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Sen. Mills excited at chance to represent Crittenden County

Happy New Year to all my friends in Senate District 4.

Tuesday marked the beginning of the 2019 General Assembly's regular legislative session. This year's session will be what is referred to as a short session, which means it can only last 30 legislative days. The short session is also a non-budget year and any legislation that requires an appropriation will require a super majority to pass.

Even though this is a short session, many issues will be addressed. I am personally very excited to address the issue of school safety. Our children are the future, and we need to do all we can to ensure they have a safe and se-

cure place to learn and grow!

I will also be looking to continue to help our Commonwealth and more specifically western Kentucky prosper economically. That means we need to do all we can to make Kentucky competitive and welcoming to new business investment. Locally, the biggest economic development project is

the completion of U.S. 641 to Interstate 24. I have already had several meetings with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials and have emphasized that this important road project needs to be a priority. A completely upgraded U.S. 641 from Marion to I-24 will undoubtedly foster economic growth in and

around Crittenden County.

Finally, I remain concerned with the unfunded liability that faces all of Kentucky's public pension systems. I look forward to the debate and possible solutions that will help ensure the future viability of those funds. I am not sure whether a new pension bill will be able to emerge from this session, but I will be engaged and listening to all the solutions that will be presented.

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as your State Senator and I am always open to your comments and concerns. You can reach me at Robby.Mills@lrc.ky.gov.

(Robby Mills is a state Senator from District 4, which includes Crittenden, Caldwell, Henderson, Livingston, Union and Webster counties. He was elected to the post in 2018 after serving two years in the Kentucky House of Representatives.)



Sen. Robby MILLS
District 4 senator
Kentucky Senate Legislative Review

Kindness shown during Crayne tornado shared around world

(Editor's note: The following reflection on the Jan. 3, 2000, Crayne tornado come from Rob Hart, a former staff member of The Crittenden Press, who was born and raised in the county.)

To the editor:

My parents had a rental house then three doors past the post office, and that day was my mother's birthday, so it is especially stuck in my mind. Right after that storm, we drove there from Mott City to check on it, and when we approached, the first thing we noticed were a group of Amish gentlemen and others already on top of our rental house cutting off limbs from a tree that had fallen on it.

Now, I teach tourism management in Seoul at the top program of its kind in South Korea. One of the things I teach in my classes is the concept of "genius loci," which can roughly be described as the characteristics that make a destination unique.

I ask students to list five words to define their home-



FILE PHOTO

Former Crayne Postmaster Rose Ann Bebout snaps a photo of the U.S. Post Office damaged by a tornado that hit Crayne on Jan. 3, 2000. The twister damaged numerous buildings and left a scar across the county, but no one was seriously injured.

towns, and I model Crittenden County as an example. For every class I list "kindness" and "helpfulness," and I tell the story of those folks on the roof so quick to help to illustrate how kindness and helpfulness contribute to the genius loci of Crittenden County.

The end result has been that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Korean, Japanese, Chinese,

Finnish, French, German, Austrian, Italian, Kazakh, Uzbeki, Russian, Swedish, Malaysian, Canadian, New Yorker and other students studying tourism at Kyung Hee University have at least been introduced to the connection of Crittenden County as peopled with folks who are kind and helpful.

Rob Hart
Seoul, South Korea

JEOPARDY!

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line test for prospective contestants several times over the last decade. That finally landed her an audition last September in Memphis, Tenn. Her recollection of often obscure facts earned her a spot on the program hosted by Alex Trebek.

Since taping at Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City, Calif., more than six weeks ago, Guess has had to keep the results a secret, part of the agreement for appearing on the half-hour program. Her sister Elizabeth and brother Neil, as well as his wife Dusty, have also had to keep the secret, as all three flew out to Los Angeles to be in the studio audience for the taping.

Despite almost two months of constant ques-

tioning from family and friends throughout the holidays and countless inquiries from curious co-workers and library patrons, Guess has kept results under wraps.

"It's been easy," she said.

Guess explains that contestants must wait 120 days after filming before they receive their winnings, perhaps offering enough incentive to keep quiet. But that is hardly a tell as to her performance.

First-place participants, who can return for up to four more episodes, get to keep their winnings from each show. But second- and third-place earn \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively, despite their dollar total at the conclusion of a game.

Guess credits good fortune for her making the cut for appearing on "Jeopardy!" as much as

her knowledge of topics.

"It's not like I'm a genius," she said. "A lot of it is luck."

Preparing for a successful performance on the show that sees contestants answer a clue in the form of question was not easy. There were no study guides or clues as to what the categories of questions may be. That left Guess brushing up on her weakest subjects, like U.S. Presidents and American history.

"When you start thinking about all the things you don't know, there's a lot," she said.

Guess was among a dozen contestants for the Nov. 27 taping. They were picked up from their hotel at 7:30 a.m. and shuttled to the studio. There, they endured make-up, a run-down of rules, interviews from production assistants for Trebek's in-show

exchanges with contestants and rehearsals on stage.

"Which is freezing!" Guess explained of the studio climate, though that did little to quell a nervous sweat while taping occurred.

The pools of contestants, including the returning champion, gathered in a room, where many formed bonds that lasted beyond the all-day taping of five episodes. Guess has remained in touch through Facebook with one of her fellow contestants.

The show is taped live, with no retakes for contestants who might flub a line or fumble for words. Trebek, however, gets the courtesy of having his words re-recorded during commercial breaks should something go awry. Guess said filming ran about as long as the 30-minute

show when it airs.

There is one camera that films all three contestants at their respective podiums. Hydraulic risers adjust participants to about the same height behind their podiums, eliminating the need for in-show camera adjustments.

All dozen players enter the studio for the day of filming. As two are eliminated after each contest, the names of the two up for filming the next episode are drawn randomly. While waiting, contestants sit in the same studio section as their invited guests, but are encouraged to not interact during taping.

"I didn't pay attention to what else was going on," Guess said of her focus.

It's all designed to help keep players calm. In fact, for Final Jeopardy!, the third and deciding round of each episode, contestants will have the first part of their question-answer (i.e., "Who is" or "What is") scrawled on their answer pad. That way, when the clue is given, all they need to do is jot down the answer, removing the chance for being eliminated by not responding in the manda-

tory form of a question.

Despite the preparation and guidance, Trebek can sometimes throw of contestants. Of the interview questions gone over during pre-taping, three topics of discussion are chosen for Trebek's cue cards for his brief conversation with each contestant. While players can choose which one they are most comfortable with, the host may pick one of the other two subjects, which is what happened with Guess.

"He can talk about something else, because he's Alex," Guess said of the long-time face of the game show.

Typically a collected person, the gravity of appearing in front of a nationwide audience wore on Guess during taping.

"I don't remember the first round," she said, adding that Double Jeopardy!, which is the second round of the contest, is also pretty fuzzy.

But on Tuesday, beginning at 3:30 p.m., she won't have to remember any longer or keep her secret. It will all be broadcast for those at the CCPL viewing party and in millions of homes across the nation.

Meeting to consider renaming old U.S. 641

STAFF REPORT

A public meeting has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday at the Marion Ed-Tech Building for anyone with an interest in the renaming of the former U.S. 641 from just south of Marion to just north of Fredonia for the purpose of mail and 911 addressing. The designation of U.S. 641 has officially been moved to the new 5.5-mile corridor that opened in December.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the old U.S. 641 will eventually become Fredonia Road if all goes as planned.

"There are many aspects of why the name needs to change to something other than (Ky.) 91

South that I can explain in greater detail," he said of the meeting. "This will be an opportunity to express any concerns or questions regarding the renaming of the road."

Initial plans for mail and 911 purposes were to rename the stretch Ky. 91 South, reverting to a state highway designation along the same corridor. But Ky. 70 also runs concurrently on the same pavement into Fredonia beginning at Mott City. This complicates matters because Kentucky Transportation Cabinet protocol requires the name of the lower numeric road number, Ky. 70, to take precedence on official highway mapping systems.

"This, in turn, would have required from Mott City to the (Caldwell) county line to be renumbered as totally different addresses, and by the same token, everyone from the Ohio River to Mott City would have totally new addresses for the (Ky.) 91 section," Newcom explained.

Using Fredonia Road would still require a mailing and 911 address change for dozens of properties along the former U.S. 641, but they could keep the current house number and residents of Ky. 91 North would not be affected.

Marion-Princeton Road and Marion-Fredonia Road were also considered, but Newcom feels the shorter Fredonia Road is better for mailing and

emergency response purposes.

"This was also the consensus from the postmaster (Rhonda Hunt) and the 911 coordinator (Layton Croft) as well," Newcom said.

The new name could become official as early as next Thursday.

"I will present all options at the public meeting, and then at our regular meeting on Jan. 17, the fiscal court will approve a resolution approving the name change according to consensus on calling it Fredonia Road, if we get one from the public meeting," Newcom said.

State maps and GPS systems, however, will refer to the old portion of U.S. 641 as Ky. 91 South and Ky. 70.

New fiscal court meets for 1st time, missing 3 members

STAFF REPORT

Shorthanded, Crittenden County's new fiscal court met Monday for the first time to decide some routine matters. Two of the five new members – Greg Rushing and Chad Thomas – were absent, as was Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, who was out due to health concerns. Rushing's mother is dealing with a terminal illness and

Thomas had work obligations that conflicted with the special meeting. Magistrate Dan Wood, acting as judge-executive pro-tem, conducted the meeting.

In action, magistrates:

- Reappointed Wood judge-executive pro-tem.
- Reappointed Alan Hunt to Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors.
- OK'd establishing a

special savings account for the \$100,000 in proceeds from selling Crittenden Hospital property.

- Approved disbursing a \$21,207 insurance settle to Caldwell Springs Volunteer Fire Department for 2018 storm damage to a new firehouse under construction with the guarantee that the building be completed this year.
- Rehired Timmy Todd

as animal control officer, Chuck Hoover as emergency management coordinator, Audi Maraman as road foreman for the next four years and all county employees. This is a housekeeping measure required either annually or every four years with a new fiscal court.

- Tabled purchasing a new ambulance until next Thursday's meeting.

Local Distinguished Alumni being sought

STAFF REPORT

Local education leaders are looking for nominees for the 2019 class of Crittenden County Schools Distinguished Alumni Awards, which will be presented this fall. Both living and posthumous awards will be considered.

Nominations may be made through April 5, and winners will be determined by educational, professional and community service accomplishments. The selection panel will announce the winners this fall.

Anyone may make a nomination, but recipients of the award must have graduated high school in Crittenden County. Applications are available online at <https://goo.gl/VvSD2K>.

Any nominee not inducted will be considered by the committee for three years after the initial nomination is submitted. They

will not need to be renominated until after that three years is up.

