesday, the VFW post serves breakfast beginning at 7 a.m.

Public meetings

- Crittenden County Board of Education will convene for a special called meeting at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at the central of-

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will convene for a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. Monday at the courthouse to adopt a resolution supporting a Homeland Security grant application for fire department turnout gear.

- Crittenden County Conservation District will hold its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday at the office located at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion.



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KDE begins process to fill board of ed seat

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has begun the application process to fill a recent vacancy on the Crittenden

County Board of Education, and there appears to be a healthy level of interest in the seat.

Longtime board member Phyllis Orr resigned her post in January, leaving an opening on the fivemember elected body. Her resignation has been officially accepted by KDE, which is accepting applications for the post through the next two weeks. In fact, a notice of vacancy has been published on the local board of education's website for

several days and appears in The Crittenden Press this week.

Superintendent Vince Clark is hopeful applicants will match Orr's dedication to the position. "She had a pas-

sion for students, Board of ed staff and the comevaluates Clark munity," Clark said. "To keep moving our Page 16 school district forward, they have to have that compassion and passion. There are still lots of areas

> to continue to grow in." Clark and the board of education will have no say in who

> steps in to fill Orr's role. KDE conducts the search to fill the unexpired terms of school board members in all 173 districts. Applications must be

mailed by the candidate directly to Frankfort, where an appointee will be named by the education



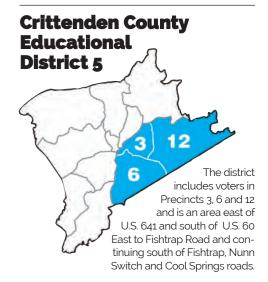
functions of the local board of education are to advertise the vacancy and make applications available prospective board

members. A former educator, Orr had served 14 years on the board and was in the middle of her fourth term when she resigned due to health reasons. She had

been unable to attend meetings

for several months, and the work

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Boat dock coming to **Dam 50**

STAFF REPORT

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down there.

magistrate on boat

dock at Riverview Park

Crittenden County has been awarded a grant to build a seasonal boat dock at Riverview Park, the recreation area along the Ohio River formerly known as the Dam 50 park.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said he was notified late last week of the approval for federal funds awarded through the state. It was the third time the county had applied for financial assistance for this project, being denied twice previous.

Pennyrile Area Development District helped facilitate the grant

application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The floating dock will cost about \$44,000 to construct on the River. Because of variations in the water levels on the Ohio River, the dock will be portable so that it can be – Dan Wood pulled onto shore during times of high water. When in place, the dock would

make access to the Ohio River safer and more convenient by giving boaters up to four temporary mooring spots.

"To me, this is the last piece to the puzzle down there," said Magistrate Dan Wood, who has been among the local leaders instrumental in putting together the grant application. "We have a really nice campground with camper pads and

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Checkmates

Crittenden County hosted a regional chess tournament over the weekend, drawing 163 players from 16 different schools. "This is not the first time we have hosted Regionals, but it is definitely one of the biggest ones we have had in a long time," said Don Winters, coach of the Blue Knights, Crittenden County's chess team. Pictured above is local sixth-grader Trey Swaggirt (right) contemplating a move against Chase Stevens, a Crittenden County eighth-grader. For local results from the weekend chess tournament, see Page 2.

Ruling could affect rural water rates

Livingston County Circuit Judge C.A. Woodall III granted summary judgement in a legal battle between two water districts, effectively voiding Crittenden-Livingston Water District's 40-year contract to sell drinking water to Ledbetter. However, Crittenden-Livingston isn't giving

Bart Frazer, attorney for the two-county water district headquartered in Salem, said there is too much at stake to let the judge's ruling be the final

tenden-Livingston Water District superintendent, said the district plans to appeal the order.

Ledbetter Water District filed a lawsuit in 2015 asking Livingston Circuit Court for relief from its long-term contract signed in 2000.

Woodall's order filed Jan. 25 says the contract is unenforcible, citing case law and providing an analysis to back up the decision.

In its original claim, Ledbetter's attorney, Van Sims of Paducah, argued that under Kentucky law, a conlength of those in elected

positions who approve it. Additionally, Woodall found that the agreement between the two districts was indeed a franchise, and he said it had not been properly bid 17 years

Frazer explains that voiding the contract will have broad consequences for similar water districts and utilities all across Kentucky. He said without such contracts, fi-

water distribution systems

would be almost impossible to secure.

"In the end, it may take some legislative cure to solve this, but we know it cannot stand like this," Frazer said.

Billy Downs, superintendent for Ledbetter Water District, doesn't expect anything to change right away.

"There are still some things that will be decided in court. We're waiting to see what Crittenden-Liv-

word. Ronnie Slayden, Crit- tract cannot exceed the nancing for expansions to ingston does," he said, anticipating an appeal, which could take another year or two just as the original case

> The contract entered into by both boards of directors in 2000 compels Ledbetter to purchase at least 3 million gallons of water a month from Crittenden-Livingston. The cost is almost \$8,000 a month. The rate is \$2.58 per 1,000 gallons. When the two parties entered into the contract, the rate was \$1.83. However,

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Newcom: Study does not reflect efforts at shelter

The county's animal

shelter in 2016 took in nearly 65 dogs a month with an average of 60 of those finding a better fate. In fact, only 12 dogs were euthanized the entire year.

But that monumental effort was not enough to keep Crittenden County Animal Shelter from landing on a list of 26 shelters in Kentucky "needing the most help," according to a recent

study. The 2016 survey of ters was aimed

"We gathered informa-

tion like biggest needs,

what state laws say they're

at painting an overall picture of animal con- of pets climbing in the state to deter-

mine the degree of compliance with Kentucky shelter laws.

University of Kentucky supposed to be doing," Cynthia Gaskill, an associthe state's 92 county shel- ate professor at the UK Vet-

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erinary Diagnostic Lab-**Overpopulation** oratory, said of counties' re-

"doing a good job of meet-

ing state requirements and

sponsibilities. "Īt's like a wish list." Altogether, 18 facilities made the list of "best shel-

including ters," those identified to be

also providing other essential services." The 59-page study rated shelters on 18 standards and was scored by students who visited each facility in person. Scores for individual shelters were not reported.

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2004 Kentucky Humane

However, more than half of the shelters in the study, Crittenden County's, were reported in the study to be in violation

Shelter Act intended to improve the care and control of stray or abandoned pets. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom is aware of the report, but is not a fan of its findings.

"I think we're doing pretty good," he said, noting an increase in adoptions and sharp decline in euthanizations. "We've had no citations or warnings

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS





Blue Knights once again dominate chess boards

In what turned out to be the biggest Quad A Regional ever, with 163 players representing 16 different schools, Crittenden County's Blue Knights once again showed their dominance over the competition and will be headed to state. The competition took place in Marion, and the top four teams in each section earned the right to represent their Quad in the State Team Championship March 17-18.

The K3 Blue Knights team of Wyatt Russell, Nai'Zayah Bell, Zak Smith, Jake Rich, Donte Bell, Zeke Smith and Alex Hewitt battled against

seven other teams for a spot in the state championship. Crittenden took the early lead in Round 1 and never looked back. They earned first place and were crowned Quad A Regional Champs with 15.5 points. Murray, Hendron, Lone Oak and Heath elementary schools placed in the top four to also go to state. Zak Smith was crowned the Quad A Regional Champion on the individual side with a perfect score of 5 out 5 points. Russell placed seventh, Nai'Zayah Bell eighth and Donte Bell ninth, each earning 3.5 points. There were 47 total

players in the K3 section. Though not a member of the Blue Knights, Paris Foster, a local home-schooled player in the K3 Division, earned second-place. Brenda Foster, who started the county's chess team 26 years ago, is his coach. His father, John Foster, was a state champion also coached by Brenda Fos-

The K5 Blue Knights team of Hayden Hildebrand, Abbey Swinford, Marley Phelps, Koby Williams and Kole Williams have had their hands full with a powerful Lone Oak Intermediate team all year, and this tournament was no different. Lone Oak took the top spot with a 17 out of 20 total team points available. Crittenden earned a second-place finish with 13.5 points, earning them a spot in the state tournament as well. Murray and South Christian will be joining them in March. Hildebrand and Marley Phelps tied for fourth with 4 points each, and Swinford placed sixth with 3.5 points.

The K8 team of Cole Swinford, Chase Stevens, Gage Russell, Evan McDowell, Dennon Wilson, Trey and Tyler Swaggirt and Dominic Rorer came into the regional tournament with a huge reputation to uphold. The team has placed first in every tournament it has been to this year, winning by a large margin

each time. This tournament would prove no different. They were crowned Quad A Regional Champions, winning 15 out of 16 total team points. Calloway Home School finished with 11 points, Murray Middle had 10.5 points and Union County Middle rounded out the top four with 8.5 points. McDowell, Russell and Swinford all tied for first and were crowned Quad A Co Individual Champions with perfect scores of 4 out of 4. Trey Swaggirt placed fifth and Stevens ninth. The K8 team has already set its eye on state after placing second there last

The K12 team of Skyler

James, Gage Moore, Clay Stevens and Lauren Gilchrist came up just short and placed second to Hopkinsville High School. Hopkinsville finished with 13 points to Crittenden's 10. Graves County and PACHEK home school from Gracey rounded out the top four. James once again took first and the Quad A Regional Individual Championship with a perfect score for his fourth tournament this year. Moore placed ninth, Stevens placed 11th and Gilchrist placed

Don Winters, a systems engineer with Crittenden County School District, is coach of the Blue Knights

Info session today on dual credit, early graduation HS courses

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School will be hosting an informational meeting about early graduation and dual enrollment courses from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the high school library.

Students in grades 8-11 and their guardians are invited to attend. While all students and guardians from



those grades invited, two groups in particular should tend: eighthgrade parents and students who are interested in

knowing about these options before beginning their high school careers; sophomore and junior parents and students who will be eligible to take dual enrollment classes in the fall of 2017.

"We encourage any student who desires information about getting a head start on college to come to this session," CCHS Principal Curtis Brown said. "It's a great opportunity to speak with school representatives one on one about either early graduation or dual enrollment courses.'

Details about dual enrollment scholarships offered by the district and the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be shared, as well as information about applying for Gatton and Craft academies of mathematics and science. CCHS currently has four students enrolled in these advanced academies at Kentucky and Western Morehead State universities, and students who are considering applying for them in their sophomore year need to be aware of deadlines and program requirements at least a year in advance.

A representative from West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah will also be present to answer questions regarding dual enrollment courses.





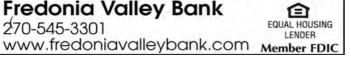
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Marion native named Ky. Deputy Chief Justice

A Marion native has been named by Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. as deputy chief justice of the state Supreme Court.

Justice Lisabeth Hughes, the oldest daughter of the late Trice and Ada Lou Hughes, has served as a Supreme Court justice since 2007 and as a judge for 20 years. She was born in Marion and grew up in Princerecuses in a case or an

administrative matter. "Justice Hughes and I have served on the Supreme Court together for 10 years and I'm pleased she's taken on the role of deputy chief justice," Minton

said in a statement. "In addition to outstanding legal scholarship, she contributes significant legal and practi-

The deputy chief justice cal experience to our court, cancy created by the retirefills in when the chief justice drawing upon her years as a practicing lawyer and a

> cuit Court and the Court of Appeals.' Hughes succeeds Deputy Chief Justice Mary C. Noble, who re-

judge on both the Cir-

Hughes serves the 4th Supreme Court District, which is Jefferson County. She was appointed as a justice in 2007 to fill the va-

tired in 2016.

ment of the late Justice William E. McAnulty Jr. In November 2008, the voters of Jefferson County elected her to serve as the justice from their district. She was re-elected in November 2014.

Prior to taking the Supreme Court bench, Hughes served as a Kentucky Court of Appeals judge from 1997 to 1998 and a Jefferson County Circuit

Court judge from 1999 to 2006. She was reappointed to the Court of Appeals in 2006 and later elected to the court, where she was serving when she was appointed to the Supreme Court. In March 2016, President Barack Obama nominated Hughes to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, but her nomination expired Jan. 3 with the end of the 114th Congress.

After earning her bache-

lor's degree with highest honors from the University of Louisville, Justice Hughes graduated magna cum laude from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, where she was named Outstanding Graduate of her law school class. Before serving as a judge, she practiced law for 15 years, concentrating on business and commercial litigation, according to state news release.

Registration receipt needed to renew plates

Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford is reminding drivers they need to bring in their previous year's registration receipt to avoid an extra charge when renewing plates.

Since computers began storing state records, many county clerks, including Byford, have not charged customers the \$3 set by state statute for renewals not accompanied by the receipt. The fee is to cover additional office work required to match plates with the correct vehicle. Duplicate registration receipts must be printed at the time of renewal if not brought in, and owners must attest the information is correct.

A story in last week's issue of the newspaper incorrectly identified the necessary document as the renewal card mailed to drivers. The receipt is the letter-size paper given to drivers in the clerk's office with their plate decal attached. It is the same document asked for by law enforcement during a traffic

Byford reminds drivers they should also bring in their proof of insurance when renewing plates.





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CCHS, CCMS speech teams qualify

Crittenden County Middle School and High School speech team competed in the Murray Regional Speech Tournament Saturday, each qualifying for the state tournament to be held March 24-25 and March 10-11, respectively, at the University of Kentucky. Above left, high school team members are (front, from left) Ellie McGowan, Anzie Gobin, Alexis Tabor, Emily Tinsley, (back) Emma Herrin and Ashleigh Dunkerson. Superior ratings were awarded to Mc-Gowan in Original Oratory and Tinsley in Broadcast Announcing. Above right, middle school team members are (front, from left) Quinn Templeton, Leah Fritts, Sara Jones, (middle) Hailey Belt, Aliyah Frutiger, Kara Fulkerson, Laurel Brown, (back) Seth Sarles, Jordan Hardesty, James Crider, Haylee Samuels, Faith Conner, Samantha Tinsley and Raina West. Superior ratings were awarded to the following: Frutiger in Broadcast Announcing and Improvisational Duo, Brown in Improvisational Duo, Tinsley in Duo Acting, West in Duo Acting and Fritts in Original Oratory.





