



Guess roast, tribute Saturday at Fohs Hall

The Gordon Guess News-maker Tribute will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Fohs Hall. Guess is being recognized for a lifetime of community service through a roast-style event that will include a number of his colleagues and friends. Admission is \$10 and all proceeds benefit Fohs Hall Inc. Tickets are available in advance at The Crittenden Press or at the door.

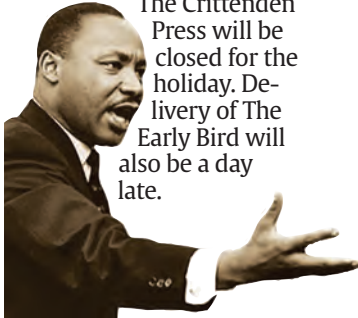
Guess is a former bank president, civic leader and Marion Bobcats general manager.



Public offices close for Monday holiday

All city, county, state and federal offices will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. That includes all courthouse offices, the convenience center and animal shelter, the public library, the senior citizens center, the Extension service, Marion City Hall and the postal service.

The Crittenden Press will be closed for the holiday. Delivery of The Early Bird will also be a day late.



Bevin site recaps first year's progress

Gov. Matt Bevin has launched a new interactive website highlighting the accomplishments of his administration's first year in office.

The site, titled "A Fresh Start," recaps the Bevin Administration's achievements of 2016, grouped into priorities, including the economy, education and workforce development. The report includes statistics and details about key programs and projects, a comprehensive photo gallery and a year-in-review highlight video.

The site can be found at BevinAnnualReport.com.

Public meetings

- **Marion Tourism Commission** will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Marion Welcome Center.
- **Tuesday's Crittenden County Board of Education** working session was cancelled and has been rescheduled as a special meeting for at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at Rocket Arena.
- **Salem City Commission** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall.
- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday at the courthouse for its monthly meeting.



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Tickets up, crashes down

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

Traffic tickets were up, but collisions were down in Crittenden County last year. And that's no coincidence, according to a Kentucky State Police post commander.

In 2016, there were tickets written for 918 moving violations by law enforcement in Crittenden County, according to Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill. That's more than double the combined total of citations that made their way through the local court system in 2014

and 2015 combined.

Authorities may have been busier writing tickets last year, but they spent far less time responding to accidents, meaning fewer injuries and fatalities on the county's 367 miles of roadway. According to Capt. Brent White, KSP Post 2 commander, there were 220 traffic accidents in Crittenden County last year, causing 81 injuries and one fatality. In 2015, 90 people were injured and three died in 252 wrecks. That's a 12.7 percent decrease in crashes and 10 percent drop in in-



White

juries.

"That was a big reduction," White said. "That shows just the presence a couple of extra people did make a difference."

Two years ago when White took over as commander of the Madisonville state police post, he shifted troopers assigned to areas he believed were underserved by the agency. Crittenden County, where he once lived, was one of those. Two additional officers – Troopers Brian Graves and Joe Bartolotti – were assigned to the county, joining Tfc. Darron

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Moving violations swell

According to Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill, moving violations that made their way through the court system in Crittenden County during 2016 were more than the previous two years combined. Examples of moving violations include speeding, running a red light, seat belt violations and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The numbers represent tickets from Kentucky State Police, Marion Police Department and Crittenden County Sheriff's Department.

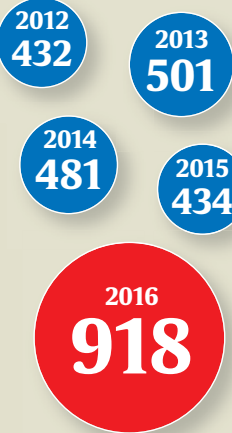


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What not to do

Middle-schooler Brylee Conyer on Tuesday evening demonstrates with grape jelly and an array of other foods what not to do with the Chromebooks assigned to each student at Crittenden County Middle School. The skit by Student Lighthouse participants Conyer, Lanie Greenwell (standing), Kaleb Nesbitt (partially obscured) and Seth Blackburn (not pictured) showed students and parents gathered in the multi-purpose room how take care of their new laptops by offering a few things to avoid. Last year, the board of education voted to give all students in the six upper grades of the school district a Chromebook they will keep throughout their education in the county. Unlike high-schoolers, however, junior high students will not get to take home their computers. Parents must sign a user agreement and may pay an optional \$20 technology fee to defray half the cost of potential repairs or replacement. Parents who have not already inked the agreement may come to CCMS from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m. today (Thursday) and all day Friday to complete the process before a Chromebook will be awarded to their child.