Previous honorees are (with posthumous recognition indicated with an asterisk):

- 2011: Kenneth Winters, Albert Michael Crider, Forrest Carlisle Pogue*, F. Julius Fohs* and Ollie M. James*.
- 2012: Scott Campbell, Trish Milburn and Jim Hatfield*.
- 2013: Johnny Rushing and Dr. Jeff McKenney.
- 2014: David Newcom, Helen Moore and Clement Singleton "Clem" Nunn*.
- 2015: W.A. Franklin and Stephanie Kelly.
- 2016: Andy Mason, Jerry Brown, Juanita Burks* and Bob Swisher*.
- 2017: William O. Winstead and Alan C. Stout.
- 2018: Jared Ordway Corey Crider and Barry W. Enoch*.

Governor’s race filling up

STAFF REPORT

Congressman James Comer, who represents Crittenden County on Capitol Hill, has said he would run for Kentucky governor on the Republican ticket this year should Gov. Matt Bevin choose to not seek re-election. Bevin said he will seek another term, but has not yet filed candidacy papers with the Secretary of State’s office or a letter of intent with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

As of press time Tuesday, for the GOP, William Woods of Union has filed with the Registry and state Rep. Robert Goforth of East Bernstadt announced his candidacy Tuesday.

The filing deadline at the Secretary of State’s office for the May Primary is

Jan. 29.

On the Democratic side, former State Auditor Adam Edelen and his running mate Gill Holland formally announce their candidacy Monday.

Other major Democratic slates include Attorney General Andy Beshear, with running mate and Nelson County High School assistant principal Jacqueline Coleman and House Minority Leader Rocky Adkins of Sandy Hook and outgoing Jefferson County School Board member Stephanie Horne.

Geoffrey Young of Lexington and Joshua French of Elizabethtown have also announced their candidacy, and are the only Democratic slate to file candidacy papers. All others Democrats have filed their letters of intent

with the Registry.

Another Democrat rumored to have an interest in running for governor is Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, who is term-limited for that office.

Meantime, filings for other state constitutional offices at press time include:

- Auditor: Republican incumbent Mike Harmon.
- Treasurer: Republican incumbent Allison Ball.
- Agriculture Commissioner: Republican Bill Polyniak of Lexington.
- Secretary of State: Republican Carl Nett of Louisville and Democrat Jason Griffith of Whitesburg.

(Editor’s note: Kentucky Today contributed this story.)



DARYL K. TABOR/THE PRESS
George Foster is sworn in Monday morning by Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford as a deputy sheriff as his new boss, Sheriff Wayne Agent, looks on.

FOSTER

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3.3 square miles.

The sheriff said Foster, a seasoned officer of the law, brings in immediate help, assisting field deputies Chuck Hoover and Ray Agent. A fourth deputy, John Shofner, serves as the school resource officer in Crittenden County.

“He’s good with the public, and we could use his investigative skills,”

Sheriff Agent said of Foster.

Foster will be working mostly afternoons, but his shifts will vary, he said.

Hoover, also a former city patrolman in Marion, said much of the work for county deputies is just like that for policemen inside the city – thefts, domestics and drug-related offenses.

“There’s just a lot more area to cover,” he said.

It also includes work to protect and serve the entire county population of more than 9,000, as op-

posed to the city’s 3,000 or so residents.

The sheriff’s department has been down a field deputy for several months, as longtime deputy Don Perry, 67, retired in November of last year. Prior to that, he had been off for a few months due to health reasons.

Coincidentally, Foster also replaced Perry at Marion Police Department after Perry began working for Agent, who is also a former Marion city policeman.

Rene Williams re-appointed Chief Regional Circuit Judge

STAFF REPORT

Fifth Judicial Circuit Judge Rene Williams has been re-appointed by Supreme Court Chief Justice John C. Minton as the Chief Regional Circuit Judge for the Purchase region, which consists of 20 counties, including Crittenden, Union, Webster, Lyon and Livingston counties. This will be her sixth term having been first appointed in 2007. The appointments are for two-year periods.

Williams was elected in 1989 as district judge for Crittenden, Union and Webster counties and served as Chief Regional District Judge during her 15 years on the district bench. Williams began serving as circuit judge in

November 2004 when she was appointed by the governor to fill the unexpired term of retired Circuit Judge Tommy Chandler. She was later re-elected in 2006 and again in 2014.

Williams volunteers as the drug court judge for the 5th Judicial Circuit, having started the program in 2005. She also serves on the Kentucky Bar Association Legislative team for the 1st Supreme Court District. In July 2014, she was appointed to serve on the Henderson Community College Foundation Board. She is a member of the Dixon General Baptist Church.



Williams

The purpose of the Regional Administration Program is to expedite the disposition of litigation in the regions through equalization of work among the judges; promote uniform procedures and practices through equalization of work among the judges; provide for prompt substitution when a judge is disqualified or there is a temporary vacancy; and assist the Chief Justice in discharging the duties under Section 110(5)(b) of the Constitution of Kentucky.

Williams resides in Dixon with husband Brent Green. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Extension Service offering several ag programs for farmers this month

STAFF REPORT

The University of Kentucky Crittenden County Extension Service will be offering multiple educational opportunities for local farmers this month. To register for any of the following events, contact the Extension office at (270) 965-5236:

- A Private Pesticide Applicator Training will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Extension Service Annex on

U.S. 60 East in Marion. This training is for those who wish to become certified private use applicators or to renew certification.

- A Beef Efficiency Conference and Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association Trade Show will be held next Thursday at the Owensboro Convention Center. Crittenden County Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent Dee Heimgartner will be taking a van and will be leaving at

6:30 a.m.

- There will be an Agriculture Water Quality Plan Informational Meeting Thursday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Service Annex. If you own 10 or more acres and involved in agriculture or silviculture, you need an agriculture water quality plan. This meeting will discuss the process to develop and implement Best Management Practices (BMP) for your farm.

MPD year-end activity report

Marion Police Department worked far fewer felony and domestic cases in 2018 compared to the previous year, according to an activity report from Chief Ray O’Neal. The data below reflect information from December 2018 compared with figures from December 2017 as well as a final total for 2018 as compared with the two previous years.

CATEGORY	DECEMBER 2017	DECEMBER 2018	2018 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	2016 TOTAL
Miles driven/patrolled.....	4,056	2,795	33,312	32,000	32,496
Criminal investigations	30	17	203	207	209
Domestics.....	12	7	92	106	156
Felony Arrests	17	1	27	61	29
Misdemeanor arrests	18	12	113	113	86
Non-criminal arrests	20	9	99	78	70
DUI arrests.....	3	0	12	10	16
Criminal summons served	2	8	41	43	37
Traffic citations	21	16	287	185	268
Traffic warnings	9	5	123	97	118
Other citations	62	26	273	236	257
Parking tickets	0	0	2	3	4
Traffic accidents	6	5	81	62	91
Security checks/alarms	48	51	617	658	934
Calls for service	224	192	2,681	2,196	3,407



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UK signee Tyrese Maxey learning how to play with target on him

After Kentucky's loss at Alabama last Saturday, UK coach John Calipari talked about the atmosphere there even though the students were not on campus and Alabama was playing in the national football championship game two days later in California.

It's the type of intensity the Wildcats normally face and UK signee Tyrese Maxey, a 6-5 guard at South Garland High School in Texas, is getting some experience with that sensation this year.

"We have got a tiger on our back in Texas this year," Tyrone Maxey, the player's father and a South Garland assistant coach, said. "We scheduled tough and dropped a few games early that I think helped wake our team up to finding out that nobody was laying down for us."

South Garland is adjusting to losing a 6-9 player just before the season started — but Kentucky usually starts over with team chemistry each year and will again next season.

"It has just taken time for Tyrese to figure out some things but things are getting better. And we are definitely facing some quality competition because the expectation for us this year is to win a state championship," Tyrone Maxey said.

That's much like the expectation at Kentucky to win a national championship will be next year — or any season.

During three games at the Kentucky Lake Showcase at Marshall County in late December, Maxey put his diverse skills on display. He averaged 22.6 points, 7.6 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 3.0 steals per game in the three wins. He had five 3-pointers in one game — and had six assists the same game. Another game he attempted just three 3-pointers, but pulled off 11 rebounds.

"He has a big target on his back being the top player in the state and getting a lot of recognition like he does as a Kentucky signee. Everybody wants to

measure themselves against him," Tyrone Maxey said. "He has handled it well for the most part. Last year he did not really fly under the radar because he got some attention but there's a lot more attention on him this year after signing with Kentucky. He has had to learn to step it up even another notch with people coming at him."

In some ways, that has included Kentucky fans who have interacted with Tyrese Maxey both on social media and in person.

"Everywhere we went to play in the summer, there would at least be a sprinkling of UK fans if not more," Tyrone Maxey said. "He embraces the idea of interacting with fans. It's a great fan base. There are so many Kentucky fans who have reached out to him in various ways."

"There are so many Kentucky basketball fans anywhere you go. Once he committed, we saw fans everywhere and I imagine we will until he gets to Kentucky ... and then we were told it will really get crazy."

Tyrese Maxey does not have a "best" strength on the court. He can play either guard spot because of his scoring and passing ability. He's also a tenacious defender because of his length and quickness.

"He just tries to win a basketball game. He does have the ability to score and he can do that, but what people don't realize about him is that he is really competitive on the defensive end," his father, a former SMU assistant coach, said. "He rebounds the ball pretty good for a guard, too. Whatever the game presents and whatever he needs to do to win a game, he will do."

"I consider him a scoring point guard. When he was playing with USA Basketball, he could facilitate when he had a bunch of other guys who could score playing with him. He can be a defensive stopper and guard the other team's best perimeter player. But if I had to



MONTH DAWSON

Almost immediately after Kentucky beat Penn State in the Citrus Bowl, linebacker Josh Allen proclaimed that he should be the top pick in the NFL draft — an idea that UK recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow quickly endorsed. "If Josh Allen is not the first pick of the draft I will be lost for words. He is by far the best player in college football hands down," Marrow posted on Twitter. The Arizona Cardinals will have the first pick on draft day April 25.

pick his best attribute, it would be his scoring."

Josh Allen a No. 1 pick

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Several NFL mock drafts now have Allen going No. 2 in the draft to the San Francisco 49ers.

"Allen could have entered the draft last year but the odds were slim that someone would have taken him in the first round," RJ White of CBS Sports wrote. "Now, unless he has a terrible predraft season, he's almost certain to go in the top five after a year where he doubled his sack total after adding weight."

Ohio State defensive end Nick Bosa is now the projected No. 1 pick but a lot could change at the NFL combine and other predraft workouts and interviews.