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Winners in the county's annual trash sculpture contest were named last week. Above left, pictured are elementary-level winners (front, from left) Taylor Haire, Ashley Little, Bailey Muff, Emerye Pollard, Kyndal Shouse and Taryn McCann along with (back) Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark, teacher Suzzanne Brown and Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development Leslea Barnes. Above right, middle school winners were (front) Aliyah Frutiger, Hailey McCann and Harlie Morris along with (back) Newcom, Barnes and science teacher Neil Bryant, whose class had the highest participation.

Elementary, middle school students earn trash sculpture awards

Each year the Regional Corporation Recycling holds a trash sculpture contest. The contest is open to all school age children to encourage kids to recycle rather than throw items away. There are four age division - lower ele-

mentary, upper elementary, middle school and high school - students can participate in. The top three winners from each division go on to compete in the regional contest.

"The Regional Recycling Corp. is quite generous in giving cash awards to our

County Cooperative Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development Leslea

Each division winner at the county level receives \$60 for first, \$40 for second and \$25 for third. Overall best in show re-

winners," said Crittenden ceives an additional \$50. The county winners advance to regionals and can receive up to an additional

> This year 208 students from Crittenden County participated in the contest.

In the middle school division, first was awarded to

Alivah Frutiger: second. Hailey McCann; and third, Harli Morris. Seventhgrade science teacher Neal Bryant was also presented a \$50 check as the teacher with the highest percentage of student participation.

In the upper elementary division, first place went to Taylor Haire, who was also awarded best overall, making her prize \$110; second, Ashley Little; and third, Bailey Muff.

In the lower elementary division, Emerye Pollard won first, Kyndal Shouse second and Taryn McCann, third

Ridley's legislation would outlaw headlamps of alternative color

Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, has filed legislation that would make driving Kentucky's highways safer. Senate Bill 92 would re-

strict modifications of vehicles with certain replacement headlights and other lights that emit from beneath the vehicle.

legislation would permit headlamps to emit only white light, except those outlined in the bill such as halogen headlamps that have a slight yellow tint or others installed by the manufacturer that meet requirements set by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Ridley introduced the bill at a press conference last week in Henderson.

"I have heard from citizens and from law enforcement about the super bright lighting

and how distracting it is," said Ridley, a member of the Senate Transportation Committee. "The distraction caused by the super bright lighting is a real danger to other drivers

> and we need to deal with it. This legislation would not have any effect on the original equipment installed on cars and trucks by the manufacturer. It will only affect equipment or lighting that is added

after the vehicle rolls off the assembly line. SB 92 would prohibit vehi-

- Emitting anything other

than white light. - Require all headlamps

to meet DOT regulations. Prohibit headlamps that

appear to emit a solid color other than white.

- Prohibit headlamp covers or film that changes the color of the light emitted.

- Outline provisions for front, rear, side and undercarriage lighting of a vehicle.

Under SB 92, any person who violates any of the provisions could be fined between \$20 and \$100 for each offense. The legislation has the support of law enforcement officers and agencies across the state

"The National Safety Highway Council has endorsed legislation such as this," said Henderson County Sheriff Ed Brady. "They are pushing to get it done in all 50 states. We want to be one of the first. We think we're going to make safer roads by doing this."

SB 92 is a safety issue for the Kentucky motoring public, said Ridley.

The bill will be considered by the Kentucky General Assembly during the 2017 legislative session, resumed for its 30-day session Tuesday.

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the deal included a mechanism for increases based on the costs to produce potable water, and those increases have been subject to the approval of the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

Crittenden-Livingston has filed a counterclaim, asking the court to make Ledbetter reimburse it for constructing the 8-inch supply line it built in the early 2000s from the Crittenden-Livingston

plant at Pinckneyville to Ledbetter. It is asking for \$255,000.

Crittenden-Livingston leaders have said the district is on sound financial footing, but losing Ledbetter might affect future rates for the rest of the district's customers.



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utility hooks ups. A boat dock is something that's been missing."

Boaters who launch at the nearby concrete ramp may then tie their boats to the dock temporarily while loading and unloading cargo or

people, Wood said. The public recreational area entertains campers, fishermen, boaters, groups making use of the picnic area and those there to simply enjoy the vista of one of the nation's biggest and most historic rivers. Because

the grant is a 50/50 matching reimbursement program, the county would be responsible for half of the boat

dock's cost. Newcom has called the dock an important economic development tool to draw more people to Crittenden County. It would also address safety concerns at the riverside park's boat ramp, where there currently is nothing to moor a watercraft. The LWCF grant is specifically for upgrading outdoor recreation areas and facili-

ties. County Emergency Management Director David Travis believes the dock's

value will extend beyond the use of pleasure craft, allow for better response to rescues and recoveries on the river.

Riverview Park, located at the end of Ky. 387 off Ky. 91 North, was established by the fiscal court in 2008 as a means to revitalize the property at the site of the former U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lock and Dam No. 50, which was removed in early 1980. The park is home to six camp sites that offer electricity, primitive campting, restrooms and picnic tables under roof and has become a tourist attraction to hundreds of visitors each year.





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Ky. top cattle state east of Mississippi

Kentucky remains the largest cattle producer east of the Mississippi River according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), but the number of sheep and goats is declining.

Last week, the service released its annual reports on cattle, goats and sheep, showing little change in beef cow numbers, but a continued decline in milk cows in Kentucky.

"This report shows cattle production remains a vital part of the commonwealth's agricultural economy," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Re-

gional Office in Kentucky. "In 2015, gross receipts from cattle were \$927 million, the second leading commodity behind broiler production."

The Kentucky cattle and calf inventory for Jan. 1 was estimated at 2.16 million. Total inventory was down 10,000 head from last year. All cattle and calves in the United States, as of Jan. 1 totaled 93.6 million head. This is 2 percent above the 91.9 million head the year before.

"As the state with the largest cattle inventory east of the Mississippi, Kentucky's role in beef production is significant," Knopf said. "A maiority of the calves born in the

state are bought by feedlots in other states and become part of the U.S. beef supply."

Cows and heifers that have calved were estimated at million head, unchanged from 2016. Beef cow inventory was estimated at 1.02 million head, and milk cows were estimated at 57,000 head.

"Milk cow inventory continues to reach new lows and is down three percent from 2016," Knopf reported.

Goats and sheep

According to NASS both sheep and lamb inventories and goat inventories decreased in Kentucky from last

The total number of sheep in Kentucky on Jan. 1 was estimated at 48,000 head, a decrease of 5.000 from the previous year's estimate. All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on Jan. 1 totaled 5.20 million head, down 2 percent from 2016.

All meat and other goats in Kentucky were estimated at 56,000 head, down 3,000 head from January 2016. Milk goats at 5,500 head, were up 500 head from the previous year's estimate. All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2017 totaled 2.64 million head, up 1 percent from 2016.



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Receints: 477 Last Week: 913 Last Year: NA Compared to last week. Feeder cattle traded steady Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady. Sale consisted of 18 stock cattle, 66 slaughter, and 393 feeders. Feeders consisted of 26% feeder steers, 42% feeder heifers, 17% feeders bulls and 31% of feeders were over 600 pounds

Feeder Steers Medium and Large I-2

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Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%

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Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90% Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

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Slaughter Bulls Y.G. I-2

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Bred Cows Medium and Large 2-3 Aged

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4-6 Mos Bred Bred Cows Small and Medium 2 Middle-Aged

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Local pruning class set for Feb. 18

ries, blueberries and grapes are a sweet treat on warm summer days. Growing these crops can be a challenge at times, especially during late winter/ early spring pruning time. Crittenden County Extension is hosting a small fruit pruning class at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the Ed-Tech Center.

Extension specialist Daniel Becker will lead discussion on proper pruning of brambles, blueberries and grapes. Following the inside discussion, the group will travel to a local

There was a slight uptick

in coal production in Ken-

tucky in the last three

months of 2016, but for the

year, production and employ-

ment continued the steep

slide that's been going on

that the state dropped to the

fourth biggest coal producer

in the nation. Kentucky led

national coal production from

Production fell so much

since 2011.

ing grape vines will be conducted. The onsite demonstration will be dependent on weather. The program on Feb. 21

will feature different pruning techniques that will be helpful to the commercial grower or the home gardener. Knowing the proper way and what to prune can increase fruit production and the overall health of the plant.

Pruning of grapes can afyield and fect vine strength. Blackberries can be pruned depending on that

Kentucky slips to 4th in coal production

1971 to 1988 and had been

the third-biggest producer

since 1994, but Illinois took

over that spot in 2016, be-

hind Wyoming and West Vir-

out 42.5 million tons of coal

in 2016, a drop of 30.7 per-

cent from 2015, according to

a report published last week

by the state Energy and En-

vironment Cabinet. Produc-

tion dropped 22.4 percent in

Kentucky's mines turned

homeowner's property where year of growth. Raspberries Small fruits like blackber- a live demonstration of prun- can be summer pinched to promote side branch growth, unless they are red raspberries which do not respond well to this method. Blueberry canes that are younger tend to be more efficient at fruit production.

To register or for more information, contact Critenden County Cooperative Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources Dee Brasher at (270) 965-5236 or Deanna.Brasher@uky.edu to register. Registration is requested by Saturday, Feb.

Jobs were equally anemic.

As of Dec. 31, estimated

employment in the state's

coal industry was 6,371,

down 24.2 percent compared

to the last quarter of 2015.

The total for western Ken-

mated annual coal employment was 18,069, and

production topped 109 mil-

Kim Collyer, Owner

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Piney Fork celebration; mission accomplished

Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church in eastern Crittenden County celebrated **Denomination Day Sunday** with other churches of the association, commemorating the church's founding on Feb. 4, 1810 in Dickson County, Tenn.

There are about 800 Cumberland Presbyterian congregations in 19 states and four foreign countries. Piney Fork Church is one of the oldest, having been founded 205 years ago on the same grounds where today's church stands

Last summer, Pastor Junior Martin and congregation held a dedication service for their new fellowship hall. Pictured above are elders at that groundbreaking (from left) Eddy Rushing, Harold Cannon, Joe Lanham, Pastor Martin, Session Clerk Sarah Alexander Ford and Jerrold Doom. At right is the completed project.





Scouts recognize MUMC for hosting troops



Boy Scouts of America Troop 30, Cub Scouts Troop 3030 and Girl Scouts Troop 26 presented a couple of plaques to Marion United Methodist Church leaders on Sunday during the church's annual Scout Sunday. Recognition from the Scouting organizations was to honor the church's longtime commitment to hosting and sponsoring Scout organizations. Scout meetings, outings and other activities have been hosted by the church since the 1950s. Additionally, the Scouts presented the church with a new and updated plaque to hang inside the church which lists all of the Eagle Scouts who have come through the local organization. Church Pastor David Combs was also recognized for having achieved the highest level of Scouting Leadership - the Wood Badge - which he earned during leadership events last summer. His attendance at those training sessions was also sponsored by the church. Pictured are (front from left) local Scout leader Clay Stevens, Church Lav Leader Keith Stout (who was also one of the first Scouts in the local program), Rev. Combs, Church Administrative Council Chairperson Patti Merrill, (back) Trace Bonds, Thatcher Parrish, Jacob Hackney, Paul Combs, Jordan Urbanowski and Clay Stevens. Church member Perry Chipps is the first Eagle Scout on record at the local troop. There are now 26.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH

- Miracle Word Church in Salem is hosting its annual Valentine's Dinner Saturday. Call (270) 836-9048 for dine-in reservations, delivery or further information

- Maranatha Baptist Church located at 1442 Cedar Grove Rd., Salem will be having a

community singing at 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18. Refreshments will be served, everyone welcome.

- Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting immediately following morning worship on Sunday, Feb. 26

Weekly Devotion

By JOEY DURHAM

Today's devotion is "Perilous Times? Blasphemers!" My text is 2 Timothy 3:1-2a, where we see, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers..." (KJV) To blaspheme is another characteristic of the perilous times in which we live. Even people who claim to know God and go to church are blasphemers. This ought not to be! To blaspheme means to savagely injure another by what one says. It is to use abusive speech or to make scandalous claims about someone in order to damage his or her reputation. It describes those who slander, defame, vilify, speak evil words, and make hurtful statements about others in order to do irreparable harm to their character or reputation. Destructive verbal abuse and bullying have even led to the deaths of many who were victims of such abuse

The word "blasphemer" reaches further than to just viciously slander another

person. It also involves evil speech against or about God Himself! It involves cursing, speaking in an impious or ungodly way, using profane and contemptuous speech, and saying defamatory things about or against God and the holy things of God. The Apostle Paul said, before he was saved by God's grace, that he was "a blasphemer" (I Timothy 1:13). Even though a person may claim to be religious and a part of a church or religious minded group of people, if they can blaspheme as their way of life, they may be religious, but they NEED to be saved by God's grace. Blaspheming in word or act is a sign of the perilous, dangerous, savage, fierce, and injurious times of these last days before the return of Jesus Christ for His church. There is no doubt that blasphemy has no place in the life of the true, born-again believer, and that those who are blasphemers will be left here on planet earth when the church is raptured out by Jesus Christ. Then all the blasphemers will see the Anti-Christ who will be the epitome of all "blasphe-



vith us this week

Crooked Creek Baptist Church 261 Crooked Creek Church Road, Marion, Ky.

Sunday school, 10 am Sunday morning worship, 11 am

Sunday evening worship, 5 pm

Marion General Baptist Church 341 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.

Bro. Wesley Lynn, pastor

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Sunday School / 10 am

Wednesday Bible Study/7pm



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Curtis Prewitt, pastor



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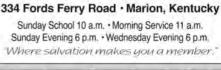
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

Sunday school: 9:45 a.m. Mike Jacobs, pastor Sunday worship: 11 a.m. Sunday evening: 6 p.m.