Council picks sewer plant site, debates park funding

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

After a robust discussion on who should fund the city's responsibility to Marion-Crittenden County Park, the new Marion City Council selected a site for a modern wastewater treatment facility.

After months of debate over

where to place the state-mandated plant, council members offered a split decision on placing it inside Industrial Park North over two other proposed properties. Ultimately, Mayor Mickey Alexander's lot was cast as the deciding vote.

New council members Phyllis Sykes and D'Anna Sallin joined

Dwight Sherer in choosing the land for which the city has already entered into a \$1,000 option agreement with the property owners, Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC). Councilmen Jared Byford, Don Arflack and

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New CHS CEO starts Monday

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Health Systems will welcome a new chief executive officer Monday.

Lea Ann Klarner, 52, a native of Hopkins County, has been hired from more than 100 applicants to head the 48-bed local hospital.

Klarner was among three finalists interviewed for the position and she was selected late last month.

"(Klarner) brings a lot to our hospital and will provide some continuity for the entire organization," said Charlie



Klarner

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Questions deserving of real answers

Social media, from my perspective, is a wonderful place to keep up with friends we don't see on a daily basis. It's always



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interesting – in fact, somewhat addictive – to search the smartphone for what's happening on the block. I love to see where people are vacationing or what's happening with their children. Often, there are heart-wrenching matters and personal struggles such as family illness or death that I find on Facebook, which is seemingly the preferred social media hub for older folks.

Being in the newspaper business since 1979 qualifies me, I would think, to comment on the past, present and future

of the "news" business.

Three or four decades ago, virtually all of my credible information came from three places – either the newspaper, tele-

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Frankfort rushes GOP abortion, labor bills into law

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Seven high-profile bills were given final passage in the Kentucky General Assembly's first week and were signed into law over the weekend by Gov. Matt Bevin. Two pro-life measures were supported by both lawmakers representing Crittenden County in Frankfort, though the two split on labor-related matters.

Generally, Part I of the 30-day legislative session's

focus is on organizational matters, with weighty issues not considered until Part II, which convenes in February. But under newfound Republican control in both chambers, all seven bills were introduced on the first day and received final passage in the minimum time possible, which called for lawmakers to work into Saturday. All bills included an emergency provision to ensure that they took effect the moment they

were signed by the governor.

Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, voted for all but one of the GOP-hatched measures, opposing legislation that restructures the University of Louisville Board of Trustees. While Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, backed both House and Senate pro-life bills, he opposed all three that would move Kentucky toward a more conservative labor climate.

Legislation passed last

week that is now law in the commonwealth are:

- House Bill 1, sponsored by House Speaker Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown, and Rep. Jim DeCesare, R-Bowling Green, would make Kentucky the nation's 27th right-to-work state. Right-to-work states prohibit mandatory membership in or payment of dues to labor unions. HB 1 received final passage in the Senate by a vote of 25-12.


Several Kentucky counties had already passed right-to-work ordinances, but Crittenden County was not one of those. Those ordinances were challenged in the courts, and instead of entering the fray, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, a Republican, preferred to await the court's decision before any discussion of a local right-to-

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EDITORIAL

Frankfort’s new GOP control off to roaring start

The Kentucky General Assembly last week did something nearly unheard for its first five days of a session – it passed legislation. In fact, all seven high-profile measures were signed by the governor and became law over the weekend.

According to Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, 2017 marked the first time in Kentucky’s 225-year history that legislation was taken up during the first week of a legislative session. That is truly a monumental achievement in a state often noted for dysfunction in its capital city.

The newfound efficiency is the result of voters’ dismay with the state of state government. In November, Kentuckians ushered in a new day in Frankfort by resoundingly flipping the House majority from Democrat to Republican for the first time since 1921, joining a GOP majority held in the Senate and the party’s hold on the governor’s office – something never before seen. The state’s top Democrat, former Speaker of the House Greg Stumbo, was even ousted from public office altogether.