Allen won the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, Chuck Bednarik Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy, all given to the nation's top defensive player. He was the SEC Defensive Player of the Year.

Chris Fisher of the CatsPause/247Sports says Allen's Citrus Bowl play — three sacks and a blocked field goal —only made the argument stronger for him having the best season any UK defensive player has ever had. His effort may have also impressed NFL personnel because Allen bucked the trend of not playing in a bowl game to avoid risking injury like many projected high draft picks have done in recent years.

"Josh's story from being a two-star recruit and barely top 100 at his position coming out of high school and a late throw-in to UK's recruiting class to cracking the starting lineup four games into his freshman season to national player of the year is phenomenal," Fisher said. "He should be campaigning to be the No. 1 pick, and he could be. I am not sure who could be a better pass rusher at the next level than him."

Quote of the Week

"I think I'll just remember all the great individual players. I got to see Benny (Snell) and Josh (Allen) play and I told them how much I enjoyed that. It's rare to get to see great players like Art Still in football or Anthony Davis in basketball, and when you get to see greatness, you better enjoy it," UK Radio Network's Tom Leach on what he'll remember about UK's 10-3 football season.

Tennessee.

The concert here kicks off the rapper's winter tour, which will include dates in South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Illinois. He is also scheduled to perform in Bowling Green on Feb. 22.

T.O.N.E-Z

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the money made from the concert. Admission will be \$10. There will be no advance tickets sold.

"That is such a great idea for graduation night," T.O.N.E-z said. "I wish we had something like that around here."

Explicit lyrics can be found in almost every genre of music, but T.O.N.E-z says his concert will be suitable for the entire family. Some prospective event goers have asked him personally on social media about the lyrics.

"There will be no foul language or anything disrespectful to women on any level. Looking forward to seeing the amaz-

ing people of Marion..." T.O.N.E-z said in a Tweet.

The City of Marion Tourism Commission is sponsoring the event. Mayor Jared Byford said he has been in close contact the entertainer and is confident it will be suitable for an audience of any age. Byford said T.O.N.E-z recognizes the culture and atmosphere of this community and will make the show fit the expectations of organizers and the community.

Michele Edwards, Marion's tourism director, said additional lighting and a sound system will be temporarily installed at Fohs Hall to accommodate the show.

In addition to a number of his songs being used in the filmmaking

industry in England, T.O.N.E-z has had music featured on MTV's "Buckwild," Fox's "Bones," The History Channel's "Appalachian Outlaws" and ESPN's "First Take."

Over the past couple of years, T.O.N.E-z has also ramped up his acting career, appearing in a four films, including "Frances Stein" produced by Big Biting Pig Productions of Madisonville and "Shining Spirit" by 7 Souls Productions of



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people's money to them," Ball said. "I am a big believer in property rights and I am proud of the success we have seen at the Treasury in returning a record amount of property to Kentuckians."

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Crittenden Countians still have \$725,948 of unclaimed property waiting to be claimed.

To search for unclaimed property, please visit Treasury.ky.gov.

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Area Deaths

Gilland

Mary Rose Gilland, 63, of Marion died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 at Crittenden Hospital.

Survivors include her children, Sandy Gilland Tabor of Paducah and Susan Gilland, Stuart Gilland and Nikki Atwell all of Marion; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four brothers; and a sister.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Gilland.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Champion

Shirley Ann Champion, 78, of Hampton died Jan. 5, 2019 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Care Center in Paducah.

She was retired as a 41½-year employee of Air Products. She was a graduate of Draughon’s Business College and a member of North Livingston Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 25 years, Marble Champion of Hampton; daughter, Teresa (Robin) Meadows of Paducah; sisters, Gloria Madison of Salem and Ramona (Robert) Butler of Hampton; a grandchild, Jamie Meadows; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Chambers; a brother, Jimmy Ramage; and parents, Hadley and Irene Stokes Ramage.

Graveside servcies were Jan. 7 at Hampton Cemetery. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremations Services was in charge of arrangements.



Riley

Grace D. Riley, 97, of Salem died Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem.

She was born Jan. 7, 1921 in New York City, where she married her husband, David Riley Sr. in August of 1945. She worked for AT&T and Bellsouth Telephone for 38 years in both New York City and Paducah. The couple moved to Salem in 1950 where they worked and lived out their days. They were of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are two sons, David Riley Jr. of Murray and James (Shannon) Riley of Salem; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Riley Sr.; a sister; and two brothers.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 6 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Father Flanagan’s Boys Town, 14100 Crawford Street, Boys Town, NE 68010.

Mahan

Lucille Mahan, 101, a lifelong Livingston County resident, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019 at her home.

Services are at 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11 at Boyd Funeral Directors. Burial will follow at Bethel Cemetery. Friends may gather from noon until the funeral hour Friday at the funeral chapel.

A complete obituary will be published next week.

In Memory Roy Joseph Brown

Roy Joseph "Joe" Brown, 75, of Buffalo, W.V., passed away Monday, Nov. 26, 2018 at his home.

Born July 28, 1943, in Marion, he was the son of the late Roy A. Brown and Lennie M. "Hunt" Brown.

He was preceded in death by his brother, William Tildon Brown.

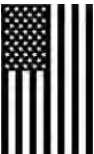
Joe was an over the road truck driver and a member of the Teamster's Local #505. He was formally employed with Praxair, Marmet W.V., when he retired. He served his country during Vietnam with the United States Navy. Joe enjoyed his family and grandchildren, as well as yardwork and his antique tractors.

Surviving are his wife, Debra Brown; sons, Michael (Nicolette) of Nashville, Tenn., Chayse (Desiree) of Oak Hill, W.V.; grandchildren, Gage, Ryan, Myka, Kynsleigh and Maverick; sisters, Shirley Fritts (Doyle) and Betty Bond (Carlos), all of Marion; a niece, Debbie Harper (Steve); special friend, Sheldon Bailey; long-time friends whom he considered brothers, Ozzie Finley and John Thornton, as well as his furry baby girl, TillyRoo, whom he loved very much.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held in the spring.

Joe's wife, Debra, would like to thank the family, many friends and their wonderful neighbors for the outpouring support and love throughout his illness. Also, a special thank you to Hospice Care, Charleston, W.V., for its dedication and compassion shown to him and the family.

He left us with many wonderful memories of a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. I'm proud of the fighter he was, whether it was for his country, his family, or his fight until the end. He was our hero and will remain with us forever.



Chamber Business of the Month

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce has recognized Rusty Gate Farms and Garden Center as its business of the month for January. Rusty Gate Farms is a family owned business that started with pumpkins and other fall crops and now has grown into five greenhouses and a retail location at 307 Fords Ferry Road. The Garden Center has ferns, bedding plants, landscape perennials and vegetables for the spring and all the mums, pumpkins, corn and straw needed for the fall. The business is owned by Jessica Cummins and she does most the work herself with seasonal help from family and friends, and a high school co-op student a few days a week. Pictured are (from left) Chamber Director Michael Parshall, City Administrator Adam Ledford, Cummins, Chamber Vice President Kelsey Berry; Chamber Director Madison Qualls, Chamber Director Elliot West and Chamber Director Natalie Parish. The Chamber recognizes its members regularly. During its special membership drive going on right now, Chamber membership is free for the first year.

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Chamber breakfast features Burdon

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County native Jonathan Burdon and an associate of his in the social media industry will be featured speakers at the next Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation Leadership Breakfast on Friday, Jan.

25. Breakfast will begin being served at 7 a.m.

Burdon is CEO of a Nashville-headquartered social media firm which he founded. He will share insight into how to create a social media platform and discuss some online behavior parameters for community leaders. RSVP to the Chamber.

Police investigating three city burglaries

STAFF REPORT

Marion Police Department is investigating three burglaries that occurred inside the city during December and early January.

Police Chief Ray O’Neal said investigators have suspects in at least one of the cases, but no arrests have been made.

The first burglary occurred in early December at 419 Gum Street in a vacant rental home. Investigators found that someone had been living in the home without authorization. When they left, the home was damaged and a number of furnishings were stolen.

The police chief said some of the items were recovered at a nearby resi-

dence.

Another burglary occurred at 120 North Weldon Street last month. About \$1,300 worth of amateur radio equipment was taken. Some components of the Ham radio system were among the allegedly stolen items found in the previous case. However, other equipment remains missing.

A third burglary on Club Drive is also under investigation. Items taken were guitars, knives and coins valued at more than \$3,000.

Anyone with information on these cases is urged to contact Marion Police Department at (270) 965-3500. You may remain anonymous and in some instances a reward may be offered.

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY

January 1 through March 1 is the period for listing your real estate for assessment of the State, County, Library, County Extension, Health, Special Districts and School taxes for the year 2019. The assessment date for real property is January 1 as required by KRS 132.220.

REAL ESTATE: Farms, homes, houses and lots, mobile homes, vacant land and Commercial buildings. Anyone who has built a new structure or made an addition, deletion, or improvement to an existing structure on their property during the preceding year should list that.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: Persons who are eligible for the Homestead Exemption for 2019 should come into our office and apply anytime during the year. If you are currently drawing the exemption because of your age you do not need to reapply. The exemption for this tax year is \$39,300.

Were you born in 1954 or before? Are you classified as totally disabled from any retirement agency? Apply for the homestead exemption and save approximately \$332 on your tax bill. If you live in the Marion area, you would save approximately \$95 more off of your city tax bill. These estimates are based on 2018 tax rates and may vary depending on what local taxing jurisdictions adopt in 2019. You must live in Crittenden County and own property here to qualify in our county for this exemption. If you are already receiving the disability exemption, you will need to reapply for this benefit annually. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOUR BIRTHDAY** or until the tax bills have been printed, come in now for this benefit.

The Revenue Cabinet, Frankfort, KY, from motor vehicle registration assesses all **MOTOR VEHICLES AND BOATS**. 2019 motor vehicle and boat taxes will be paid to the County Clerk when the vehicle is relicensed for 2019. The assessment shall be due if not protested in writing, along with supporting documentation to the Revenue Cabinet within forty-five (45) days from the date of notice. January 1 is the assessment date.

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY: The filing date is January 1 through May 15. This would include merchant's inventories, shop tools, construction and office equipment, airplanes, etc. All tangible property tax returns postmarked after May 16 will be forwarded to the Revenue Cabinet omitted for billing with 10% penalty as required by KRS 132.290. Intangible returns are no longer required.

The Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) does not have any authority in setting property tax rates and does not collect any taxes. With the exemption of the State rate, local citizens that are on the governing bodies of local taxing jurisdictions set all property tax rates.

The Mission of the PVA Office is to provide accurate assessments and efficient services to property owners or anyone utilizing the PVA office records and administer the statutes of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in a fair and impartial manner.