Wednesday night Bible study: 6 p.m. Barnett Chapel...where everyone is welcome.



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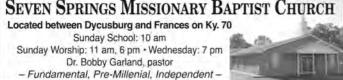
Sunday Mass 11 a.m. Father Ryan Harpole

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DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.

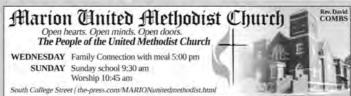
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Jakes! " Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297 Phone 965-2220



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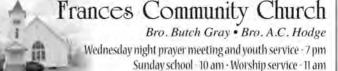






Bro. John Robertson, Pastor

Sunday school, 10 a.m. . Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.



Area Deaths

Buddy Edward Hill, 76, of Marion died Wednesday. Feb. 1, 2017 at his home.

Surviving are two sons, James (Elizabeth) Hill of Henderson and Travis Hill of Marion; five daughters Tiffany Jones (Don Webb) of Uniontown, Melanie (Sean) King of Evansville, Ind., Kim (Greg) Littleton of Addison, Texas, Heather (Joe) Hill of Marion and Amber (Robert) McLaughlin of Poole; a brother, Robert Hill of Marion; two sisters, Betty Petty of Cunningham and Mayme Jean Cunningham of Indianapolis, Ind.; 14 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Mayme Hill, four sisters; and five brothers.

Hill was a member of Piney Fork Presbyterian Church, NRA and Gunowners Of America. He was the former president of Henderson County Foster Care Association and a former employee at Reynolds Metal Farms and Island Creek Coal Mine.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 4 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Piney Fork Cemetery.

Hamilton

Oma Evelyn Hamilton, 99, of Marion died Monday, Jan. 30, 2017 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a member of Deer Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

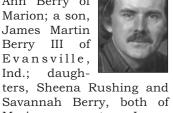
She was preceded in death by her parents, Rodney and Edna Stephenson; husband, Aubrey Hamilton; a brother, Don Stephenson; a sister, Hughes; and nephews, Ronnie and Lowell Hughes.

Graveside services were Friday, Feb. 3 at Mapleview Cemetery. Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Berry

James Martin "Marty" Berry Jr., 54, of Marion died Monday, Jan. 30, 2017 at Crittenden Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Cheryl Ann Berry of Marion; a son, James Martin Berry III of Evansville, Ind.; daugh-



Savannah Berry, both of Marion; parents, James Martin and Wanda Doom Berry Sr. of Marion; brothers, Jerry Berry and Joseph Berry, both of Marion and Jack Berry of Murray; and sister, Barbara Stewart of Leitchfield, Ky.

Services were Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Frances Cemetery.

Obituaries

Most obituaries in The Crittenden Press are published at no charge. However, extended obituaries are available for a small fee. There is no charge for use of a photo. Please ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries. Obituaries that appear in the paper are also accessible on our Web site.

Koons

David Neil Koons, 72, of Marion died Monday, Jan. 16, 2017 at Baptist Health in Paducah.

He was retired from Enola Railroad in Enola, Penn., and a self-employed carpenter. He was a veteran of

the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War era and was of the Christian faith.

Surviving are a daughter, Lisa Shermansdale, Lillv of Penn.; a grandchild, Ashley Lilly; a great-grandchild, Keela Brianna Grace Baer; niece, Gladys Koons Lan-

and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert B. and Helen (Rutledge) Koons; two sisters; and a brother.

caster, two additional nieces;

Memorial services will be held at a future date at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Marysville, Penn.

Memorials may be made to Crittenden County Animal Shelter in Marion, Ky., or to any viable cancer charity.

Hughes Funeral Home of Paducah was in charge of arrangements.

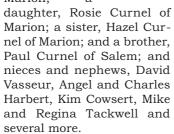
DeOre

Phyllis Ann DeOre, 72, of Marion died Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 at her home.

She was a former nurse aide and enjoyed yard work.

She attended New Life Pentecostal Church in Burna.

Surviving are her husband, Jerry DeOre of Marion;



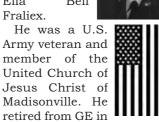
She was preceded in death by a sister, Regina McClure; three brothers, William Curnel Jr., Russell Curnel and Eddie Curnel; and her parents, William and Sarah Curnel.

were Monday Feb. 6 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremations Services with Rev. Tim Sprouse officiating. Burial was at Whites Chapel

Fraliex

Elvis Franklin Fraliex, 69, of Madisonville died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017 at Cypress Grove in Newburgh, Ind.

He was born Oct. 2, 1947 in Fredonia to parents Richard Franklin and Fraliex.



Madisonville. Survivors include his companion of 35 years, Carolyn Chambers; two daughters, Tammy Givens of Salem and Sondra Fraliex of Marion; a

son, Timothy Fraliex Neal; a step-daughter, Sarah Kappes and James of Calhoun; a step-son, Shane Chambers and Anna of Madisonville; a sister, Brenda Fraliex of Marion; two brothers, Jerry Fraliex and wife Lorelei of Princeton and Roger Fraliex of Marion; five grandchildren, David, Reno, and Austin Chambers, Kurtis Kappes and Elizabeth Breneman; five great-grandchildren, Remington, Isaiah, Robert James, Ansleigh, and Lexie; a niece, Stacey Moehl of New Jersey; two nephews, Lucas Fraliex of Princeton and Ricky Frasure of Indiana; two great-nieces, Brianna and Brooke; and a great-nephew, Gabriel.

Services were at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Sean Dame officiating. Burial was at Fredonia Cemetery.

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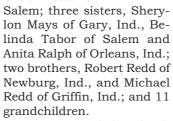
James Arnold Redd, 59, of Marion died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017 at his home.

U.S. Marines. Surviving are three daugh-

He was a veteran of the

ters, Corrissa Redd of Miami, Okla., Marilyn Redd of Bremerton, Wash., Brittany Redd of Bremerton, Wash.; three sons, Nick

Redd of Marion, Josh Redd of Bremerton, Wash., and Brandon Redd of Bremerton, Wash; his mother, Shirley Croft Redd of



He was preceded in death by his father Arnold Paul Redd.

Graveside services with military rites were at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8 at White's Chapel Cemetery with Bro. Steve Tinsley officiating.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services of Salem was in charge of arrangements.

Nelson

Patti Nelson, 60, of Caldwell County died Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 at her home.

She was a homemaker and member of Donaldson Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Steve Nelson; two daughters, Donna Everly and husband, Nathan of Madisonville and Brandi Harris and husband Tony of Marion; a son, Robert Nelson and wife, Denise of Princeton, grandchildren, Kirstie Willis Darnall and husband Anthony, Logan Harris, Cody Harris, Candi Nelson, Trey Willis, Racheal Nelson, Abby Foutch, Carley Foutch, Samantha Salyers, Evan Foutch, Sarah Everly and Caleb Harris; a great-grandchild, Tucker Nelson, four sisters, Marilyn Riger, Carolyn Cawhoun, Carolyn Cawhoun and Peggy Mason, all of Evansville, Julia Asher of Princeton and Ora Jane Helm of Paducah; a brother, Jack Decker of Rockport, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawson and Dorothy Fraze

Alyssa Everly and Anna Everly; and two sisters, Benalee Reddish and Dottie Sherrill.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Richie McKinney officiating. Burial was at Nelson Family

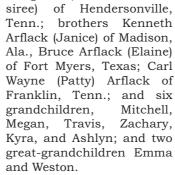
Decker; two grandchildren,

Hodge

Carolyn Gail Hodge, 76, of Clarksville, Tenn., died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017 at Centennial Hospital in Nashville.

She was born Nov. 10, 1940 in Marion to the late Claude Arflack and Ruby B. Arflack.

Surviving are her daughter, Melinda Gail Hodge of Clarksville, Tenn.; a son, David Lee Hodge (De-



She was preceded in death by her husband U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Larry Gene Hodge; son, Larry Wayne Hodge, and her parents.

She attended Tolu School and Marion High School, and was a member of Tolu Methodist Church.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion. Visitation was from 11 a.m., to 12:45 p.m., at Gilbert Funeral Home.

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THANK YO

We wish to thank all of our friends and family who showed us so much love and support during the passing of our daughter Judi.

Also, for all the cards, flowers and food brought to our home, thank you.

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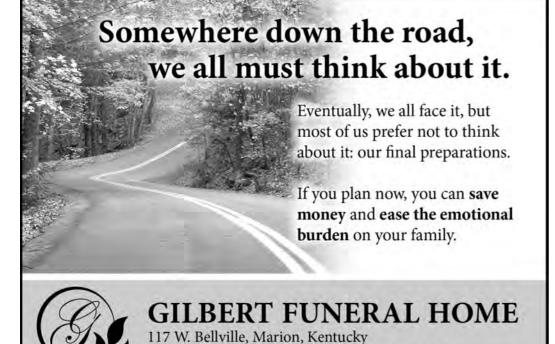
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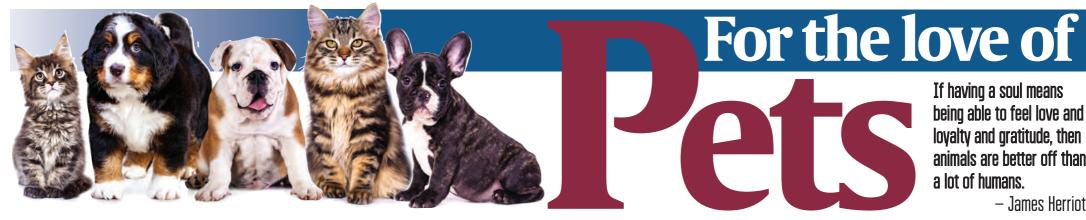
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If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans.

- James Herriot

Pet overpopulation a wide problem

Companion animal overpopulation is a problem that continues to tax the resources of communities throughout North America, including locally. Each year, millions of animals are euthanized in animal shelters because there are simply not enough people to adopt them.

One of the easiest ways to prevent pet overpopulation is to spay and neuter animals. Cats can reproduce at very fast rates. According to the Cat Rescue, Adoption & Foster Team of Central Oregon, two uncontrolled breeding cats can create the following situation if they have two litters a year at a survival rate of 2.8 kittens per litter: 12 cats in the first year, 66 cats in the second year, and 2,201 cats in the third year. Cats reach puberty

By the numbers

Numbers tell the story at the two local animal shelters in 2016.

Mary Hall-Ruddiman

- About 120 adoptions through shelter, 84 of which were dogs trained through prison programs.

County animal shelter

- 134 dogs adopted through shelter.
- 501 dogs to rescues.
- 88 dogs reclaimed. - 12 dogs euthanized.
- 10 dogs DOA.

between 4 and 12 months of age. Female cats reproduce between might come back into "heat" every 14 to 21 days until they have bred or daylight decreases considerably. Cats can give birth 60 days after they have bred.

With regard to when to spay or neuter animals, experts advise taking a "the earlier the better" approach. The North Shore Animal League America's SpayUSA says that, for many years, veterinarians were taught that cats and dogs had to be one year old to be spayed or neutered. But it is now known that kittens and pups can be spayed or neutered at the age of two months (or two pounds). The American Veterinary Medical Association has endorsed this practice, which is referred to as "early age neutering." When spayed or neutered early, animals recover more quickly from surgery than they would if spayed or neutered later in life.

The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies offers that spaying or neutering is the responsibility of all pet owners. But for some owners, the cost of spaying or neutering can be a deterrent. Several municipalities, humane societies and SPCAs now offer low-cost spay/neuter programs or clinics to address this issue. One such organization is the Beat the Heat Alliance, Inc., which offers spay/neuter access, assistance and education in northeastern Tennessee. The group also sponsors the Beat the Heat annual event.

By controlling the rate of reproduction, communities can help alleviate the strain that is posed by pet overpopulation.

Mary Hall-Ruddiman Shelter

Contact: 24 Just-A-Mere Road, about 4 miles east of Marion just off Ky. 120; (270) 965-2006.

- Hours: Open every day from 1 to 5 p.m.

- Online: MaryHallShelter.blogspot.com or on Facebook by searching for "Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter"

- Funding: Non-profit, no-kill shelter operating through private donations and fundraisers only.

- Adoptions: \$75 for cats includes spay or neuter, shots, worming, flea and tick treatment and feline leukemia and FIV testing; \$100 for non-trained dogs or \$175 for trained animals and all are spayed or neutered, up to date on shots, wormed, heartworm tested and kept on monthly flea, tick and heartworm preventatives. Adoptions are half off the entire month of February. Application for adoption is required to ensure animals get the best home possible.

- Volunteers: Inquire through the shelter.

Greatest needs: Dog and cat food, cat litter, cleaning supplies (bleach, Lysol, paper towels, detergents, etc.), old towels, blankets, collars, leashes and shampoo.

Parasites common in dogs, cats highly treatable

METRO SERVICES

Cats and dogs are beloved members of the family, and when they aren't feeling well, it can put a damper on all family activities. Parasites can be a problem for companion animals. Fortunately for family pets, parasites are highly treatable.

It is quite common for pets to become affected by external or internal parasites in their lifetimes. Fleas and ticks are examples of external parasites that feed on animals, and these same parasites may serve as intermediate hosts for other parasites that will develop internally. The internal parasites commonly seen in cats and dogs manifest themselves as worms in various parts of the body. The areas most affected include the intestinal tract and the circulatory system.

According to The Companion Animal Parasite Council, an independent council of veterinarians, veterinary parasitologists and other animal health care professionals, there are a number of intestinal worms that can infect dogs and cats, and they vary according to the species. These include hookworms, whipworms, tapeworms, and roundworms. Heartworms affect the heart,

lungs and blood vessels. Worms are quite prolific and can produce more than 100,000 eggs per day. These eggs are excreted through feces and can affect other animals in the area. Some pet parasites also can cause health problems in humans. Therefore, it is best for pet owners to educate themselves about parasites and make sure that pets get their immunizations, medications and checkups they need to remain healthy.