Republicans, by nature, are no more effective than Democrats. But when a party finds itself in complete control for the first time, it’s going to flex its muscles and try to reward voters for a newfound confidence. The GOP did so last week by quickly passing laws at the core of the conservative platform.

This has Democrats uttering a familiar refrain, only from the opposite side of the aisle. They feel shut out, overwhelmed and bullied ... something Republicans in the House have felt since before talking movies.

Under former Speaker Stumbo, conservative measures rarely saw the light of day in the House. Committees packed with Democrats picked apart legislation like crows dining roadside. Now Republicans have stacked the deck – in both chambers – and are moving ahead with their agenda. It’s only natural for those with the numbers in their favor to lead.

But with leadership comes responsibility and fairness. Fifty-one percent of Kentucky’s voters remain Democrat and another 9 percent land outside GOP ranks.

While Kentucky’s newest laws are in line with what most Crittenden County voters want to see, new Speaker Jeff Hoover and his Republican cohorts must be careful to balance their power and haste to reshape Kentucky with a willingness to hear and consider Democratic concerns and achieve workable compromises. Otherwise, they may quickly find themselves back in an all-too-familiar position.

Sometimes, less really is more

As children we all dreaded the stories that began, “When I was a kid...,” or the lessons prefaced with, “In my day...” You know, that kind of conversation that ended up with someone’s school day including an uphill walk in both the morning and afternoon.

Parents and grandparents desire only to make those still wet behind the ears appreciate the fact that, in general, their sacrifices and hardships have made life a little easier for the next generation. Instead of saying, “You should be thanking me,” our elders prefer to use thinly veiled illustrations to make their point.

I am now one of those elders. And while I don’t exactly see changing the channel by hand or spinning a rotary dial to call up friends as hardship, life is certainly easier today than in 1987.

But “easy” is a relative term. While performing many functions has been made almost effortless, the advancements have made for a more complicated life. Today, we may get an email, text message and social media alert all at the same time we have the phone to our ear. Thirty years ago, we reached others by phone, mail or a knock at the door.

I truly believe life was better the further back in time we roll the calendar. We knew our neighbors, we played outside, we sat down to eat together and we took time to laze away a summer evening under the setting sun. If not better, life



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My 2¢ Worth

was certainly simpler.

Never tiring are the stories I still hear from those who truly grew up in hardship. Any child of the Depression, the ensuing war years or much of the 1950s – at least in poorer rural areas like ours – knows really how difficult life can be.

No indoor plumbing – both into and out of the home. No electricity. Evenings dimly lit by coal oil lamps. No air-conditioning. No heat that didn’t radiate from a simple coal- or wood-fired stove. Tubs of bathwater frozen solid overnight. Rationing of food, gas and all things crucial. Walking to destinations near and far unless you were fortunate enough to catch a ride with a more affluent neighbor or hop a train at the depot. Maybe heading into town once a week or once a month for supplies. New clothes in the form of hand-me-downs or garments pieced from decorative flour sacks. A single pair of shoes good for play and church. Dad gone for weeks at a time to take work where he could find it.

Just about anyone 70 or older reading this can add to that short list of hardships. When an orange and a candy cane in the Christmas stocking are a rare treat, life is hard. And while times were hard, few lamented it, because virtually everyone you knew was enduring the same.

Each one of those people is proud their kids had a better life and their grandkids an even better one. But few will reflect back to the lean days of youth without a genuine smile as they are taken back to the good life they enjoyed.

Sometimes, less really is more.

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Local newcomer: Refried beans anyone?

Some things in life come without an instruction manual and immigration is definitely one of them. In March it will be two years since I moved from Europe to Marion and noticed that the pizzas here have a diameter that is getting close to the one of the Sun. You should have seen my exalted face when I realized that Jell-O is real and that it exists outside of the Tom and Jerry cartoon.

Since then, a lot has happened in my life as an immigrant in our community and most of it is funny. Trying to accustom to the new culture inevitably turns one into an infant, that is trying to learn everything from the beginning. In the past two years I managed to successfully survive two demolition derbies, many questions from the natives about what on Earth am I doing here and as a bonus on my list of mini victories, I learned to put gas in my tank alone. In Europe, someone does this for you.