If you buy or sell property during the year we make every effort to get it to the right person at the right address. **WE DO NOT SPLIT ANY TAX BILL THAT SELLS DURING THE YEAR.** We assess all property as of January 1st. We will use the address on the deed **UNTIL NOTIFIED IN WRITING OTHERWISE..**

FIRE DUES: Six years ago a fire fee of \$30 was added to your tax bill. The ordinance by the fiscal court states that each owner shall get one fee due. If you own property with another individual on a separate property you will get an additional fee for that bill. You have a chance to opt of this in the Critt Co Judge Executive's Office. The PVA does not have the authority to exonerate this unless it is a clerical error and all bills are subject to audit. If you feel you need an exception you need to get that in writing from your local fire chief or opt out. The PVA Office does NOT decide who should or should not pay this. Opting out must be done annually through the Critt. Co. Judge Executive's Office.

State Law requires that every property be physically examined every four years. This year we will be reviewing the city of Marion

Our regular office hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. If you have a special need and can't come when our office is open; call our office at 965-4598 and I will be happy to make an appointment to meet your needs.

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Brescia names dean's list

Marion resident Rachel Butler, a freshman psychology and English major with an emphasis in professional writing, earned recognition at Brescia University by being named to the fall dean's list. To make the dean's list, students must complete at least 12 credit hours with a 3.5-4.0 GPA.

Calendar

– Crittenden County Genealogy Society meets in the meeting room of Crittenden County Public Library at 10 a.m. Saturday.

– Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 4 p.m., Jan 17 in the conference room.

Extension

– There will be an **Advisory Council** meeting at 10 a.m., Thursday (today) at the Extension Annex.

– **After Hours Home-makers Club** will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office.

– **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 .m., Jan. 18 at the Extension Office. Special speaker will be Kelly Dawes, Health Educator. All are welcome to attend.

Senior Center

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

Visitors should note new hours at the center. It now closes at 2 p.m., daily.

Upcoming activities and menu include:

– Thursday: Menu is beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, squash casserole, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

– Friday: Menu is Mexican lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick, oatmeal raisin cookie. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

– Monday: Menu is Frankfurt with kraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread and vanilla pudding. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

– Tuesday: Menu is sloppy Joe on whole wheat bun, hashbrown casserole, baked pork 'n beans, baked apples and raisins.

– Jan. 16: Menu is chili con carne, pimiento cheese, wheat bread and Mandarin oranges. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

Tax credit ideas

Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) urges students to discuss tax incentives with your tax preparer.

Students and parents may be able to take advantage of these programs on their federal taxes:

- American Opportunity Credit, available for the first four years of college.
- Lifetime Learning Credit, available if a taxpayer or dependent is taking courses to acquire or improve job skills.
- Tuition and fees deduction, which lets taxpayers deduct qualified education expenses paid during the year for themselves or a dependent.
- Student loan interest deduction, which lets people deduct up to \$2,500 per year on federal taxes for interest paid on federal student loans.

Visit www.irs.gov to download Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education.

Tiny town school has memorable events

Driving through the little town of Tolu during the past month it's sad to see that time hasn't been kind to the once busy town. Long gone are the prosperous river boat days when the town had its own bank, telephone service, post office, drug stores, several grocery and mercantile stores, and everything the town and surrounding community would need or want without making the long trip to Marion. Gone are many of the familiar town names that had homes and farms in the area. The little streets that were once lined with many homes, have only a few now. Their school was always a very important part of the history of Tolu.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

From some school history written by Mrs. Edna Taylor and Mrs. Annabelle Guess, the first school in the area began about 1874 at Coon's Point in a log cabin. Charlie Bozeman was the teacher. In the next couple of years, Mrs. Anna Isabel taught in a log church near Hurricane and Bob Bruce began teaching in a little school on Mr. Jose Guess's farm. This too was a log school building and only one room. Around 1888 the first school in the town of Tolu was built. Teacher was Prof. S. A. Moore

As early as June 1891, they placed advertisements in The Crittenden Press to encourage families to send their children to school. The ad stated: The course of instruction embraces the Common School course, history, literature, rhetoric (the study of using language effectively), elocution (the study of public speaking), bookkeeping, mathematics, natural science, Latin and German. The Fall Term would be 5 months, beginning September 1891 and the Spring Term 4 months beginning February 1, 1892. The teachers for this year would be Mina Wheeler and Tinnie Wheeler.

In January 1910 the town of Tolu had before the first term of the Crittenden County court a petition for a new school for their children.

Whereas, H. J. Myers and others filed with the Clerk of this court, and in open Court on the 8th day of November 1909, a petition signed by ten of the legal white voters of Tolu Common School

District, No. 10, for white children in Crittenden County; which petition was endorsed by a majority of the Trustees of said District, and by the Superintendent of Common Schools for said County; and said petitioners being taxpayers in said Common School District, praying the judge of the Crittenden County Court, to have an order made on his order book, ordering the Sheriff, whose duty it is to hold Elections, to open a poll, or cause it to be done, at the next regular State, Town or City election, for the purpose of taking the census of the legal white voters in said School District upon the proposition as to whether a

Graded Common School shall be established and maintained by the Levy and collection for that purpose of a Tax of 50 cents on each One Hundred Dollars worth of property in said District. And a Poll Tax of \$1.50 on each white inhabitant therein over twenty one years of age, for the purpose of maintaining a Graded Common School for white children in said District and for the erection and repairing of suitable buildings thereof. This enabled the people to build a new two-room school building inside the town.

November 1935 – Tolu School News

Our school is progressing nicely. Great effort has been expended in order to give the students enjoyable exercise. A new tennis court and croquet ground has been added to our playground. In the near future we hope to add other improvements for both the high school and the grades.

Coach W. B. Fisher reports that he is well pleased with his athletic department. Only a few games of baseball were played, but in each game Tolu was victorious. The basketball team has only played three games this season and have been victorious in each of these.

In 1947 the Tolu gymnasium was built from lumber from buildings that were purchased from the Army Air Field at Sturgis. Tragedy struck the gymnasium on Feb.10, 1971 when the building was destroyed by fire. The families of Tolu worked for many years after to try and get the county to re-

build a gymnasium for the school, but it never happened. I'm sure if it had been left up to the people of Tolu, a new building would have been quickly rebuilt.

In the year 1958 a new elementary school was in the plans for the community of Tolu. A new, modern building with brick exterior and would contain eight classrooms. It would also include a sizable cafeteria, kitchen, boiler room, toilet facilities and a small office.

Tolu Elementary School was closed in 1998 and consolidated with the Crittenden County Elementary School at Marion. This building still stands today, and through the many years it had school there, memories were made through several generations that still are very much alive today and continue to be remembered and cherished. The building is still used today and kept in good condition by the people of Tolu. Several community functions are held there each year.

Another historical event that happened at Tolu School was in the year 1968 when Tolu became the first school in the area to receive Kentucky Education Television from Kentucky's statewide system.

Only a few parents and teachers scattered in seats around the room attended the meeting to hear Bob Shy, coordinator for Kentucky Education Television. Crittenden County schools should grab this opportunity, he told them. You're only 35 miles from our Madisonville station, I can even show you how to apply for matching funds. Your children deserve the broadening influence of instructional television as we'll send it over the KET network.

Some attending didn't see the importance of the program, but it captured the imaginations of a few. Helen Robinson, principal that year at Tolu Elementary, one of the county's four grade schools, caught the significance of what KET could offer youngsters. So did Nellie Lowery, president of Tolu's Parent Teacher Association and Elizabeth Weldon, school secretary. They set out the next day to do something about this idea.

Tolu is a tiny river town, but the folks there believe in their kids. Teachers, parents, and students all pitched in to help. People from neighboring farms and towns were invited to pie suppers, bake sales, chili dinners and a PTA carn-



The Tolu Touchstone as it was placed that day for the Annual School Reunion in 1983 and the touchstone as it looks today. Someone recently cleaned the stone's location, the stone was still there, although broken and the brick foundation is now gone.

val. Young people sold popcorn at ball games. In just a few months, the TV fund grew to over \$700. Mrs. Robinson, anxious to put instructional television to work at Tolu, committed \$1,000 of the school's operating funds.

Early in 1969 a contractor wired all the school's classrooms for TV, erected a 75-foot tower with a channel-35 yagi pointed toward Madisonville, and installed four monochrome receivers. The company was paid with a Tolu Elementary School check for \$1,700. So while other pupils in Crittenden had not, the 200 pupils at Tolu had a curriculum enriched by expert television instructors and by filmed geographic and historic experiences. Interest in their children and some hard work made the difference in Tolu getting this wonderful new learning project.

July 1983 - Tolu Touchstone makes Tolu legend a reality (Crittenden Press article July 1983)

According to legend around Tolu, if you touch or step on a certain rock – no one seems for sure which one or where it is located – you will always come back to the small Ohio River town.

But now that legend has become a reality and it's called the Touchstone. The Touchstone is a piece of native limestone from Crittenden County carved by Henry and Henry Monument Co. of Marion to commemorate Saturday's Tolu school reunion.

I remember when C. R. Jones came to me and said he had a brainstorm, an idea to make the Tolu reunion really special, said Mabel Croft, who owns the corner lot where the Touchstone found its home.

The simple inscription engraved in the face of the rock, "Welcome Home," means a lot to some of the Tolu graduates.

I've seen people here I haven't seen in 50 years, said James R. Bagwell, who now lives in Bowling Green. Commissioner of

Agriculture, Alben Barkley II, whose oldest son, Lucas, spent a year at Tolu. I figure that's good enough to get a foot in the door and enjoy some of this good food, he joked. Miss Roberta Croft saw a lot of her former students at the reunion. In fact, a good number of those attending had had Croft, Miss Roberta, as she is widely known, as a teacher at one time or another.

One time a student came to me and asked if I had taught her grandmother, she said, and oh, I guess I felt about a thousand and one years old. It turned out that I had taught her grandmother, and that's three generations in one family I taught." Miss Roberta quit teaching in 1972, after 36 years at Tolu.

Once everyone had too much good food to eat, the crowd moved to the site of the touchstone, which was erected at the site where the Tolu Methodist Church stood until 1949. The stone sits on a masonry foundation built by Darrell Sherer in front of the steps to the former church, on the corner of First Street and Orchard Avenue.

As the crowd gathered, a few people bent to read the inscription. Some placed pennies on the stone, apparently for good luck. Rev. Alexander led a dedication prayer, and Phin Croft of Tolu made a few brief remarks.

When a bystander was asked if he had anything to say, he quietly answered, "just being here is enough." The group slowly made its way back up toward the school, and everyone stopped and placed their hands on the Touchstone.

And now the legend of Tolu will last as long as the stone itself.