Heartworms

Heartworm is a potentially fatal disease. Although it can affect both cats and dogs, it's rare in cats. Heartworms are transmitted through mosquitoes. Microscopic worms infiltrate the animal's bloodstream and migrate to other areas of the body. Dogs can get hundreds of worms in their bodies, and heartworms can greatly affect the their overall health and quality of life. Cats may only get a handful of worms, and these worms do not live to adulthood.

Hookworms

Another parasite more common in dogs than cats, hookworms fasten to the walls of the small intestines and suck blood. They can be contracted from a puppy from mother's milk.

Tapeworms

Tapeworm is transmitted to dogs (and cats) that ingest fleas. They're noticed when end segments of the worm are seen in stool or in the fur under the tails of dogs and cats. These segments contain the eggs of new worms.

Roundworms

Roundworms are the most common parasitic worm found inside dogs. They are contracted in different ways, but dogs usually get them as puppies when their mother passes on roundworm larvae through the uterus. Larvated eggs also can be eaten from the environment or if a pet eats a small mammal infected by roundworms. Roundworms may be seen in

contaminated soil or passed to fecal matter and will require treatment. Roundworms may be passed to humans and contracted through contact with feces or soil where feces has been left standing.

Ear mites

Ear mites are transmitted through social interaction with other infected animals, which can include grooming, sleeping and playing together. They are common in cats, but dogs can get them as well. Inflammation around the ears and scratching of the ears or shaking of the head are symptoms of ear

Only a veterinarian can accurately diagnose the various parasites that dogs or cats can contract. Vets also will be able to develop the proper course of treatment to kill the parasites and prevent reinfection.

Food favors can hurt pets

METRO SERVICES

The revenue of the pet care industry is testament to the lengths people will go to ensure their pets are comfortable and receiving a high level of care. Wellmeaning pet owners may pamper their pets, and many believe giving treats of human food is the ultimate indulgence for their animals. However, these individuals may be unwittingly exposing their beloved pets to health problems by feeding them the wrong foods, such as:

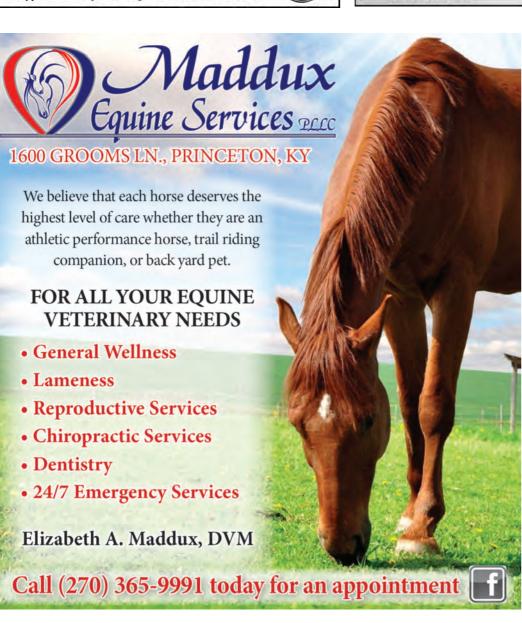
- Alcohol.
- Chocolate. - Dairy products.
- Fat trimmings, raw meat, raw eggs and raw fish.
 - Grapes and raisins.
 - Macadamia nuts. - Sweetened candy.

Foods that people consume should not be shared with pets unless they have been recommended by a veterinarian.











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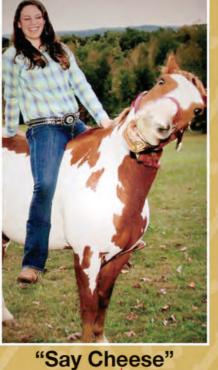
Maks with Brynn Porter

LOVE

Meet Sadie,

This is our Big Brown Baby, Sadie. She came to be our baby in January 2013. She is a Chesapeake Bay Retriever. She had been abused and dropped off at our place. We are so thankful for her. We don't have a dog hair in our house, just baby hair. She sleeps beside our bed, in her bed. Some nights she wants to go out and some nights she just wants to skip outdoors and get her cookie anyway.

Travis and Joyce Gardner



with Rainey Gibbs







SHELTER

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and have been relicensed every year (by the state)."

The county's current budget has set aside more than \$25,500, not including **Animal Control Officer Timmy** Todd's salary, for operation of Crittenden County Animal Shelter. That does not include donations of food, supplies and cash to the facility.

The local shelter took in 766 dogs, including puppies, in the 2016 calendar year. Todd did not have an exact



count on the number cats, but said it easily exded shelter The serves three counties Crittenden, Livingston and

Lvon. Livingston and Lyon bring their own animals to the shelter and subsidize its operation.

The shelter was not designed to take in the 100 animals per month it averages. But Todd and numerous volunteers have hustled to decrease euthanizations and find new homes for the animals through adoption and rescue. In fact, 501 dogs made their way out through transfers to rescues like the Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter in Marion and Love of Labs. Indiana, which flies in multiple times a year to relocate dogs to their facility that specializes in the adoption of Labrador retrievers. Another 134 dogs were adopted and 88 were reclaimed

by their owners. The shelter also maintains a presence on the internet to help animals find new homes.

Of the dozen dogs from the shelter destroyed, all were either too sick to treat or deemed danger-

ous. Todd said when he started a few years ago, euthanasias numbered about

Gaskill said notes from the student who graded the local facility indicate Todd and a band of volunteers go above



Crittenden County's animal control officer and volunteers with the local animal shelter have maintained a relationship with Love of Labs, Indiana to see that the shelter's Labrador retrievers get a good home through the animal rescue that specializes in finding homes for the breed. Love of Labs will utilize a volunteer's plane to pick up the animals at Marion-Crittenden County Airport and fly them back to Indianapolis. Above, a volunteer makes friends with a local Lab ready for flight.

and beyond the effort made at most shelters, noting that he simply did not have the resources to meet all the requirements of state law, which was a problem cited at

the shelters across the state rated deficient. The study shows the biggest collective problems at Kentucky shelters are adequate housing for the number of animals taken in, a lack of quarantine areas and the size and

quality of cat holding areas. Ventilation and cleanliness were also issues cited.

"In some cases, the people were doing as much as they could with what they had," Gaskill explained of shelter workers. "This was one of the

counties where there were just great people. (Todd) is a marvelous man and doing all kinds of great things. He was just doing the best he could

with what he had." But Newcom doesn't think the county's taxpayers would be willing to foot the bill to address some shortcomings at the shelter suggested by Gaskill, like heating and airconditioning, which he said was pointed out to him as one of the deficiencies at Crittenden County Animal Shelter.

"I've had animals all my life, and I guarantee you, none of them have had (central) heating and air, and they've all made it just fine," said Newcom, who added that he has accommodated his own pets with fans or heating pads in extreme conditions.

Gaskill counters that the intent of the study was not to single out shelters, but rather to show lawmakers that there is a great need among some county-operated facilities, especially in poor rural areas like Crittenden County. She said that initially after state laws were stiffened following the preceding survey of shelters in 1996, Frankfort made money available to help counties with upgrades. The 2016 study indicates the state may again need to step up.

"That money ran out very

quickly," Gaskill said. "The counties themselves don't have it.'

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Crittenden County Animal Shelter

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county. They can

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county shelter.

- Contact: 1901 U.S. 60 East, Marion.; (270) 969-1054. - **Hours**: Open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 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 veterinarys clinic with exceptions to some animals that might cost more.
- **Volunteers**: Applications are available for prospective
- **Greatest needs**: Dog food, cat litter, cleaning supplies (towels, bleach, detergent, etc.), and small blankets.



Calendar

Crittenden County Friends of the Library will meet at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at the library.

National Active and Employees Association Chapter 1373 will meet at 11:15 a.m., Feb. 15 at Crittenden County Public

Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Pubic Library. The program will be on deciphering the old handwriting of long ago. Participants are welcome to bring a document and share with the group.

Legion suggests red for veterans

The Burna American and encourages everyone to wear red each Friday to honor our overseas military personnel. The continued use of yellow ribbons in honor of our military is also encouraged to express patriotism.

Extension events

4-H Rockology Club will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Clement Mineral Museum. Youth ages 9-18 are welcome. Call (270) 965-5236 for more information.

 Learn to crochet. Call (270) 965-5236 to register for a Crochet 101 class to be held Feb. 11, Feb. 25 and March 11 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., at the Extension Office Annex. This class is open to adults and children ages 9

- 4-H Eyes in the Skies astronomy club will meet at the Crittenden County Public Library at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 13. All youth ages 9-18 are welcome to join.

- Crochet Corner will meet from noon-1 p.m., Feb. 15 at the Extension Office. This group is open to crocheters of any level. Please bring a current project or call for a supply list (270) 965-5236.

Age change for kindergarters

Beginning with the next school year, children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1. Until now, the cutoff was

The General Assembly changed the law in 2012 based on the premise that younger students may not be ready for kindergarten. The change takes effect for the 2017-18 school year.

Senior Menu

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

clude: - Thursday (today): Menu is baked spaghetti with broccoli salad, whole wheat garlic breadstick and mandarin oranges. Craft day begins at 10 Valentine's Day

fundraiser will begin at 5 p.m. - Friday: Menu is meatballs with gravy, mashed poseasoned peas, tropical fruit and whole wheat roll. Bingo begins at 10:30

- Monday: Menu is tuna and noodles, turnip greens, wheat roll with margarine and brownie. Ladies' exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Tax prepara-

tion available by appointment. Tuesday: Menu is chicken fajita pasta, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick with margarin and carrot raisin

salad. Massage therapy by Heather will be available. - Feb. 15: Menu is beef pot roast with gravy, mashed

potatoes, squash casserole, whole wheat roll and peach cobbler. Bingo begins at 10:30

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 informa-

New friend recalls path to U.S. citizenship

We were lucky. When my mother needed someone to stay with after her onset of dementia, we found the perfect person. It wasn't easy. Dad had left Mom financially sound, but we would not have enough to pay someone 24/7. In fact, when we tried to find a full-time caregiver, it looked hopeless.

My siblings and I didn't know which way to turn. At the same time, my mom, fully capable of expressing her feelings said, "I want to stay here. This has been my home all my life.'

We wanted that for her, too, if only we could find a way. My sister and I were both disabled and my brother worked fulltime. Still, we would do everything we could to honor her wishes.

In our search, one name kept popping up - Sonja Uhlmann Kirby. We learned that Sonja had been sitting with a family friend's sister until she became so ill she had to be hospitalized. I made a phone call to our friend to find out more. I breathed a sigh of relief as she told me that unless Sonja had accepted a job elsewhere, she was available and began to give her the highest of recommendations. She said her reputation as a caregiver was above reproach, a woman who truly cared. "If you can get Sonja, you'll love her," she said.

Shortly thereafter, Sonja

became my mom's companion and best friend and we do love her. She came to Kentucky from Germany in

1965, and has given her time and devotion to people many throughout the years. As I have gotten to know her, I have become fascinated with her life story and have tried to convince her to share it with others. With patriotism at an all-time high, this was the perfect time.

In Sonja's own words: "I live with a lady as her companion and

caregiver. The 2016 election was an emotional event for me as well as many others. The morning of the election, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, we went to cast our vote. Like children, we were both so excited, we couldn't hold back

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"At 86, my patient had light dementia, but was otherwise fully aware of what was happening. Her memory wasn't what it used to be, but she knew who she wanted to vote for. We had discussed it many times over the past year. She cried as we walked out of the building. We both took voting very seriously, so grateful for the privilege.

"On our way home, I had

thoughts of another emotional event — my entry into this country from Germany. "To me, it was very impor-

> tant to be loval and faithful to God first and to the pledge I had made all those years ago to my country.

> "In, 1963, I met and married my husband who was stationed at Lindsay Air Force Base in Wiesbaden. I was pregnant with our second child when he ended his service in the military. It took a year to prepare mountains of discharge papers and, when the day came to say goodbye

to my family, I didn't have time to think twice. Before I knew it, we left my homeland and flew on an aircraft that had definitely seen bet-

"It was a long nine-hour trip to the United States. I was exhausted, but remember seeing the statue of Liberty and the Empire State building. When we arrived at McGuire Air Base, my mother-in-law was waiting to greet us and take us to a motel. To date, I don't know why she insisted on driving from New York to Kentucky, unless it was to show off her new Cadillac! I was very quiet and shy and couldn't speak a word of English except hello. I was totally dependent on my husband and his mother.

"At the restaurant where we had our supper, I wondered why there was ice in a glass of water. Everything was so different and I spent most of the night crying of homesickness. While we were on our way to Kentucky, I had a chance to think of what lay ahead and how my in-law family would receive me. I looked out the window at this vast country felt very small. I knew nothing of the people, their lives and traditions, and had many questions. But it was too late to turn back.

"Luckily, the transition turned out to be easy for me. I learned the language very quickly. In preparation to become an American citizen, I studied and memorized events in American History and learned the laws of the land and government. My husband and children were American. I was not. With all my heart, I wanted to be a U.S citizen too. After six years, I applied for citizenshin

"At the time, the Federal Building in Paducah was not holding regular ceremonies for immigrants and so we went to Bowling Green. I did not take becoming a citizen of another country lightly. It was exciting and as we assembled in the courtroom, I quickly counted approximately 30 people. When the judge arrived, I became

nervous. Although, he made a very long speech, it was welcoming.