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

American Legion speech contest Jan. 20 in Murray

The American Legion National Oratory Scholarship Contest will be conducted by the Kentucky American Legion 1st District on Sunday, Jan. 20. The District contest will be at 2 p.m., at the Murray-Calloway County Senior Citizens Center located at 607 Poplar Street in Murray. The deadline to enroll is Monday.

This contest is open to all Kentucky high school and home-schooled students in grades 9–12 who are less than 20 years old. Detailed rules can be found at www.kylelegion.org in the Oratorical tab. In order to sign up for the 1st District Contest email your name, address, phone number, high school, and date of birth to usmc1965@bellsouth.net or call Mark

Kennedy at (270)-752-3333.

Contestants are required to give two speeches at each level of competition. The prepared oration must be on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with an emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. The prepared oration must be 8-10 minutes in duration. In the Assigned Topics Oration contestants must speak for 3–5 minutes on any one of four Assigned Topics. The Assigned Topic is drawn at each level and contestants must be prepared to speak on any one of the four. The Assigned Topics for the 2019 contest are: Amendment 1; Amendment 4, Amendment 13; and Amend-

ment 21.

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State flu activity now 'widespread'

STAFF REPORT

Flu activity in Kentucky has been upgraded to "widespread" after an explosion in the number of confirmed cases in the last week of 2018, according to the Department for Public Health (DPH). Widespread is the highest level of flu activity, which indicates increased cases or outbreaks of influenza in at least half of the Commonwealth's 17 regions. But so far in the 2018-19 flu season, flu activity in western Kentucky has been relatively light.

"We strongly encourage anyone who hasn't received a flu vaccine, particularly children 6 months and older and those people at high risk for complications related to the flu, to get a flu shot," said Jeff Howard, M.D., commissioner of DPH. "Also remember to cover your cough and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth because germs are spread this way. Be sure to frequently wash your hands with soap and water and stay home if you are sick

with flu-like illness."

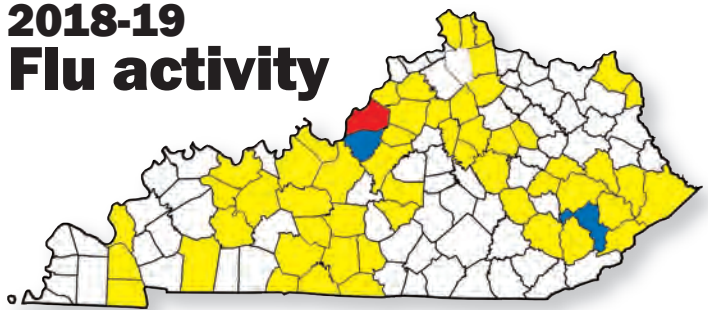
DPH reports weekly influenza activity to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The weekly report is located at

Livingston, Christian and Muhlenberg counties. In the Purchase District, the eight westernmost counties in Kentucky, there were four in Marshall County and one in Calloway County.

The report consists of laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza that are defined by molecular virus testing and positive virus culture test results. Rapid positive influenza tests are not included in this report, but are used as an indicator of flu-like illness circulating across the state. One-third of the 2018-19 flu cases have been in children ages 1-10.

The number of flu cases to date this season (1,457) is comparable to the number of cases at the same time last season (1,411). Four adult deaths and one pediatric death have now been linked to the flu in Kentucky this flu season. At this time in the last flu season Kentucky had 12 flu-related deaths, all adults. During the entire

2018-19 Flu activity



□ No lab-confirmed cases
■ 1-50 lab-confirmed cases
■ 51-100 lab-confirmed cases
■ 501+ lab-confirmed cases

<https://goo.gl/mVe1hi> and is updated each Friday by noon. The Dec. 29 report, the final one for calendar year 2018, showed 1,457 laboratory-confirmed cases of flu. The previous report from Dec. 22 reflected fewer than 250 cases.

There have been no confirmed cases in Crittenden County. Elsewhere in the Pennyridge District, though, there was one case each in

1,457
Lab-confirmed flu
cases in Kentucky



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Smoking cessation top 2019 resolution

By **MELISSA PATRICK**
KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

Of the 44 percent of American adults who said they would make a New Year's resolution this year, 12 percent said they plan to quit smoking and 10 percent said they plan to lose weight, according to a Marist College poll.

Since Kentucky has the nation's second-highest smoking rate, 24.6 percent, and the seventh-highest obesity rate, 34.3 percent, both those resolutions are probably common in the state.

It might be best to not set both goals at the same time, since quitting smoking can sometimes lead to a modest weight gain. And many could forgo trying to quit smoking because they don't want

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E-cigarette levy wanted

Lawmakers asked for tax to lessen rising teen vaping

By **DEBORAH YETTER**
COURIER JOURNAL

Alarmed by the rapid growth of e-cigarette use, or "vaping," among teens and adolescents, a Kentucky health advocacy group is renewing its appeal for a state excise tax on the popular product.

"It's just really exploding right before our eyes," said Ben Chandler, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky president. "It's not a brand new phenomenon but this explosion of usage is new and it's particularly new among younger people."

Chandler's organization released a poll last Wednesday that found a majority of Kentuckians would support a tax similar to the \$1.10 excise tax the state charges on

cigarettes. The poll, conducted in mid-December by Mason Dixon Polling and Research Inc., found that 73 percent of Kentuckians statewide support such a tax.

A tax would make it less appealing to kids.

— Ben Chandler

President of Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky on a proposed levy on e-cigarettes to curb teen vaping

Republicans showed the highest support at 77 percent, while 72 percent of Democrats were in favor, according to the poll of 625 registered voters.

A proposal for a tax on e-cigarettes was included in a bill that increased the state's cigarette tax from 60 cents to the current \$1.10 a pack during the 2018 General Assembly. But the e-cigarette

tax disappeared with no public explanation from the final version of the bill amid a heavy and well-financed lobbying campaign by tobacco giant Altria Group of Richmond, Va., the parent

company of Phillip Morris USA and other tobacco entities.

Altria recently bought a 35 percent stake in leading e-cigarette maker Juul Labs, for nearly \$13 billion, a deal reported in USA TODAY.

Chandler said his non-profit health advocacy foundation was surprised to discover e-cigarettes were exempted from an excise tax

in the 2018 legislative session and have been unable to learn why. But he suspects the influence of Altria lobbyists.

"We don't know but what we do know is they met secretly with legislators, they spent a great deal of money and the e-cigarette tax disappeared," Chandler said. "We had it in the bill and it was pulled at the very last minute."

A spokesman for Republicans who control the Senate said leaders of that chamber had no comment. A spokeswoman for Republicans who lead the House did not immediately respond.

The Courier Journal reported in March that a top

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Health rankings show Ky. needs much work

THE ADVOCATE-MESSENGER

Kentuckians are among the least healthy people in the country. Kentucky ranked 45th for overall health outcomes — down three spots from 2017, according to an annual report from America's Health Rankings.

The states that rank worse than Kentucky are Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The top ranked states were Hawaii, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and Utah, respectively.

In the report, 35 markers of health associated with behavior, community and environment,

as well as policy and clinical care are measured and ranked.

The report found Kentucky leads the nation in physical inactivity among adults, preventable hospitalizations and cancer deaths.

Additionally, Kentucky ranks 47th for rates of drug-related deaths, 49th for rates of smoking, 43rd for children in poverty and rate of obesity, 48th for frequent mental distress, 49th for frequent physical distress and 47th for premature death.

Some key positive highlights from the report included:

- In the past five years, the percentage of

uninsured decreased 65 percent from 15 percent to 5.3 percent of the population, ranking Kentucky eighth in the nation.

- In the past 10 years, air pollution decreased 41 percent from 13.8 to 8.2 micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter.
- Kentucky has low rates of violent crime, ranking fifth in the nation for rates of such crimes.
- Kentucky ranks seventh for high-school graduation rates, with 88.6 percent of people graduating.

Some key negative

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FLU SHOT

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flu season, there were 333 flu-related deaths in Kentucky last year, five of which were pediatric.

The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends flu vaccine for all individuals 6 months of age and older. Adequate supplies of flu vaccine are available for this year's season. Vaccinations can be given any time during the flu season but providers are encouraged to administer the vaccine as soon as possible.

During the 2016-17 and 2017-18 influenza seasons, ACIP recommended that Flu Mist not be used because of concerns about low effectiveness against influenza A (H1N1). However, ACIP recommends that FluMist once again be an option for vaccination during the 2018-2019 influenza season for persons for whom it is age-appropriate and who have no medical contraindications.

The change in recommendation is a result of the influenza A (H1N1) strain being changed in the current FluMist formulation.

Due to the timing of the decision by the ACIP regarding use of FluMist, the Kentucky Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) will not be offering FluMist for VFC or KCHIP patients during the 2018-2019 influenza season. However, some private providers will offer FluMist this season for their patients.

The flu vaccine is especially important in light of the severe season experienced last year across the U.S. The CDC reports that more than 900,000 flu-related hospitalizations occurred and more than 80,000

Who needs it?

CDC recommendations on getting a flu shot

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends flu vaccine for all individuals 6 months of age and older. People who are strongly encouraged to receive the flu vaccine because they may be at higher risk for complications or negative consequences include:

- Children age six months through 59 months;
- Women who are or will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- Persons 50 years of age or older;
- Persons with extreme obesity (Body Mass Index of 40 or greater);
- Persons aged six months and older with chronic health problems;
- Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities;
- Household contacts (including children) and caregivers of children aged younger than 5 years old and adults 50 and older;
- Household contacts and caregivers or people who live with a person at high-risk for complications from the flu;
- Health care workers, including physicians, nurses, and other workers in inpatient and outpatient-care settings, medical emergency-response workers (e.g., paramedics and emergency medical technicians), employees of nursing home and long-term care facilities who have contact with patients or residents, and students in these professions who will have contact with patients.

people died as a result of flu. Of the pediatric flu deaths reported in last year's season, more than one-third of these occurred among healthy children between the ages of 6 months and 4 years.

It is especially important for pregnant women to be vaccinated before or during pregnancy. Antibodies cross the placenta and provide immunity to infants up to 6 months of age, when the infant is eligible to receive their dose of flu vaccine.

DPH relies on sites such as doctors' offices, hospitals and health departments to help track the level of influenza activity in the state and to identify which strains of the flu are circulating in Kentucky. These voluntary sites collect data and

report influenza-like illness (ILI) cases according to age groups each week. This sampling represents only a small percentage of influenza cases for the state, but contributes to the ongoing assessment of flu activity in the Commonwealth and helps determine the weekly level of flu activity.

Infection with the flu virus can cause fever, headache, cough, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing and body aches. Flu can be very contagious. For more information on influenza or the availability of flu vaccine, Kentuckians should contact their primary care medical provider or local health department. Influenza information is also available online at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>.

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SMOKING

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to gain weight.

But a registered dietitian from Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center, Liz Weinandy, says the weight gain is usually minimal, and nothing to worry about, because it won't increase your risk of death – but smoking does – and the health benefits that come from quitting are almost immediate.

After quitting, a smoker's heart rate drops to normal levels in 20 minutes; carbon monoxide level drops back to normal in 12 hours, allowing a person's blood oxygen to increase; lung function improves in just a couple of weeks; the risk of heart disease drops by half in one year, says the American Lung Association.

Weinary said people tend to gain some weight when they try to quit smoking because nicotine "was suppressing your appetite, reducing your ability to smell and taste, raising your metabolic rate and keeping you up at night if you smoked in the evening. Once it's out of your system, you may feel hungry more often, your metabolism slows, food tastes and smells more appealing, and you may sleep better. . . . But as your body repairs the damage smoking has done, it also adjusts to life without nicotine."

In a university news release, Weinandy notes that a typical weight gain for those who try to quit smoking is usually 10 pounds or less. She offers three tips on how to minimize it, adding that they are also generally good tips



to live a healthier life. In fact, these suggestions would improve the success rate of the top four New Year resolutions in the poll: exercising more, stopping smoking, losing weight, and eating healthier.

First, Weinandy says it's important to be more active after you quit smoking. She suggests that former smokers take a walk during their former smoke-break time or to start taking the stairs instead of the elevator. Increasing activity will help you burn more calories and boost your slowing metabolic rate. "I often suggest focusing on exercise before food," she says, "because most people who smoked weren't working out, because it was hard to get enough oxygen."

Second, she encourages people who are trying to quit smoking to plan their meals, cook at home and to generally eat better, suggesting that they put money formerly spent on cigarettes towards healthier food. She notes that food may taste differently after quitting, so it's a good time to try new foods.

"Nicotine suppresses appetite, which is one reason people will gain weight when they stop smoking – their hunger increases," Weinandy said. "But I've also seen former smokers lose weight since better breathing made their taste buds more attuned and,

therefore, they don't eat as many salty and sugary foods."

Her third suggestion is to make sure you sleep seven to nine hours a night, since this helps to balance hunger hormones, decreasing hunger during the day. "One of the things I talk about with all of my patients – smokers and non-smokers – is the importance of getting enough sleep each night," Weinandy said. "Nicotine is a stimulant and, if you smoked later in the day, it was probably affecting your sleep in the same way as when people take in caffeine."

The poll, sponsored by NPR and PBS NewsHour, surveyed 1,075 adults between Nov. 28 and Dec. 4 via cell phones and landlines. The margin of error for those who were likely to make a New Year's resolution in 2019 was plus or minus 5.7 percentage points.

The poll also found that of those who made a 2018 New Year's resolution, 68 percent said they kept it or kept part of it and 32 percent said they did not.

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highlights from the report included:

- In the past two years, frequent mental distress increased 17 percent from 13.8 percent to 16.2 percent of adults.
- In the past four years, diabetes increased 22 percent from 10.6 percent to 12.9 percent of adults.
- In the past three years, excessive drinking increased 27 percent from 13.6 percent to 17.3 percent of adults.
- The rate of children living in poverty is 22.4 percent, ranking Kentucky 43rd in the nation.
- Since 1990, cancer deaths increased 11 percent from 211.6 to 234.9 deaths per 100,000 population.

The full report can be accessed at americas-healthrankings.org.

State legislators and health officials should develop and implement policies with these figures in

mind.

One critical aspect of improving the state's health will be ensuring residents maintain access to health insurance, which will continue to improve access to care. Kentucky has made great strides in recent years in this area, evidenced by this report.

Without access to health care, Kentuckians will continue to fall behind the rest of the country in areas of health and wellbeing.

The health of the state's residents is critical to our success in many ways. A healthy population means a healthier workforce, which can attract more businesses and industries to our state. Healthier children will be able to take better advantage of education opportunities. Improved health will reduce medical costs for individuals and the state.

Improving our state's health rankings will not be an easy task. The state will need to continue taking a multi-faceted ap-

proach to fighting the drug epidemic, working with public health agencies, hospitals, schools, law enforcement, churches and treatment programs.

We will also need to continue looking at policies and legislation that will reduce tobacco use.

It is past time to find ways to improve access to care for diabetics. Education about how to live with diabetes and prevent it will also be critical.

Likewise, improving access to mental health care and removing the stigma about mental illness with education campaigns will also be critical.

Most importantly, we want to see our community and our neighbors healthier in all facets – physically, mentally and financially.

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Why experts say e-cigs are bad for your kids

By **DEBORAH YETTER**
COURIER JOURNAL

Warning of an e-cigarette "epidemic" among youths, U.S. Surgeon General Jerome M. Adams issued an advisory in December stressing the importance of protecting children from potential harm.

"We need to protect our kids from all tobacco products, including all shapes and sizes of e-cigarettes," Adams said. "Everyone can play an important role in protecting our nation's young people from the risks of e-cigarettes."

Here's what federal health officials say parents and youths need to know

about using e-cigarettes, also known as "vaping."

1 E-cigarette products contain nicotine, the same highly addictive drug found in tobacco, making it an "on-ramp to addiction." Nicotine can harm brain development and affect learning, memory and attention.

2 Smoking e-cigarettes can lead teens and young adults who haven't previously smoked to try cigarettes, which cause cancer and a host of other diseases and remain "the leading cause of preventable death in the United States."

3 New vaping devices have become smaller and easier to conceal, in-

cluding one shaped like a computer flash drive that is now the most popular such device on the e-cigarette market.

4 E-cigarettes create an aerosol by using a battery to heat up liquid that usually contains nicotine, flavorings and other additives. Users inhale this aerosol into their lungs. E-cigarettes can also be used to deliver marijuana and other drugs.

5 Most youths ages 12 to 17 who use e-cigarettes prefer liquids flavored to taste like candy, fruit or chocolate.

More information on e-cigarettes is available on the surgeon general's website.

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lobbyist for Altria met privately with legislative leaders as they worked out final details of state tax and budget bills to discuss, among other things, an e-cigarette tax. It also reported that Altria spent about \$380,000 on lobbying efforts during the 2018 session, more than twice as much as any of the 720 groups registered to lobby the legislature.

Altria issued a statement Thursday saying it opposes excise taxes that place "the economic burden solely on adult tobacco consumer" to fund general government programs.

"This is particularly true in Kentucky, where cigarettes were the only consumer good targeted with an excise tax increase in 2018, and increasing taxes on e-cigarettes is just an extension of the same unfair policy," it said.

And Jason Underwood, who represents the Kentucky Smoke Free Association, made up of free-standing "vape" stores that sell e-cigarette products, said his organization also opposes the tax. Rather, it supports enforcing state law that forbids the sale of tobacco and e-cigarettes to anyone under 18.

"We want to work with the legislature to make sure kids don't get their hands on this product," he said. "Taxing is not the answer."

Underwood said members of his association require ID and do not permit minors in the stores.

Most states, including Kentucky, ban the sale of tobacco products to anyone under 18.

But use of e-cigarettes among underage teens is surging, Chandler said, citing a recent U.S. Surgeon General's report that found e-cigarettes are now the most commonly used tobacco product by high school and middle school youths.

"A tax would make it less appealing to kids," he said.

Bonnie Hackbarth, a spokeswoman for the

foundation, said that nine states and Washington D.C. have enacted excise taxes on e-cigarettes.

Most e-cigarettes — battery-operated devices with liquid cartridges that produce vapor that users inhale — deliver a powerful dose of nicotine, the highly addictive drug in tobacco. They have not lived up to companies' marketing claims that they are devices that could help adults quit smoking, Chandler said.

Instead, they have become wildly popular among youths who are especially susceptible to addiction and may have never smoked cigarettes, Chandler said.

"The ones we're seeing using them the most are young people who are just starting," Chandler said. "There's plenty of evidence to show they are a gateway to cigarettes."

Juul currently is running full-page advertisements in the Courier Journal and other newspapers promoting Juul as a way for adult smokers to quit cigarettes. It includes the warning "This product contains nicotine. Nicotine is an addictive chemical."

The company had been criticized by national health advocacy organizations for earlier marketing techniques that appeared to target youths.

Concerned over the rise of e-cigarette use among youths, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently announced plans to limit sales of some flavored e-cigarette liquids that appeal to young people.

Juul has said it will discontinue sales of some flavors such as mango, fruit and creme, according to USA TODAY.

Chandler said the foundation will urge lawmakers to revisit a tax on e-cigarettes in the 2019 session starting next week. If lawmakers decline to act on any revenue measures this year, the foundation will push for it in 2020, when lawmakers enact the next budget.

But Chandler said he's concerned that e-cigarette use among youths will continue to rise in Kentucky as it does nationwide.

The Surgeon General's December report found youth use of e-cigarettes has risen dramatically since the product first appeared on the market around 2007. It found that in 2018, more than 3.6 million U.S. kids, including one in five high school students and one in 20 middle school students, currently use e-cigarettes.

Though e-cigarettes often are viewed as safer than cigarettes, the Surgeon General warned that nicotine exposure during adolescence can harm brain development and affect learning, memory and attention.

While e-cigarettes come in a variety of devices, a particularly popular one marketed by Juul is designed to look like a flash drive and experienced a 600 percent surge in sales from 2016 to 2017, giving it the greatest market share of any e-cigarette in the U.S. by the end of 2017, the Surgeon General said.

Chandler said he hopes the foundation poll showing a majority of Kentuckians support an e-cigarette tax will spur lawmakers to act.

"We think this is an easy one for them," he said.

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Methodist churches at crossroads

Congregation could be on verge of schism; conference slated for next month in St. Louis

STAFF REPORT

The United Methodist Church’s highest legislative assembly will meet next month in St. Louis to consider the future of the denomination.

Several plans for “a way forward” have been proposed by a denominational commission and by other unofficial caucuses. General Conference – which is similar to a legislative body – may adopt, amend, rewrite or reject these proposals. Each of the plans focuses on how to restructure the denomination based on differing opinions about homosexuality.

Following are very brief overviews of how the commission’s three plans and two other proposals might impact the ministry and affiliation of local churches, including the three Methodist congregations in Crittenden County. Those churches are located in Marion, Tolu and Dycusburg.

Currently, the United Methodist Church (UMC) officially declares “the practice of homosexuality” to be “incompatible with Christian teaching.” As a result, the denomination forbids ordination of “self-avowed practicing homosexuals,” celebration of same-sex marriages or unions and the use of general church funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality. Violation of these laws can result in church trials. Many congregations and clergy who consider these laws discriminatory and harmful have openly protested and defied these prohibitions, according to a recent article by Rev. Darryl W. Stephens, who teaches seminary in Pennsylvania and is a Methodist minister in Texas.