"After all the studying, I was asked only three ques-

How many representatives

are there from each state? · How many states are in

the country? · Who was the 16th presi-

"We each received our letter from the residing president, Richard M. Nixon. Today, I remember the emotion I felt at that ceremony when I raised my hand and pledged allegiance to what was now my country. I deemed it an honor. I believe

all those who disregard what

this country stands for and

themselves, don't deserve to

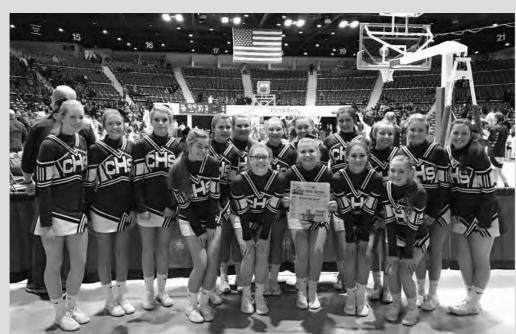
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"My life started over that day. On our way home, I sat back in the seat and knew I had done a good thing. Of course, like most people, there were some things I wished I could undo. But, I have learned in this life that trials come and go. Since only the strong survive, my prayer is that faith in God and love of country will remain strong in my heart and

will be mine always.' (Linda Defew is a freelance writer from Livingston County who has had numerous works published. Her column appears in this newspaper periodically.)

Where in the World is The Crittenden Press?



The Crittenden Press traveled to Frankfort Jan. 25 for Kentucky's All A Classic basketball tournament where it competed against other cheerleading squads represented at the tournament. The 16-member squad pictured above is coached by Cindy Crabtree.

CCHS students reap benefits of Kentucky Lottery funds

STAFF REPORT

Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, says higher education in western Kentucky once again reaped the rewards of the Kentucky Lottery proceeds, including Crittenden Counthy where more than a quarter-million dollars was awarded students last year.

During the 2016 fiscal year, 2,294 grants and scholarships worth \$3.55 million were awarded to students in Senate District 4, which Ridley represents.

In Crittenden County, 164 grants and scholarships valued at \$257,849 were awarded last year to help students with the costs of pursuing a higher educa-

"Obtaining a post-secondary degree has been made easier for hundreds of students from Crittenden County because of the Kentucky Lottery," said Ridley. "I cannot think of a better use for these funds than educating our young people - many of whom may not have been able to attend college without these grants and scholarships.

Other grants awarded in the Senate District included: - 993 grants and scholarships worth \$1,500,460 in Henderson County.

- 203 grants and scholarships worth \$294,384 in Livingston County.

- 361 grants and scholar-

ships worth \$585,690 in

- 279 grants and scholarships worth \$434,656 in Webster County.

By statute, 55 percent of lottery revenue funds the need-based College Access Program and Kentucky Tuition Grants, while the remaining 45 percent goes to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship, or KEES, program. This type of balance between need-based and merit-based scholarships is unlike any other program in the country, according to the senator.

These funds represent a part of the \$2.4 billion in scholarship grants provided for students in the Commonwealth since 1999 from Kentucky Lottery proceeds. Across the Commonwealth, 654,249 students have received a lottery-funded college scholarship or grant since 1999. That equates to one in every five Kentuck-

"This money has made a positive impact in our district and around the state," Ridley noted.

Prior to 1999, the Council on Postsecondary Education found the number of students attending college in Kentucky had remained flat for several years. Since the start of the Kentucky Lottery-funded scholarship and grant programs, college attendance in the Commonwealth has jumped 40

percent. At the same time, KEES data indicates more of Kentucky's best and brightest students are staying in

Kentucky to attend college. "Not only are more students advancing their education after high school, but we are keeping more of our students - our best and our brightest - at home rather than losing them to other states, where they often stay to work and raise their families," said Senator Ridley.

The senator said an investment in education is an investment in the future of Kentucky.

"To help ensure long term economic growth in the Commonwealth, we need to invest in the education of our citizens. The young people who are graduating from colleges, universities and other postsecondary schools are our future leaders. We know that education pays through higher salaries and benefits so the doors this money opens ensures better futures for our children and grandchildren," Senator Ridley explained. "I am proud that these funds are helping our students to realize their dreams of achieving successful educations."

Ridley said 95 cents of every non-loan student aid dollar awarded by the commonwealth comes from the sale of lottery tickets.

Community Christmas classes scheduled for annual holiday event

If you plan to sign up for Christmas assistance through The Crittenden County Community Christmas Program in 2017, you are required to complete three educational/enrichment classes by September. This requirement will allow your child/children to be put on the community's Christmas Angel Trees.

Below are the classes that Il he offered for February and March. Other classes will be offered through September. Some classes require pre-registration.

Crocheting 101

A beginner class for those interested in learning to crochet will be held from noon-1 p.m., the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Crittenden County Extension Office, located at 1534 U.S. 60 E, Marion. Presenter is Becky Zahrte. Pre-Register and get a supply list by calling the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236.

Kids Now Plus Healthy Babies Workshop

This workshop for pregnant women and moms with babies under two months old will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Crittenden County Health Department, located at 190 Industrial Drive in Marion. Pre-register by calling (270) 886-0486 or emailing: knp@pennyroyalcenter.org. Refreshments are provided. A free \$20 gift card to Wal-Mart will be given upon completion of the class. Presented by Pennyroyal Regional Prevention Center.

Computer Class

Does your computer confuse you? Learn more about basic programming the third Thursday of each month. You may bring your own laptop or utilize one from the library. Presenter is Carol Harrison. Class will be held at the Crittenden County Public Library, located at 204 W Carlisle St., Marion. Pre-register by calling (270) 965-3354.

Food & A New You

Take care of your body with better nutrition. Sue Parrent, Crittenden County EFNEP, will present this class at 2 p.m., Feb. 23 at the Crittenden County Extension Office, 1534 U.S. 60 E, Marion. Pre-register by calling (270) 965-5236

Born Learning

Calling all parents who have children between the ages of birth and 5. Have dinner with your family and

learn tips and tricks on making sure that your child will be kindergarten ready. Presented by the Crittenden County School District, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Feb. 27 and March 20 at Crittenden County Elementary School, 120 Autumn Lane, Marion.

Garden Program

Learn how to design and plan your garden, start your own seeds and transplant! Presented by Dee Bras Crittenden County ANR, from 10:30 a.m.-noon at Crittenden County Public Library, 204 W Carlisle St., Marion. Pre-register by calling (270) 965-5236.

My Plate & You

Using My Plate will ensure you get the correct amount of nutrition on a daily basis. Join us to learn how! Presented by Sue Parrent, Crittenden County EFNEP, at 2 p.m., March 21 at the Crittenden County Extension Office, 1534 U.S. 60 E, Marion. Pre-Register by calling (270) 965-5236.

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Digital conversation

Crittenden County Middle School held its first-ever paperless Data Day. The recent integration of digital learning and assignment of Chromebooks for all students allowed teachers and administrators to use electronic means to compare student test data. 'We discussed KPREP scores, iReady benchmarks, attendance and report card grades, and students completed an online Google form to monitor their own growth and progress during the conference," explained CCMS and CCHS instructional coach Tiffany Blazina. Pictured at left with administrator Diana Lusby is eighth grader Hailey



Eagle in the making

Eagle Scout candidate Jacob Hackney of Marion presents a check to Crittenden County Judge-Executive Friday to support the county's animal shelter. As part of his Eagle project, Hackney and some other Boy Scouts recently spent a day at Crittenden County Animal Shelter doing repairs at the facility and accepting donations of cash, dog food, blankets, toys and cleaning supplies. Hackney raised \$268 in cash for the shel-



Tumble Extreme competitors are (front from left) Sissy Collins, Alivia Caudill, Mary Perryman, Paige Gilbert holding Molleigh Crumpton and Nora Hollis and (standing) Ames Heading; (back from left) Rianna Maness, Aubrey Hollis, Payton Maness and Rilev Summers.

Marion tumblers win lots of first-place hardware

Tumble Extreme's Tumble Team participated in the Airborne Winter Classic in Paris, Tenn., Jan. 28.

Results are as follows: Riley Summers, first place trampoline, first place double-mini, first place tum-

Sissy Collins, first place trampoline, first place double-mini, first place tum-

bling. Gilbert, second Paige place trampoline, first place

double-mini, second place tumbling Mary Perryman, first place trampoline, first place

double-mini, second place tumbling. Hollis, second Aubrev place trampoline, first place

Nora Hollis, first place trampoline, first place double-mini, first place tumbling.

Payton Maness, first place trampoline, first place double-Mini, first place tumbling

Rianna Maness, first place trampoline, first place double-mini, second place tumbling.

Alivia Caudill, first place trampoline, first place double-mini, first place tumbling

Molleigh Crumpton, first place trampoline, first place double-mini, first place tumbling.

Ames Heady, third place trampoline, second place double-mini, third place tumbling.

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Friends of Library alters meeting time

Due to a programming conflict. Crittenden County Public Library Director Regina Merrick is changing the next Friends of the Library meeting to 6 p.m. today (Thursday).

The Friends organization is trying to gather ideas for how to best help the library achieve the goals set forth in its strategic plan, which takes into consideration what the community needs Friends of the Library can

"We're not just about helping the library," explains Merrick. "We want to see that the library is an important hub in the community."

Attendance at last month's reboot of Friends was low due to poor weather, and Merrick is hoping for a larger turnout

this month to get the organization off the ground again. Friends of the Library leadership will need to be selected next week.

"We need to elect officers so that we can actively come alongside the library to fulfill this mission," Merrick said.

Friends of the Library meetings are open to anyone in the community interested in the public library. Unless circumstances arise like this month, Friends are scheduled to meet the third Thursday of each month.

Dues to join are only \$10 per year for a family or \$5 for individuals. Other levels of support are corporate, \$25; contributor, \$50; supporter, \$100; donor, \$250; and benefactor, \$500 or more.

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The Kentucky Commissioner of Education is seeking applications to be considered for appointment to the Crittenden County Board of Education. You are invited to nominate yourself or someone you know who is qualified to service on the Crittenden County Board of Education representing Educational **Division No. 5.** This vacancy was created by a resignation of Board Member Phyllis Orr. Under the provisions of KRS 160.190(2), this appointment is effective until the November 2018 regular election. This is a public service position and the person appointed will not be employed by the Crittenden County Public Schools

NOTICE OF VACANT CRITTENDEN

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT

REQUIREMENTS

Board members must be:

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- Must be in compliance with anti-nepotism state laws.
- Cannot provide contract services for the school district.

RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Providing visionary leadership that establishes long-range plans and programs for the district. - Hiring the district superintendent and issuing annual evaluation reports.

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22, 2017. Interviews will be scheduled approximately 6-15 working days after this mail date. All qualified applications received before the interviews are scheduled will be considered.

Applications should be completed and postmarked by Wednesday, Feb.

Applications forms for this position are available from: Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 W. Elm St., Marion, KY

- The Kentucky Department of Education, (502) 564-4474. KDE website, education.ky.gov/districts/legal/Pages/default.aspx.

All applications must be mailed directly to: **Commission of Education** 5th Floor, 300 Building **Sower Boulevard** Frankfort, KY 40601

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2015-2016 CRITTENDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

2015-2016 REPORT CARD

		By Gender		By Race						
	All Students	Male	Female	White Non Hispanic	African American	Hispanic	Asian	Two or more races	Students with disabilities	Free / Reduced Price Meals
Performance of Students Tes	ted (% profici	ent/disting	uished or me	eting benchi	narks)					
Elementary - KPREP			America, se	3.			2			
Reading	58.8	57.7	60.0	59.2					37.8	50,0
Mathematics	58.5	57.7	59.4	58.2					35.6	48.4
Social Studies	59.3	66.7	50.0						53.8	52.1
Writing	38.4	22.9	57.9	37.8					7.7	35.4
Language Mechanics	53.8	48.3	58.3	54.3					16.7	45.0
Middle School - KPREP										
Reading	55.3	46.8	64.2	56.0					15.2	43.2
Mathematics	38.8	34.6	43.2	39.6					9.1	31.4
Social Studies	56.3	54.8	57.4	57.6						37.7
Writing	35.5	23.2	48.0	35.8					0.0	27.4
Language Mechanics	32.7	26.3	40.9		III.			1		32.1
High School - KPREP										
Writing	41.8	27.9	58.3		1				7.7	30.1
Language Mechanics	61.4	45.7	78.6						10.0	36.8
High School - KPREP End of C	ourse		- 6							
English II	60.8	59.5	62.5						-	51.4
Algebra II	24.5	25.5	23.5						0.0	17.3
Biology	48.5	56.4	37.9						14 7 7	41.4
U.S. History	69.9	72.0	67.4		-				20.0	62.8
ACT - Grade 11				i .				d	-	
English	58.7	46.9	72.1						7.7	38.6
Mathematics	25.0	24.5	25.6				1 1		0.0	13.6
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Other Indicators									7	
Graduation Rate (4-Year)			0.0	11					11000	
4-Year Adjusted Cohort Rate	86.6	87.8	85.4	87.1	1 1		***	***	80.0	81.1
Advanced Placement										
Students Enrolled	28	14	14	26	1		1		11	7
Student Completers	28	14	14	26	1		1		1	7
Test Takers	21	*	*	19	*		*		100	*
Percent Scores 3-5	56	*	*	56.52	*		*			*
Advanced Placement Course	o Offered Diet	holoud						+		

Other Indicators (2014-2015 Students)		Student Transition to Adult Life - 2015 graduates		
Average Daily Attendance	1,240.02	College (In-State and Out-of-State)	46.90%	
Attendance Rate	94.80%	College (In-State only)	39.50%	
Retention Rate	0.20% College (Out-of-State only)		7.40%	
Parent Involvement		Work and Part-Time College	7.40%	
Number of students whose parent/guardian had at least one teacher conference	757	Vocational/Technical Training	0.00%	
Number of parent/guardians voting in School Council (SBDM) elections	22	Military	1.20%	
Number of parent/guardians serving on the School Council (SBDM) or its committees	14	Working	33.30%	
Number of volunteer hours	6,970	Unknown	11.10%	

(1) To protect student privacy and comply with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), small cell counts are suppressed (*) or excluded from reporting (2) KRS 158.6453(20) requires disaggregation by economic status (Free and Reduced Price Meals) for Advanced Placement courses; additional detail has been included for consistency

(3) International Baccalaureate (IB) and WorkKeys data are not available at the state level. (4) Additional detail is available in the on-line School Report Card @ http://applications.education.ky.gov/SRC/

UK gridiron recruit long way from home

One of the more unique football recruiting stories has to be Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald and his journey

from Nigeria to the University of Kentucky.