Debate at the General Conference in 2016 was so contested that the legislative assembly basically ground to a halt. An exceptional appeal to the Council of Bishops prevented imminent schism, Stephens writes. The bishops responded by proposing a “Commission on a Way Forward” to prepare a report to a special session of General Conference which is Feb. 23-26.

Rev. David Combs of Marion will be attending the conference, but not as a delegate; as an observer only.

The UMC Commission has presented three options for a way forward. They are outlined in the following manner:

•*The One Church Plan* would shift to churches and conferences decisions regarding ministry with or by LGBTQ persons rather than maintaining a single standard that operates throughout the worldwide church. It would also remove



Methodist ministers met Monday in Marion to discuss proposed changes in church discipline. Pictured (from left) are Brian Small of Grand Rivers-Pisgah, Ernest Margelot of Dawson Springs, Harry Todd of Paradise UMC and David Combs, Marion.

some of the language in the Book of Discipline that limit LGBTQ people’s involvement as United Methodists.

•*The Connectional Conference Plan* would create three connectional conferences based on perspective on LGBTQ issues. The three connectional conferences would function throughout the worldwide church and the five existing U.S. jurisdictions would be abolished.

•*The Simple Plan* would remove all language from the Book of Discipline that excludes LGBTQ people from full participation in the church.

In addition to those three plans by the Commission, there are at least two other proposals that have gained at least some traction ahead of General Conference. Following is an abbreviated description of two of them:

•*The Traditional Plan* would affirm the current language about homosexuality in the Book of Discipline and seek to strengthen enforcement for violations.

•*The Modified Traditional Plan* would add to the Traditional Plan a committee with authority to hold bishops accountable to the sexuality standards in the Book of Discipline. It would offer a \$200,000 grant to annual conferences that want to leave the denomination because of disagreement over LGBTQ issues.

Any plan requiring only a simple majority for approval by General Conference could be reversed by a simple majority at any future session of General Conference, according to those familiar with the

process. The next General Conference is in 2020. It is held regularly every four years.

Rev. Combs believes that if a plan is accepted at next month’s denominational legislative conference, it will not be without some modification or amendment. Combs met with other clergy from around the region last week at the church in Marion.

The Kentucky Conference has issued an official statement with regard to next month’s General Conference. It says, among other things, that “Fear of the unknown is the cause of most of our anxiousness. We know something will change, but we do not know the extent of the change. The Commission on the Way Forward has submitted three possible plans: the Traditionalist Plan, the One Church Plan and the Connectional Conference Plan. The possibility of any of these three plans being approved as presented is very low. Other petitions have been filed and amendments will certainly be presented.”

The entire statement is posted on the Kentucky Conference website. It cautions its members to be cautious and patient.

“Talk of leaving the denomination by clergy and congregations is becoming more and more frequent. We all need to wait until the end of General Conference before making decisions and declaratory statements. If the actions of General Conference result in pastors and congregations leaving The United Methodist Church, there will be a process for disaffiliation,” the Conference statement says.

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BASKETBALL
This Week's Games
FRIDAY

Boys & Girls host Trigg County
SATURDAY
Rockets at Hardin Co., Ill.



GIRLS
Monday at various sites
Lyon vs Dawson
UHA bye
Livingston vs Ft. Campbell
Crittenden bye
Thursday, Jan. 17
Semifinals at Rocket Arena
Lyon/Dawson vs UHA, 6pm
Livingston/FtC vs Crittenden, 7:30pm
Saturday, Jan. 19
Championship at Rocket Arena
Game time 4pm

BOYS
Tuesday at various sites
Crittenden at Lyon County, 7pm
Dawson at Ft. Campbell, 7pm
UHA bye
Livingston bye
Friday, Jan. 18
Semifinals at Dawson Springs
Crittenden/Lyon vs UHA, 6pm
Dawson/FtC vs Livingston, 7:30pm
Saturday, Jan. 19
Championship at Dawson Springs
Game time 7pm

Second Region Poll

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

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

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

OUTDOORS
Hunting Seasons

Deer Archery	Sept. 1 - Jan. 21
Turkey Archery	Sept. 1 - Jan. 21
Raccoon Hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Rabbit/Quail	Nov. 12 - Feb. 10
Squirrel	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Bobcat Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunt/Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
Snow Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
White Front Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
Bobcat Hunt	Nov. 24 - Feb. 28
Duck	Dec. 3 - Jan. 27
Dove	Dec. 22 - Jan. 13
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Goose Conservation	Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Youth Turkey	April 6-7
Spring Turkey	Apr. 6 - May 5

TRACK & FIELD
Track coach wanted

Crittenden County's track and field team is looking for a volunteer assistant coach for the upcoming spring season. Head Coach Sandra Martinez says she is primarily needing someone to work with jumpers. Deadline for application is Jan. 30. Interested volunteers can go to the school district website and fill out a volunteer coaching application form by clicking on the employment opportunities link. For more information, contact the coach at Sandra.martinez@crittenden.kyschools.us or 270-965-2243.

Big Games Ahead for Rocket Girls

Key district matchup Friday for 1st place; All A Tournament next week

STAFF REPORT

Her youngest regulars are improving daily, senior Shelby Summers is playing lights out and all of the other pieces are starting to fall into place for coach Shannon's Hodge's Lady Rockets to have a significant opportunity to claim a Second Region All A Classic title next week.

But, first the girls have an appointment with Trigg County at Rocket Arena for a matchup that very likely will determine who wins the regular-season Fifth District title and claims the always-coveted No. 1 seed for the post-season tournament.

Trigg County is the only team in Crittenden's division to beat the Lady Rockets this season. It was the first league matchup for both teams back in early December. It was Trigg's first win in the district since way back in 2012, and the Lady Rockets felt like it was a game that slipped away.

Friday's victory at Lyon County didn't come without some difficulties, but for the most part Crittenden handled everything the Lyons fired at them. The Lady Rockets led almost the entire way before Lyon took a four-point lead in the fourth period before CCHS battled back to claim the win.

"When we got down by a couple of buckets we didn't fold," said Hodge. "We played better defense then got an offense rebound and putback to get right back in it. We handled the ball well down the stretch and (Summers) hit some big free throws."

Summers scored a career-high 21 points at Lyon and her coach says the 12th-grader has taken "ownership of the team."

"She's a great leader for us now," Hodge added.

Lyon, Crittenden and Trigg counties were in a three-way tie for the league lead until Friday when Trigg won at Livingston and the Lady Rockets dispatched Lyon. Now, Trigg and Crittenden will decide who's the boss in Friday's key district showdown at Marion. Hodge said beating Lyon at Eddyville was a key component to keeping her team's goals on track.

"It was a huge district win. Of course we're trying to secure that No. 1 seed for the tournament," Hodge said.

And beyond that, the Rocket girls have their jets set on reclaiming Classic superiority in the annual small-school tournament. Lyon surprised Crittenden last year, beating CCHS by 10 before winning the regional All A Tournament and advancing to the state event. Crittenden won the Second Region small-school games two years ago and then won an opening round game at the state tournament, its first ever triumph at that level.

Crittenden is the winningest team in the regional All A history, if you count those still participating. The CCHS girls and Webster girls each have six regional



Senior Shelby Summers scored a career-high 21 to lead CCHS to a win at Lyon County Friday.

Fifth District Standings

GIRLS		
Team	Overall	Dist.
Crittenden County	7-6	3-1
Trigg County	7-10	3-1
Lyon County	6-7	2-2
Livingston Central	0-16	0-4
Through Monday's games		

titles, but Webster has grown too large to play in the small-school event.

Right now, Crittenden is the second highest ranked team that will be playing in the tournament, which opens at various sites and will be finished at Rocket Arena with the semifinals and championship game. According to this week's Second Region media poll, the Lady Rockets are ranked No. 9 in the region and No. 2 among Class A teams. Only University Heights is ranked higher (No. 8 overall) and has a better record at 9-4.

"We are a better team right now," Hodge said. "We're learning and growing and even though right now is not when you want to play your best basketball – you want that later in the season – we

Lady Rocket Regional Championship Years In the All A Classic

1998
@ State: Lost to Bishop Brossart 81-36
Brossart was eventual state runnerup

1999
@ State: Lost to Bishop Brossart 84-34
Brossart was eventual state champion

2001
@ State: Lost to Bishop Brossart 72-31
Brossart lost in quarterfinals to eventual state champ Jackson County

2008
@ State: Lost to Louisville Holy Cross 46-35
Holy Cross was eliminated in next round

2011
@ State: Lost to Lexington Christian 48-46
Lexington Christian was a semifinalist

2017
@ State: Beat Lexington Sayre 45-42
Quarterfinals: Lost to Harlan 43-21
Harlan was eventual state runnerup

Crittenden County's 6 trips to the All A Classic State Tournament is tied for most in the 2nd Region with Webster County

have the All A next week and we feel pretty good going into that."

Crittenden played Dawson Springs Tuesday night. Results were not available due to an early press deadline this week.

GIRLS' SCORING SUMMARIES

Stewart Co. 69, Crittenden 35

Stewart County	15	32	48	69
Crittenden Co.	9	20	26	35

STEWART - Smith 11, Gray 7, Crockarell 9, Sheperd 6, Dill, Hale 8, Howell, Bramlett 2, Borens 2, K.Bramlett 10, Gafford 2. FG 30. 3-pointers 4. FT 5-7.

CRITTENDEN - Guess 7, Hayes, Summers 14, Woodward 11, Duncan 2, Boone, Long, Perryman 1, Keller, Easley, Binkley, Hatfield. FG 9. 3-pointers 1 (Guess). FT 16-28.

Crittenden 53, Lyon 50

Crittenden Co.	15	23	41	53
Lyon County	8	23	42	50

CRITTENDEN - Guess 11, Hayes 2, Summers 21, Woodward 13, Duncan, Boone 6 Long. FG 21. 3-pointers 2 (Woodward). FT 9-16.

LYON - Brown 2, Smith 8, Mathews 5, Taylor, Wynn, Collins 6, Watts 2, P'Poole 6, Doom, Murphy 21. FG 17. 3-pointers none. FT 16-19.

Wounded Warriors

CCHS splits in recent games; preppping for Trigg, All A at Lyon

STAFF REPORT

Almost a year ago, Crittenden County beat Lyon County for one of the biggest upsets in recent league memory as the Rockets claimed a Fifth District Tournament title for the first time in 20 years and only their second since consolidation in 1957.

Coach Denis Hodge's club will need a similar miracle when it goes to Eddyville Tuesday for the opening round of the All A Classic. It will be a rematch at the same spot where Crittenden lost by 13 to the Lyons on Friday in a regular-season district matchup. The 13-point loss wasn't quite as lopsided as a 25-point defeat at the hands of Lyon (10-6) in December at Marion. In fact, Crittenden had Lyon on the ropes for a while in the first half. The game was tied with a second to go in the second period but Lyon bucketed one at the buzzer. The hosts took advantage of countless third-quarter Rocket turnovers to flash ahead with a 20-9 run.

Crittenden (5-10) remains winless in district play and will turn its attention toward a meeting with Trigg County on Friday, prior to getting ready for the All A Classic.

Trigg (6-10) beat Crittenden by a dozen at Cadiz in early December but Crittenden collapsed late after leading by three to start the final period. That is the Wildcats' only district victory to date. They trail Lyon and Livingston in the



This photograph of Rocket senior basketball player Gavin Dickerson pretty well sums up the boys' basketball season so far. Dickerson was icing both knees in the vistor's locker room following Crittenden County's loss at Lyon County Friday. The senior had surgery last year to repair a torn ACL in one knee because of a football injury. Both knees tend to swell after basketball games. Several other Rockets are injured and hurt. Even the student manager is on crutches.

standings.

A lot has changed since then, but most of it isn't too good for the home team. Crittenden's personnel issues cannot be overstated. There is a long list of injuries, some temporarily debilitating, others just nagging. Sophomore Tyler Boone will continue to be sidelined with a fractured bone in his knee. He might be back sometime in February. Sawyer Towery was back in the lineup over the weekend as the Rockets lost at Lyon Friday but beat Stewart County, Tenn., in a matinee game on Saturday. The senior scored 10 in the win. He had missed a couple of previous games with a groin injury. Senior center Gavin Dickerson is still playing regularly, but his knees continue to swell after most outings.

One of the brighter spots recently has been the shooting of senior Hunter Boone. His scoring surge, averaging 14 points over the past five games, has helped lift the Rocket offense. He is also struggling with a sore knee.

With no games scheduled this week until Trigg gets here on Friday, Coach Denis Hodge will likely be taking it fairly easy and perhaps resting some of his wounded warriors. After that, it's back to the grind.

Crittenden 62, Stewart Co. 52

Stewart County	8	24	42	52
Crittenden Co.	18	37	50	62

STEWART - Tilson 5, Dennis 21, Page, Nolan 10, Cook 9, McElroy 3, Powell 4. FG 17. 3-pointers 6. FT 12-13.

Lyon 62, Crittenden 49

Crittenden Co.	17	31	40	49
Lyon County	16	33	53	62

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson, E.O'Leary 3, Towery 3, Mott 6, Guess, Dickerson 2, S.O'Leary, Winders, Carlson, Turley 17, H.Boone 18. FG 19. 3-pointers 6 (H.Boone 4, E.O'Leary, Towery). FT 6-7.

LYON - Perry 19, Bingham, Blackburn 10, Board 10, Shoulders 17, Whalin 2, Defew 4. FG 15. 3-pointers 8 (Perry 4, Blackburn 3, Board). FT 4-9.

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shuts local office

Personal Finance Co. has closed its office on Main Street in Marion. Signs on the door and on the night deposit box provides a Madisonville phone number for service. A representative at the Madisonville office said customers in Marion are now being served through Madisonville and Paducah offices.

Ohio floodwaters
now receding

The Ohio River at Shawneetown, Ill., crested early Tuesday morning, reaching 38.27 feet. Minor flood stage begins at 33 feet. Major flooding begins at 43 feet. Flooding has swamped fields and wooded areas, but no damage to homes has been reported. As measured at the Shawneetown gauge, the

river is expected to drop below flood stage early Saturday morning. The Cave In Rock Ferry has not been interrupted by the flooding. Generally, the ferry must halt operations when the river reaches the major flooding stage.

I-24 bridge work
finally restarting

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has resumed work on the Interstate 24 Tennessee River Bridge at the Livingston-Marshall County line. Both east-bound and westbound traffic have been restricted to one lane on I-24 at the 30-mile marker for several months to allow joint work on the bridge. The contractor encountered a number of engineering issues during the fabrication of new joints for the bridge deck that has delayed completion of

the work beyond the original target completion date of Nov. 15, 2018. The delay required the work zone to stay up during the busy holiday travel period. The contractor has now resumed work, but it may take several weeks to be able to estimate a new target completion date. A number of overnight closures will be required to facilitate installation of new joints on both bridges. Motorists traveling I-24 should be prepared to encounter slowing and merging traffic as they approach the area.

Civil engineering
scholarship offer

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) will award scholarships for the 2018-19 school year for prospective and current college students pursuing civil engineering degrees. Interested stu-

dents must apply by the Feb. 1 deadline to be considered for the unique scholarship that offers recipients job placement. As many as 20 competitive civil engineering scholarships will be awarded for students who attend the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University or Kentucky State University. In addition to gaining tuition assistance, scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to work during the summers and are guaranteed post-graduation employment. Freshmen and sophomores receive \$6,200 per semester, while juniors and seniors receive \$6,600 per semester, to complete a bachelor of science in civil engineering. Students agree to work one year for KyTC for each year of scholarship assistance. Recipients will be notified in April.

REAL ID

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changes brought about by the new application processes.

"Now is the time for individuals to start getting their documentation in order to obtaining the new license or ID should they wish to do so," she said.

KyTC is spearheading the Confident Kentucky initiative to offer two new license, permit and personal identification card versions applicants can choose from the next time they are due to renew existing credentials at their local circuit clerk's office. The new system is expected to be in place statewide by May and is part of an effort to introduce a new Real ID compliant credential by boosting the security of all card production and issuance.

"We want to give Kentuckians a sense of when they can expect the upgraded cards to become available in their county of residence," said KyTC Secretary Greg Thomas. "As the rollout approaches in each county, we'll announce the specific date the changes will take effect. It's important we maintain some flexibility right now as we continue to prepare for a massive statewide redesign of the license program. Our focus is to make the transition as smooth as possible."

Applicants requesting a new Voluntary Travel ID or those applying for a license, permit or personal ID for the first time must present documentation verifying identity, Social Security number and residency. Kentuckians are urged to prepare now by gathering documentation and making any necessary updates. "Gathering, replacing

and updating required documents can spare applicants from repeat trips to circuit court clerk offices," said Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks President Greg Helton. "Now is the time to collect documents like a certified birth certificate or request a Social Security card that reflects your current legal name. The IDocument Guide interactive tool, found online at <https://goo.gl/Mr2ECw>, makes it easy to create a personalized list of documents applicants will need to bring so they're confident they'll arrive with the right documents in hand."

Upon implementation, Kentuckians will choose between a new standard or Voluntary Travel ID card version once they are within six months of their current card's expiration date. All new card versions will be mailed to applicants 5-10 days after applying at their local circuit clerk office.

A Kentucky driver's license, permit or identification card in the current and new standard version will continue to be accepted for U.S. air travel and military base entry through Aug. 1, 2019. Kentucky expects to maintain further extensions from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security until Real ID enforcement begins Oct. 1, 2020. At that point, a new Voluntary Travel ID card version or any federally accepted form of identification, like a passport, will be needed for airport security checkpoints and entry into military bases or restricted federal buildings.

"Current Kentucky licenses, permits and IDs will remain valid until their expiration date, so cardholders should wait to request one of the new card versions until they are within their renewal period," said Department of Vehicle Regulation

New Ky. ID comparison
Standard credential

A state-maintained but not federally compliant license and personal ID will always be acceptable for:

- Voting
- Age-restricted purchases
- Accessing federal and social benefit services like VA hospitals, Social Security offices, federal courthouses and more

Until federal enforcement begins Oct. 1, 2020, as long as Kentucky remains under extension standard licenses and IDs can be used for:

- Flying in the U.S.
 - Visiting military bases and restricted federal facilities, like nuclear power plants or the White House
- To apply for a new standard credential, applicants should bring in:
- One proof of identity
 - One proof of Social Security number
 - One proof of residency

Voluntary Travel ID

A state-maintained, federally compliant license or personal ID that will always be acceptable for:

- Everything the standard credential allows
- Flying in the U.S.
- Visiting military bases and restricted federal facilities, like nuclear power plants or the White House

To apply for a new Voluntary Travel ID, applicants should bring in:

- One proof of identity
- One proof of Social Security number
- Two proofs of residency

New Ky ID pricing

Once Kentucky's new licensing process comes to Crittenden County sometime early next year, the prices will be as follows:

Standard Credential		Voluntary Travel ID
\$15 3-year	Driver's Permit	\$18 3-year
\$15 3-year	Motorcycle Permit	\$18 3-year
\$23/\$11 ⁵⁰ 8-year/4-year	Personal ID	\$28/\$14 8-year/4-year
\$43/\$21 ⁵⁰ 8-year/4-year	Driver's License	\$48/\$24 8-year/4-year
\$43/\$21 ⁵⁰ 8-year/4-year	Motorcycle License	\$48/\$24 8-year/4-year
\$53/\$26 ⁵⁰ 8-year/4-year	Driver/Motorcycle License Combo	\$58/\$29 8-year/4-year

Commissioner Matt Henderson. "Those seeking a Voluntary Travel ID but whose renewal window doesn't allow them to renew before the October 2020 deadline can visit a circuit court clerk office and pay \$15 to upgrade their current credential to a Voluntary Travel ID that maintains their current card's expiration date."

County jobless rates
in Ky. best since 2000

November 2018 county jobless rates were the best in nearly 20 years. For the first time since October 2000, Kentucky did not have any counties with an unemployment rate of 10 percent or above. Unemployment rates fell in 107 Kentucky counties, including Crittenden County, between November 2017 and November 2018, rose in nine, and stayed the same in four counties, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics. In Crittenden County, the rate fell a 10th of a percent from 4.0 percent in the 11th month of 2017 to 3.9 percent in November 2018. Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in Kentucky at 2.5 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 9.9 percent. Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's low in June to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between. Because of their relatively low sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted like monthly state and national rates.

AREA	NOV. 2018	OCT. 2018	NOV. 2017
U.S.....	3.5		
Kentucky.....	3.5	4.2	3.9
Pennyrile Region	4.0	4.8	4.4
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1)	2.5	3.2	2.6
Webster.....	3.1	3.8	4.0
Crittenden.....	3.9	4.6	4.0
Caldwell	4.0	4.4	3.9
Union.....	4.1	4.9	4.6
Lyon	4.5	4.9	4.3
Livingston.....	5.2	5.4	5.8
Magoffin (120).....	9.9	11.1	11.9

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