Steve Fitzgerald has been a high school basketball coach in Florida for 20 plus years. He once helped a friend find a school for a Nigerian basketball player who had been in school in Miami only to have the school shut down.

"The next time Vaught's my friend went to Views look for kids to come to the U.S. to play basketball, he found a couple and contacted me,"

Larry

Vaught

UK Sports Columnist

said Fitzgerald. Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald was not a basketball player when he came to Florida as a 12-year-old, sixth-grade student. He came to Florida with two other Nigerians who intended to play basketball.

"His dad was a politician and helped fund camps to bring kids to the U.S. He wanted Abule to get a better education," Fitzgerald said. "Abule was with a host family but it was not ideal for him. They all started spending more time with us. Because I was a coach, he could not live with us even though he was already like part of the

The Fitzgeralds already had six biological children ranging in age now from 10 to 21. They were all in favor of going through the adoption process for Abule. The adoption of their first son from Nigeria became official in 2012 while Abule's adoption became official in 2013.

'We can't remember a time now that he was not part of our family," Fitzgerald said. "Having kids from another culture, they are so appreciative of everything here because where they came from everything was not easy

He was tall -6-2 — when he came to the United States. But he was no basketball

"He was uncoordinated when he got here. He couldn't shoot or dribble,' Fitzgerald said. "A huge part of what makes him special is he is self-made athlete. By seventh grade, he was a good player. He has huge hands and was athletic enough after a month or two of getting his coordination he could actu-

ally dunk as a sixth-grader.' Abadi-Fitzgerald is now 6-6, 240 pounds. He's scored over 1,000 points in his basketball career at three schools playing for his adopted father. He's a lowpost player primarily but can play on the perimeter at times.

"He got lower level (Division 1) interest but his size scared off a lot of big-time

schools," Fitzgerald said. "He just decided football was his ticket to take him further."

> Fitzgerald says he doubts Abadi-Fitzgerald knew anything about Kentucky or that it had a good basketball team when coach Mark Stoops and his staff re-

"All along in the process he was really sort of mature and had an idea what he wanted,' Fitzgerald said. "Not knowing a lot about college football, he just wanted the best fit for him.

The way the program looked nationally really was not a deciding factor to him. He just wanted to be comfortable with the staff and players and be able to get a good education."

He played just two seasons (freshman and senior years) of high school football. He had 24 tackles, two sacks and 13 quarterback hurries last season at Victory Christian Academy. Stoops praised Adabi-Fitzgerald's potential and willingness to learn

The coaches also impressed him and his family in a different way.

"We were kind of surprised that a big state school would have a strong spiritual component. That made us all feel like it was a special place because my wife and I sensed when they had prayer, it was genuine. It was not for show. That put us both at ease,'

Then Abule saw the facilities and the commitment to developing him and coach Stoops saying he wanted him as part of program. He took all that to heart and that's

Kentucky soon." Mashburn, Davis

Fitzgerald said.

Veteran Sporting News columnist Mike DeCourcy has covered college basketball for over 20 years and knew Kentucky coach John Calipari long before he got to

DeCourcy is one of the nation's most respected journalists — that's why he is in the United States Basketball Writers Hall of Fame.

During a recent conversation, I asked him who he thought were the three best UK players he has seen play. There were no restrictions. It could be four-year players or one-and-done guys or anything in between.

He said picking two of them — Jamal Mashburn and Anthony Davis — was

"Jamal Mashburn is an easy choice. Despite that Christian Laettner moment (in the 1992 NCAA Tournament when Laettner's lastsecond shot beat UK in overtime), that was one of pivotal minutes in Kentucky

never that until that night and Kentucky basketball was reminded of what it could be and the next five or six years were great, and it began that why he will be heading to "Mashburn, I was there

history," DeCourcy said.

"Kentucky went toe to toe

and lost on miracle when no-

body really thought they had

the talent to stay with Duke.

nated the 90s. They were

"That is why they domi-

that night, he was phenomenal. I was there in New Orleans when UK made the Final Four with him (the next year). He is an easy choice in that trio of great Kentucky players

"Without a doubt Anthony Davis is in there. It's kind of tricky because he only played one year. But Anthony Davis' one season was phenomenal. At midseason that year we do an All-American team and Anthony was on the second or third team. But I remember writing he would be national player of the year, and he was. He was incredible all vear and was in the tournament as well."

DeCourcy debated going with Tony Delk for the third spot. However, he opted for

Karl-Anthony Towns. "Karl was such a force at the heart of that undefeated team, and such a surprise to me in his one year," De-Courcy said. "I saw him going into his junior season of high school playing with John (Calipari) on the Dominican national team. I knew he had great ability, but all he did was play on the perimeter."

DeCourcy thought he might eventually be like NBA all-star Dirk Nowitzki of Dallas, a big guy with extraordinary perimeter skills.

"John convinced him that playing around the basket would make him special. He could do lots of things that nobody else could do. He has been all of that and more in

the NBA, too," DeCourcy said. "At Kentucky he abandoned the perimeter game because that was not what the team needed. He added inside play and defense.

"He was a 100 percent different player after a year at Kentucky. He came there with a lot of talent, but left with even more.'

Landon Young

Kentucky freshman offensive lineman Landon Young enjoys finding ways to make other people happy.

Kentucky football fans certainly were happy with his play last season that helped UK reach the TaxSlayer Bowl and get a regular-season win over Louisville.

Last week Young helped make a different set of folks happy when he stopped by Cambridge Place Rehab in Lexington for its Super Bowl party. He got to meet Lillie Atwater Owens, a resident at the facility. Her son, Dallas, was a football star at Lafayette - Young's high school - and then at Ken tucky where he was the starting safety on the 1977 team that went 10-1.

Dallas Owens passed away in 2013 and his mother enjoyed having a chance to talk football with Young

Jacob Tamme

Having her husband, Jacob Tamme, being a part of the Super Bowl for the third time in his career was a lot less stressful for Allison Tamme this year.

Jacob Tamme, a former Boyle County High School and University of Kentucky standout, had been to the Super Bowl with Indianapolis and Denver. This year he went with Atlanta even though he was on injured reserve after hurting his shoulder earlier in the season.

"It is not as stressful this time," Allison Tamme said

while in Houston for the game

She joked that for his first Super Bowl trip he bought a new suit. For this one, she pulled out the same suit to pack, saw a spot on it and used a Baby Wipe to get it off and sent him on his way.

Allison Tamme had a little fun on Twitter before the Falcons beat Green Bay in the NFC championship game to reach the Super Bowl.

"Dear Packers, You ended by husband's season on October 30th. Today, the Falcons will end yours. All my best, Allison," she posted on

For those of us who know her, that jab was a little out of character.

"I was a little miffed because they had caused his season-ending injury," Allison Tamme said. "I knew we were going to win (the NFC title game). Both families (hers and Jacob's) were traveling to the game. My mom is so soft spoken and kind. She said, 'Allison you cannot do that.' I am not super outspoken usually even though contractors at our house do call me Miss Sassy. But I just felt like doing it and also having a little fun."

Makayla Epps

Kentucky senior Makayla Epps is now in fifth place on the all-time UK scoring list with 1,620 points after her 23-point outing against Vanderbilt. That was her fourth straight game with 20 or more points and 10th of the season.

Epps certainly impressed Vanderbilt coach Stephanie White again.

"She's special. I think her ability to play at all three levels – shoot the 3, get to the paint and play in the midrange - she's one of the great finishers with contact. She has great body control and she plays with emotion, and I

PACS Board of Directors.

love that! She's got an edge about her," White said. "She's got an edge that you need to be successful and I love that about her. She's special and she kicked our

White says not to worry about Epps wearing down, either, despite the high number of minutes she has to play for UK and the different things she has to do on both ends of the court.

"I think her body type is built for it. I think a lot of times it's mental too and it's preparation. She's so much better now than when she was younger at taking care of her body and understanding what it takes to be able to sustain, not only in a game but the season," White said.

"She's strong as an ox and she doesn't put herself at risk for injury because she always has great body control. A lot of times you'll see people who set themselves up for injury because they're kind of all over the place and they don't have really good body control. She's always got control I think she's going to make a great pro. She's got the skill set, the mentality. Now all she has to do is continue to focus on all the little things and I think she could have a long career."

Quote of the week

Kentucky recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow on recruiting boost from beating Louisville — "I know when our coaches went out in December I had a lot of people telling me our coaches were walking in those schools with a swag. Everyone was talking about the Louisville game.'

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



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above, Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald came to the U.S. From Nigeria when he was 12 years old and was eventually adopted by Steve Fitzgerald and his wife. Now he's headed to UK to play football. At right, Former UK standout tight end Jacob Tamme was part of his third Super Bowl team and his wife, Allison, couldn't resist a friendly Twitter jab before the NFC title game.

Atmos continues to upgrade Marion lines

Work continues in Marion to upgrade natural gas serv-

During Atmos Energy's 2009 rate case, the Kentucky Public Service Commission approved a pipeline replacement program for the utility's service territory in Kentucky. This program enables Atmos Energy to replace bare steel and other aging infrastructure.

"Atmos Energy is committed to the safety and reliability of our system. It is our number one priority," said Mike Coleman, Princeton's Operations Supervisor, adding "And with that we must replace another section of pipe.

The nationwide modernization of its delivery system is part of a 15-year plan for Atmos Energy that began in 2011. Aging metal lines are being replaced with durable plastic pipes. Both mains and service lines to customers are being replaced. The utility has already replaced several

miles of steel lines in Marion

with PVC since 2012. This winter and spring, contractors will be installing 12,000 feet of pipe on East Second Street, Rochester Ave, Old Shady Grove Road, Carr Street, North Clay Street, Guess Drive, Club Drive, East Bellville Street from South Walker Street to east of Shady Grove Road, Oak Street, South Walker Street, Depot Street from South Walker Street to just west of Kevil Street, South College Street to a half-block from Depot Street and North Walker Street. This project will affect approximately 120 customers. Each homeowner will be individually

Atmos Energy does not anticipate any street closures, but will work with local officials should something change as the project progresses. The anticipated date of completion is May 15, notwithstanding any unforeseen complica-

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Public Notice

PACS LOW-INCOME ELECTION

The Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc., will be holding

a Low-Income Election on February 10, 2017 at 10 AM at 107

South Main, Suite 208, Marion, KY 42064. The purpose of this

meeting is to elect a low-income representative to serve on the

Any resident of Crittenden County is welcome to attend this

important meeting, but only poverty guideline certified low-

- Required and preferred qualifications to be elected are: 1. Required: Be a resident of Crittenden County
- 2. Required: Have transportation to and from the board meetings six times per year.
- 3. Preferred: Low-Income
- 4. Preferred: Have knowledge of problems being faced by the low-income sector of Crittenden County.

For more information concerning this important meeting call: Harold Monroe, PACS Executive Director, (270) 886-6341

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Lady Rockets at Hopkins Central Rockets at Hopkins Central

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Hodge's covote contest

Hodge's Outdoor Sports is sponsoring its annual coyote hunting contest this weekend. Register at the store on Sturgis Road before Friday at 5 p.m. The event is for two-hunter teams and lasts 24 hours. Cost is \$20 per team.

FOOTBALL

Former coach in college

Steve Pardue, a former Rocket football coach, has been named head coach at LaGrange College in Georgia. LaGrange plays a Division III football schedule in the USA South Athletic Conference. It is a private, four-year liberal arts and sciences college located in LaGrange, just east of Atlanta, which is where Pardue resides. He coached at Crittenden County from 1987-1990 and spent a number of years at two different Georgia high schools, including LaGrange High. He was an assistant football coach under Joker Phillips at the University of Kentucky and just finished a threeyear stint as head coach at East Coweta High School in Georgia.

MISCELLANEOUS

ATV park coming soon

Hopkins County is hoping an ATV Park at its former Barnsley Landfill will open this spring. The ATV park will cover about 700 acres and is being established largely with funds from state

Thompson elevated to associate head coach

Over the past couple of years, it had become

It's clear, Starnes endorsing Thompson for head job in '18

STAFF REPORT

Rocket coach Al Starnes has announced the promotion Sean Thompson to associate head coach of the Crittenden County football team.

Many see this as the defecto changing of the guard - a move aimed at making it clear that Thompson gets Starnes' endorsement to become the next head coach.

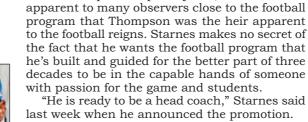
Starnes, who will begin his 27th season next fall, plans on retiring in June 2018.

"Sean has demonstrated his ability to lead the football program and because of my (administrative) position, I want it to be clear that he is in charge in my absence," said the 54-year-old Starnes, who has coached in Marion since 1991.

Thompson

Associate

Head Coach



"Sean has demonstrated care and concern for all students, not just football players," Starnes said. "For me that is very important because it's the way I always approached this job.'

Thompson, 30, is a 2004 graduate of Crittenden County High School. He played four years of collegiate football as a wide receiver at Campbellsville. His coaching career began at Union County, but he's been an assistant at Crittenden for three years, serving as offensive coordinator the last two seasons.

Currently director of the Alternative Learning Center, Thompson has an undergradate degree in business and a master's in special education.

Thompson has been instrumental in consolidating the entire football program from flag football and little league to middle and high school under one umbrella.

"That continuity is important," Thompson

"For me, this is truly an honor," Thompson continued. "This is exactly where I want to be."

Thompson came to Crittenden County as a middle schooler. Prior to that he was living in Colorado with his mother, whose family had relocated to Marion from Florida. One of the main reasons he came to Marion in the late 1990s was because of the football program.

"Rocket football means so much to him," Starnes said. "This is all by design as we prepare to move forward into the future and I can rest assured that this program will be in good

When Starnes retires next year, the head football coach's position, by school district policy, will be posted and open to any applicant.

However, it is entirely clear who the longtime skipper wants as his replacement.

Kicking forms Habit

Perkins gets scholarship to play at KY Wesleyan

Up at 4 a.m., each day before school, Will Perkins is determined to get stronger and more explosive.

Perhaps that is what Kentucky Wesleyan has seen in the Crittenden County High School senior, prompting the Owensboro college to offer Perkins a partial athletic scholarship.

The 17-year-old was surrounded by family and friends on Monday when he officially signed forms to join the Division II football program.

Perkins had never kicked a football before the fall of 2015. Now, it's something he studies and thinks about daily. Rocket football coach Al Starnes

says Perkins is a very hard worker and he's not surprised that he's getting a chance to further his education and play collegiate football. "He only played for us two years,

but we saw right away that he had a leg and could help us," Starnes Perkins joined the CCHS football

team without a thread of experience in the sport. In fact, he is still learn-

The son of a former U.S. Army helicopter pilot, Perkins was intro-



Surrounded by family and school officials, Will Perkins on Monday signed a scholarship to play football at Kentucky Wesleyan. Pictured are (from left) brother Rowan Perkins, mother Leah Perkins, Will Perkins, father Adam Perkins, brother Noah Perkins, (back) CCHS Principal Curtis Brown and CCHS head football coach Al Starnes.

duced to soccer while living in Germany. He also lived in Hawaii and Alabama and played on travel soc-"We thought we were setting him

up to play soccer in college," said his father, Adam, who is now a pilot for the air ambulance service headquartered in Marion.

When the family moved to Marion from Hopkinsville a couple of years ago, Perkins realized there was no high school opportunities for boys soccer here. So, he went for the football team.

In between his first taste of kicking a ball that wasn't round and his signing to play college football, Perkins became a record-setting place kicker at Crittenden County He is currently No. 2 in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's all-time recordbook for most structor and watches video and

extra-point kicks in game - 10 at Fulton County. He is also among the top 10 in consecutive pointafter attempts without a miss - 33. He also holds the school record in both categories. By the end of his senior season,

Perkins was consistently booting his kickoffs to the opposing team's 10-yard line and got some touchbacks with balls bouncing into the end zone. Coach Starnes says Perkins can get stronger and should be able to kick it through the end zone.

That's why Perkins is working out twice a day at a local gym. He goes before and after school.

"I want to become more explosive d stronger so I can kick farther," he said.

He has a personal kicking in-

reads about kicking. "I want to continue perfecting my

craft," he said. Wesleyan plays football in the

Great Midwest Athletic Conference. Perkins is undecided on his academic path. He will either work toward a degree in biology in order to become a physical therapist or study music and music therapy. He plays several instruments including

band. Perkins is also a good student. Part of his scholarship to attend Weslevan is for academics, thanks to an ACT score of 26. As for football, it's all still new and Perkins he can continue to

the electric guitar and drums in the

Marion Baptist Church praise

"I feel like I am really just getting started," he said.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

FIFTH DISTRICT GIRLS

Overall

20-6

17-7

8-15

5-1

5-1

2-4

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BASKETBALL STANDINGS

FIFTH DISTRICT BOYS

Team	Overall	District
_yon County	13-11	5-1
_ivingston Central	15-10	4-1
Crittenden County	6-19	2-3
Trigg County	8-15	0-6

Rockets limp into final leg

It's been a tough four weeks for Crittenden County's basketball team as it makes the final turn and heads down the home stretch of the season with a 10-game losing skid.

The Rockets haven't won since beating Trigg County at Marion on Jan. 13.

Crittenden County has lost four straight over the past week, but played highly contested games against Todd Central, Fort Campbell and Caldwell County. The Falcons (2-20) beat Crittenden in overtime on post Tuesday.

The Rockets kept it tight through three quarters at Todd Central Friday, trailing by two before the Rebels used some late CCHS turnovers to post a 69-43 win that was considerably closer than the final score indicated. Bobby Stephens led the Rockets with 20 points. Will Tolley and Sawyer Towery added eight apiece. Tolley fouled out early in the final period.

On Thursday, Dawson Springs beat Crittenden 56-40. The Rockets failed to get anyone in double figures with Stephens scoring nine and Preston Turley eight.

Caldwell 51, Crittenden 44 Caldwell County 9 23 38 51 Crittenden County 9 15 33 44 CALDWELL - Twyman, Riley 10, Wilkerson 13, Boyd 18, Gaither, Davis, Fraliex, Brandon 10. FG 20. 3-pointers 1 (Wilkerson). FT 10-13.



Crittenden Sawyer Towery looks for an outlet pass against Todd Central.

CRITTENDEN - Stephens 5, Tolley 4, Dickerson 11, Belt 18, Turley 6, Boone, Steele, Nesbitt. FG 18. 3-pointers 4 (Belt 2, Dickerson 2). FT 4-6. Fouls 16.

Ft. Cambpell 68, Crittenden 66, OT CRITTENDEN - Stephens 12, Tolley 13, Dickerson 11, Belt 11, Turley 4, Boone, Steele 1, Towery 13. FG 22. 3-pointers 5 (Towery 3, Tolley, Belt). FT 20-30. Fouls 13.

FT. CAMPBELL - Rodriguez 16, Moon 11, Buchanan 4, Duff 7, Roberts 12, Johnson 13, Hale 3. FG 26. 3-pointers 5 (Roberts 2, Moon 2, Hale). FT 7-14. Fouls 20.

Todd 69, Crittenden 43 Crittenden County 10 20 34 18 27 37 Todd County CRITTENDEN - Stephens 20, Tolley 8, Belt 4, H. Boone, Turley, Steele 3, Towery 8, S. O'Leary, Nesbitt, E. O'Leary, Carlson, Mott, Winders, T. Boone. FG 17. 3-pointers 7 (Stephens 4, Steele 1, Towery 2). FT 2-3. Fouls 16.

TODD - Henry 7, Foster 5, Harris 9, Barrow 19, McCuiston, Rager, Briggs 3, Fingers 4, Calvery 7, Sharp 4, Dickerson 6, Weathers, Artis 3, Toliver 2, Nolan. FG 26. 3-pointers 6 (Henry 1, Foster 1, Barrow 3, Artis 1). FT 11-24. Fouls 12.

Dawson 56, Crittenden 40 Crittenden County 4 13 27 Dawson Springs 6 24 35 56

CRITTENDEN - Stephens 9, Tolley 7, Dickerson 5, Belt 3, H. Boone 2, Turley 8, Steele, Towery, S. O'Leary, Nesbitt, E. O'Leary 3, Mott, T. Boone. FG 13. 3-pointers 3 (Tolley 1, Towery 1, E. O'Leary 1). FT 11-15. Fouls 15. DAWSON - Brooks 3, Simpson 17, Hickerson, Adams 5, Clark 6, Storms, Price, Cunningham 2, Cotton 8, Jones, Putman 15. FG 20. 3-pointers 6 (Brooks 1, Simpson 2, Adams 1, Clark 2).

FT 10-15. Fouls 13.

Tough win vs. Cards gives girls title share

Crittenden County's girls won for the 20th time this season on Monday, escaping a volley of three-pointers led by Livingston Central sharpshooter Kaylin

The victory lifts Crittenden into a tie for the first-place honors in regular season. There will be a coin toss between CCHS and Lyon County to determine which squad gets the No. 1 seed for postseason. The Fifth District Tournament begins the week of Feb. 20 at Trigg County. The top seeded team will open with homestanding Trigg, which was winless in district play this season, and the No. 2 seed will play Livingston Central.

The Lady Cardinals were more than a handful this week, shooting 50 percent from the floor.

Crittenden had beaten LCHS twice already this season and as customary in sports, the third win was much tougher. Livingston started off with a 9-1 lead and every time Crittenden would stage a run and chip away at the Lady Cardinal lead, Campbell or one of her compadres would find the bottom of the net with a long-range shot. Campbell finished the game 6-for-9 from three-piont range. Her team connected on nine behind the arc.

Lady Rocket stalwart Cassidy Moss stepped up her game in the final period and virtually took over the contest. She scored 14 of her game-high 25 in the final period as Crittenden battled back from what started as a nine-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Crittenden easly won on the road Friday at Todd Central as the girls jumped up 15-1 out of the chute. Madison Champion led the way with 17 points.

The girls need just one more





Livingston's Kaylin Campbell was dead on from long range Monday night, knocking down six three-pointers and giving Crittenden a tough way in a key district matchup. Applying the pressrue for CCHS is Mauri Collins (11) and Meredith Evans (24).

win to tie the school record for victories by a girls' team.

Hopkinsville 68, Crittenden 57 Crittenden County 12 25 40 17 33 55 CRITTENDEN - Moss 26, Lynch 9, Collins 4, Champion 12, Nesbitt 6, Evans. FG 20. 3pointers 2 (Moss). FT 17-24. Fouls 11. HOPKINSVILLE - Davis 25, Grubbs 16, Oldham 14, Foster 6, Stallworth, Brodie 2, Farrow 2, Rose, McKnight 3, Murphy. FG 27. 3-pointers 4 (Foster 2, McKnight, Davis). FT

10-16. Fouls 20. Crittenden 59, Livingston 55 Livingston Central 12 29 41 Crittenden County 9 17 36 LIVINGSTON - Campbell 22, Padon 17,

Wring 2, Adams 1, Stafford 8, Williams 5,

Wright. FG 19. 3-pointers 9 (Campbell 6, Stafford 2, Williams). FT 6-14. Fouls 16. CRITTENDEN - Moss 25, Lynch 11, Collins 8, Champion 7, Nesbitt 4, Evans 4. FG 23. 3pointers 1 (Moss). FT 12-17. Fouls 13.

Crittenden 67, Todd 35 Crittenden County 22 42 59

Todd Co. Central 19 23 CRITTENDEN - Moss 10, Lynch 12, Collins 10, Champion 17, Evans, Nesbitt 2, Woodward 8, Summers 4, Ch.Moss 2, Long 2. FG 30. 3-pointers 1 (Moss). FT 6-8. Fouls 11. TODD CENTRAL - Brown 5, O'Daniel 5, Conquest 5, Brumfield 5, Rager 6, Reding 2, Mimms, Weathers 2, Rose 5, Harris. FG 14. 3-pointers 3 (Brown, Conquest, Brumfield). FT 4-7. Fouls 9.

Athletics Hall of Fame to Induct Two on Friday

Hart has 3 bowl rings to validate his football accomplishments

STAFF REPORT

Brad Hart has barely enough fingers to support his athletics hardware.

The 30-year-old former Rocket football and basketball player will be enshrined in the Farmers Bank Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame Friday, in just his second year of eligibility. That alone speaks volumes to his competitive achievements in athletics and his personal integrity off the field.

Hart's high school career was noteworthy indeed, but his name surfaces most often in conversations about his three college football bowl rings. He played in the Music City Bowl and Liberty Bowl and was on the roster for another Music City Bowl while playing at the University of Kentucky.

Hart carved out a niche on the Wildcat football team as a walk-on who earned the starting job as the team's long snapper. After his senior season, Hart was elected the University of Kentucky Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Longtime Rocket football coach Al Starnes said Hart's a great example of someone who recognizes the opportunities athletics can offer and seizes them by specializing in a particular area.

"Brad was a very good high school football player. He played tight end and linebacker on some very good teams and was a large part of those teams' successes, but so were many other athletes," Starnes said. "Brad realized he had a special talent and used that to his benefit in big time college football."

Starnes said Hart is the only player he has coached in 26 years



Hart 2017 Hart

at Crittenden County who started and finished a career in Division 1 college football.

"That says a lot about his character," Starnes said.

"Long snapping is just something I could always do," explained Hart, now an attorney at a prestigious law firm in Nashville, Tenn. "I have dads call me sometimes wanting advice on things to teach their boys about long snapping. Honestly, I don't have much advice for them because it just came natural."

Many things come natural to Hart, whose academic and professional successes probably outmeasure anything he accomplished on a football field or basketball court. In high school, he was valedictorian of his class in 2005 and was a two-sport athlete. Hart lettered four years in football and the teams on which he played rank No. 4 on the all-time list of cumulative wins by a class with 33.

Hart recalls his sophomore season as one of the best in school history. The Rockets finished 10-3 and he was a lineman. Crittenden beat Fulton and Murray in the playoffs that season before losing to eventual state champion Mayfield in the First Region title game.

Hart recalls a game his junior season at Hancock County when



Brad Hart during a pre-game march to Commonwealth Stadium.

both teams were hoping for a district championship. The Hornets routed CCHS and injured six players. Four went to the hospital. Hart took a big hit in that game as well. "I got crushed," he said. "Some-

how I managed to stay in the game."

Crittenden went to the spread offense his junior season and Hart was a tight end and enjoyed getting in on the action. He had 258 yards receiving and 69 tackles that season. As a senior, Hart was a second-year starter at linebacker and recorded 115 tackles. On offense, he had 233 yards receiving on a team that featured an up-and-coming young quarterback, Austin

erry.

"We were really good offensively that year," said Hart who was third on the team in receiving as the Rockets won nine games.

As a basketball player, Hart was a tenacious 6-foot-1 center known for his blue-collar approach around the basket. He lettered four years on the court and his teams never had a losing record although their post-season accomplishments were quite unremarkable. Hart played with all-time leading scorer Tim Hill, but never as an upperclassman did one of his teams win a game in the district tournament. The Rockets were 17-10 his sophomore season and lost to Henderson in the regional tournament. Hart averaged nine points and five rebounds as a senior and eight points and four rebounds as a jun-

In retrospect, Hart believes he could have pushed a little harder, worked a little more in the off-seaons and made himself into a better player, and perhaps a more versatile collegiate athlete.

"If I could have gotten a little faster, a little stronger I might have been able to play linebacker at some small college," Hart said. "But back then I was preoccupied with normal high school stuff. I guess it worked out pretty well, though, because the memories I made at UK were really special."

After biding his time as what Hart calls "just a walk-on practice player" his sophomore season at UK, Hart earned a spot as the full-time long snapper as a junior in 2007. He lettered two seasons and played in some of the greatest venues and against some of the best players in the country. Hart played



Brad Hart was a two-year letterman at UK as special teams player.

with a number of Wildcats who played or are still playing in the NFL, including Jacob Tamme, Randall Cobb and Tim Masthay.

"We played at Alabama and in The Swamp," Hart said. "All the travel experiences I had with the team, flying to games and playing in those stadiums, I am not sure I understood at the time how special that was."

Now that he's on the other side of schoolboy sports and college degrees, Hart says it's fun to look back and size up all those memories. Being elected to the Hall of Fame is something he will always cherish just like his induction into the Frank G. Ham Society of Character at UK.

"It is a huge deal. I am proud of Marion and proud of where I come from," he said. "And, I am very proud to say I will be going into the Hall of Fame. Obviously, Crittenden County is a small school, but we have had some great athletes come through there."

Myers was leading scorer on last district tourney champion

TAFF REPORT

It's an unpleasant truth that Crittenden County is able to count on just one finger the number

of basketball championships its boys have won in the last 60 years.

It is a reality

that Kyle Myers has trouble wrapping his

wrapping his mind around. What's even more incredible, he says, are memories of the 1998 Rocket basketball team on which he was the most valuable

Player, Year Inducted, Sport

Andrews, Josh - 2005 - Footbal

Belt, Bruce - 2001 - Basketball

Beverly, David - 2007 - Football

Brown, Nicky - 2009 - Basketball

Conyer, Roy - 2001 - Football

Champion, Jamie - 2006 - Football

Cozart, Spencer - 2004 - Basketball

Morgan Dooms - 2015 - Basketball

Easley, Clinton - 2005 - Football

Faith, Leonard - 2008 - Basketball

Franklin, W.A. - 2006 - Basketball

Grav. Vanessa - 2011 - Basketball

Green, Don - 2001 - Basketball

Hart, George - 1998 - Basketball

Highfil, Hugh - 2002 - Basketball

Tim Hill - 2016 - Basketball, Track

Hodge, Denis - 2006 - Football

Hopper, Jimmy - 2005 - Football

Johnson, Tom - 2001 - Football

Little, Dwight - 1998 - Football

Little, Ercel - 2003 - Baskethall

Martin, Turner - 2012 - Basketbal

Mills, Jim Fred - 1999 - Football

Moss, Ronnie - 2003 - Football

Mott, Chad - 2006 - Football

Moss, Ronnie - 2005 - Basketball

McChesney, James "Burlap" - 2003 - Football

Knoth, Curtis "Gig" - 1998 - Football

Litchfield, Louis - 2007 - Basketball

Hinchee, Jeanee - 2007 - Basketball

Hodge, Shannon Collins - 2008 - Basketball

Hughes, Charles "Turkey" - 1999 - Football

Head, Frank - 1998 - Football

Gates. Pat - 2002 - Football

Daniels, Markeata Brown - 2009 - Basketball

Davidson, Glen "Ace" - 2003 - Basketball

Elder, Houston "Hound" - 2001 - Football

Grady, Orville "Soupy" - 1998 - Football

Hart, Brad - 2017 - Football, Basketball

Hicklin, Robert "Hickie" - 2002 - Football

Croft, Jimmy - 2013 - Basketball

Brasher, Don "Sucky" - 2002 - Basketball

Bridwell, Lynn "Lefty" - 2009 - Baseball

Myers

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Two former athletes will be enshrined in the Farmers Bank Mar-

ion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame during a ceremony

Arena. There will be a memory room for the new inductees of the

teammates. There will be a come-and-go reception in the Rocket

Arena meeting room. It will be open from 6 p.m., until the end of

at halftime of the girls' basketball game Friday night at Rocket

Hall of Fame their families, friends and former coaches and

the final game. There will be other activities as part of Friday

night's ballgames, including crowning of a homecoming queen

the new all-time girls' scoring leader. Homecoming coronation

and king and recognition of Lady Rocket senior Cassidy Moss as

ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Mott, Dennis - 2010 - Football

Mvers, Kvle - 2017 - Basketball, Football

Rushing, Woodson "Chuck" - 1999 - Football

Ordway, Bruce - 2008 - Basketball

Perryman, Chad - 2011 - Baseball

Phillips, James - 2000 - Basketball

Shadowen, Lige - 2003 - Basketball

Shewcraft, Jeff - 2004 - Basketball

Simmons, Ellis - 2005 - Basketball

Smith, Bennett - 1999 - Basketball

Stewart, Wompie - 2007 - Football

Tabor, Charles "Bill" - 2003 - Football

Tabor, Melissa Jones - 2009 - Golf

Thurman, Greg - 2002 - Basketball

Towery, Carlisle - 1998 - Basketball

Van Hooser, Carroll - 1998 - Football

Wheeler, Floyd "Rip" - 2010 - Baseball

Turley, Curtis - 1999 - Basketball

Willoughby, James - 2012 - Track

Woodall, Jerry - 2004 - Football

Wring, Tommy - 2002 - Basketball

1945 Marion High Football Team - 2008

1942 Marion High Football Team - 2015

1963 CC High Football Team - 2008

1985 CC High Football Team - 2000

Woodall, Deller E. - 1998 - Football

Tabor, Gerald "Hoopy" - 2000 - Basketball

Terry, William "Gander" - 1999 - Football

Summers. Von - 2014 - Football

Swisher, Bob - 2000 - Football

Starnes, Al - 2004 - Football

Rich, Joey - 2014 - Football

olayer.

Myers, now 36, still sees every shot, every second in his mind. He replays some of them over and over, hoping perhaps for a little better outcome.

Myers was a star on the Rocket basketball and baseball teams in the mid to late 1990s. He was also a talented golfer and played baseball and ran track a few seasons. On Friday, Myers will be inducted into the Farmers Bank Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame.

Recognized largely for his contributions to the 1998 Fifth District basketball championship team – the last Rocket squad to win the title – Myers was a gifted athlete who excelled on a variety of stages.

In 1998, he led the Rockets in scoring with more than 17 points a game and five assists. A shooting guard, Myers was also an incredible ball handler, able to score off the dribble and was deadly accurate from long range, averaging 36 percent from behind the three-point arc. He played a fearless style of basketball that translated into success for himself and others.

"His competitive instinct was his greatest asset," said Allie Turley, a high school teammate, about Myers. "He was the kind of guy that wasn't going to back down from anything."

The Rockets were 19-8 that season and Myers still laments a few of those losses, especially one to eventual regional champion Union County late in the regular season and falling to Madisonville in the opening round of the Second Region Tournament.

"I know this is a bold statement, but we should have won the region," Myers recalls. "We could have really done something and that bothers me to this day. We were as good as anyone in the region."

Testimony to that was Crittenden's two-point loss to Union two weeks before the end of the season on a pair of foul shots with one second on the clock. Myers is still stinging from the foul that put Union's Darren Price at the line to win it.

"I was called for a foul at half court. I no more than stuck out my hand like this," he says, walking through and reliving the final seconds of that game almost 20 years ago.

"We should have beat Madisonville. It was a really close game, but I had some foul troubles," he said. Crittenden lost 65-57 to

the Maroons, but it was a three-point game with less than two minutes to go. "We had a great team. I got

the MVP award, but there were a lot of other players on that team who were just as deserving," Myers said. "We were deep. There were six or eight guys who could have led us in scoring any given night."

Indeed, behind Myers in the scoring column were seven others who averaged right at a half dozen or more points a game.

"In that season, the whole

team really believed we could do something special," Myers said. As history has proven, it

Not only was it the last team to win a district championship, but the 1998 boys reeled off a 13-game winning

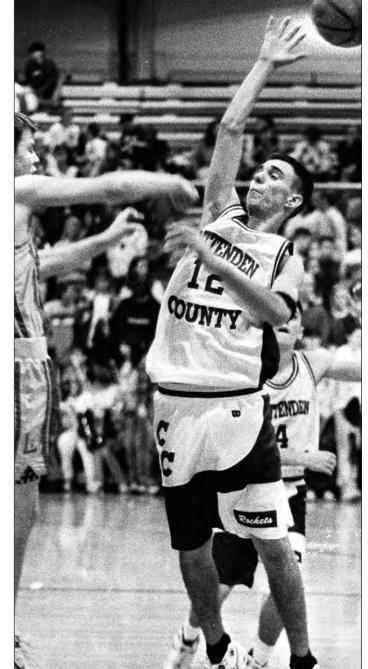
streak that hasn't been du-

plicated.
"Everywhere we went the stands were full and I will never forget the support we received," Myers remembers.
"Our crowd never sat down, they were always on their feet and it felt good."

Myers was a record-setting receiver and defensive back for the Rocket football team, but only played one year his senior season. He says not playing football all four years is one of his greatest regrets. He only played as a 12th-grader because of the encouragement from head coach Al Starnes, who Myers said is like a second father to

Myers still holds the single-game record for most receiving yards – 174 against McLean County. He is among the top 12 all-time in single-season receiving yards with 479, is tied for the school record for interceptions in a game (3) and among the school leaders with six interceptions in a

On the track team, Myers ran the 400 and 1600 meters and was on relay teams. He averaged close to par as a junior and senior on the Rocket golf team and narrowly missed earning a state tournament bid both years with finishes of 78 and 75, respectively, in regional



Kyle Myers in a photo from The Crittenden Press files during a game against Livingston Central.

tournament.

Earning a spot in the hall of fame has great meaning for Myers, who credits his coaches, family and community for believing in him through thick and thin.

"I am just glad to have been able to play sports as a Rocket. I am proud to be from this community and it has been very good to me," he said.



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Clark 'exemplary' in all facets of evaluation

Vince Clark has little room for improvement as head of the school district based on a recent evaluation by his employer.

Last month, Crittenden County Board of Education concluded its annual evaluation of the superintendent. Clark received top marks from the elected body in all standards of an evaluation tool the Kentucky Department of Education has established for judging all 173 superintendents in the commonwealth.

Chairman Chris Cook, noting Clark's "Exem-

plary" rating in each of the seven areas measured by the board. 11-page evaluation tool rates superintendents' leadership in strategy, in-

resources, management, collaboration and influence. Under those seven standards, there are 44 indicators on which superintendents

"He's one of the best su-ranked. Last month was perintendents," said Board Clark's third evaluation by the local board.

"We have steady growth each Cook said. vear." 'Now, it's really getting down to fine-tuning of the items."

Clark said he appreciates the assessstruction, culture, human ment, but noted there is still work ahead to bring the district up to its full poten-

> Last year, Clark fell just short of perfect, achieving an "Exemplary" mark in six

of the seven areas and "Accomplished" in a seventh, which means he meets the expectation of the board.

"Exemplary" simply means a superintendent exceeds expectations.

Page 11 "People not realize how fortunate we are to have someone of this caliber in Crittenden County," Cook said. "He's leading in everything we need him to lead in. Everything we need to be

doing, we're doing that."

The evaluation was con- Rachel Yarbrough as superducted by board members intendent in the spring of Cook, Bill Asbridge, Pam Collins and Eric Larue.

School district

report card

Phyllis Orr, who has since resigned her seat, has been in a long-term care

facility in Padu-

cah and did not

participate in this year's evaluation. Hiring and evaluating a superintendent is one of the most important jobs of an elected board.

Before being selected by the board to succeed Dr. 2014, Clark served as the school system's supervisor of secondary instruction, middle school principal and

a classroom teacher. He has been an employee of the district since 1991. Cook said Clark's positive nature and collaboraapproach tive

his strongest traits. "He really digs deep to include everyone," he said. "It's a part of who he is."

decision-making are two of



Crittenden County Elementary School

Rocket Role Models

November Rocket Role Models at Crittenden County Elementary School are (front, from left) Gracie Fowler, Drake Kirk, Roane Topp, Addie Morries, Jade Hughes, Adry Berry, Conner Poindexter, Cooper Robertson, Abby Korzenborn, (middle) Trevor Sullivan, Maeson Martin, Ashton Brown, Olivia Hinchee, Elliot Evans, Landon Woodall, Taylor Jones, Emme Lynch, Nai'Zayah Bell, (back) Piper Certain, Chase Conyer, Caleb Whobrey, Cutter Singleton, Carson Brown, Carly Travis, Aria Kirk and Berta Soria. The November character trait recognized was compassion.

VACANCY

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commitments of Bill Asbridge sometimes have left the board setting policy with only three members.

The last unexpired term filled by KDE for Crittenden County Public Schools was in 2004, when Mark Williams was tapped to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Donald Wight, who resigned his seat in December 2003, also due to failing health. At the time, he was the longest serving school board member in Kentucky.

Orr's replacement will serve until the next scheduled general election, which is not until November 2018. The seat serves Educational District 5, which includes voting Precincts 3, 6 and 12, which vote at Marion Baptist and St. William Catholic churches and Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

Clark said he is aware of multiple qualified individuals interested in the seat.

To be considered, applicants must live in the district, be at least 24 with a high school diploma or GED and have been a Kentucky resident for three years. The state's anti-nepotism laws prohibit applicants who may be close relatives of board employees. A full list of requirements is available in the application packet.

Those, though, do not cover the intangibles that are needed to do the job well, Clark suggests.

"They need to realize we're all connected - parents, grandparents, farmers, business owners...," he explained.

The responsibilities of board members are quite serious. The board, which generally convenes twice a month for its regular meeting and a working session, develops policy for the school district, hires and evaluates the superintendent annually, conducts disciplinary hearings and sets tax rates among many other duties. Facing a need for school construction in the district that can be met only by a tax increase, the stateappointed board member could before their term ends be part of what is sure to be an unpopular vote to produce revenue for construc-

The person selected to fill Orr's seat must complete initial and annual training in board of education governance, which is paid by the board of education. The required number of training hours depends upon years of board experience.

Local board members earn \$3,000, mileage for out-of-town conferences and receive \$30 per diem for overnight trips.

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