Being an immigrant taught me that double-checking is a smart thing to do. When I first got hired as a supervisor at the jail kitchen, I was supposed to



Byrns

instruct the inmates to cook refried beans. Not having any previous knowledge of the Tex-Mex cuisine, I decided to do the first rational thing that came up on my mind and that is to follow my logic. I told them to fry and then to reify the beans. They got a great laugh out of this, while I was rushing towards the cookbook to discover the potential disaster I almost caused.

The difference between my old city of 1.2 million people and Marion is huge. For example, I became very appreciative of the fact that we have only two traffic lights in our town, which is all that I can handle.

Yes, leaving the comfort zone of my culture and stepping into the new environment really brings its daily challenges that are invisible to the rest of the people that don’t have to face them. Thank God, I moved my sense of humor here with me so that it helps me to bear in the process of learning.

(Mimi Byrns is a native of Macedonia, a European republic, who moved to Crittenden County with her husband two years ago. She has a degree in journalism and speaks six languages. Her column will periodically appear in this newspaper.)

LETTERS

Media distrust led to Facebook as news source

To the editor

This letter is in response to a Jan. 5 opinion in this newspaper (My 2¢ Worth by editor Daryl K. Tabor) concerning citizen responses on social media to the “Lyon County encampment.” I have always considered your columns as informational, accurate and have usually concurred with your insightful assessments. Keep in mind in reading this that I am not targeting The Crit-

tenden Press, for which I have high regards, but my main reference is to national print and electronic mediums in general.

While your opening statement is a bit of a hyperbole – “Social media will be the downfall of humanity” – it did get my attention, and I agree that a high percentage of people have become addicted to social media and absorb much misinformation, which is unfortunate.

However, I think the bigger question that should be asked is why individuals seek their news on social media instead of legitimate news sources. The answer is simply the dis-

trust of the traditional news sources.

Case in point, the rallying cry of “Hands up. Don’t shoot,” promoted by mainline news media sources and enshrined by our professional sports teams, politicians and activists during the volatile Ferguson, Mo., police crisis. The “Ferguson effect” persists to this day and has caused unnecessary pain and suffering for citizens and police alike. This was a direct result of the news media’s failure to tell the truth when they knew it, but it did not fit their narrative.

Also, polls show the public does not trust statements from politicians who use news platforms. Often the news media which communicate their message to the public do so based on the media’s bias for or against the politician. I suggest that people are retreating to social media out of fear, anger, distrust and frustration because the once trusted official forums have betrayed them.

Like you, I denounce bigotry, but it appears your column made racism and xenophobia the focus instead of targeting the underlying issue of why people are turning to social media. It is caused by the people’s loss of confidence in the news media and subse-

quent search for other sources out of desperation. Enter the social media, as subjective as it is.

You made the point that what is happening in the encampment is unknown to you and to your newspaper, and then, add the flippant comment, “What does it matter.” First, isn’t it your job as a journalist to investigate and give accurate information to your readership? Secondly, isn’t it our government’s position – proclaimed by all news sources – that citizens report unusual events or behaviors that may be a threat to our peace and security? “If you

see something, say something,” is a constant refrain. So, people are seeing something and saying something.

In summary, I suggest that Facebook is not the villain. People are simply attempting to bring understanding to what may be a threat – imagined or real – in today’s dangerous climate. The traditional news media needs to do some soul searching and return to accurate reporting distinct from editorializing to push their own agenda in order to regain the confidence and win back a disillusioned public.

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vision or radio. Let me couch that statement, however, with a truth that exists now as it did then: As Americans, living in a country where freedom of the press is guaranteed by the law of the land, we must realize that news is not free. It is, and always has been, a product of a free marketplace, driven by the economic principles of a capitalistic economy. On this particular subject, I could occupy a great deal of time and space. So, suffice it to say that even before Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and Topix, there were less-than-overt influences sprinkled atop of our daily diet of information just like sugar on my Corn Flakes. After all, the Kellogg’s cereal is a bit bland without sweetener.

Last week’s firestorm of misinformation regarding a religious group which had moved into the area affords us an opportunity to examine our vast smorgasbord of

information and how it is digested by a hungry audience.

Hungry may not be a strong enough word. I noticed an assembly of buzzards and other scavengers on the side of U.S. 641 just north of Mott City last weekend. They were pecking and pulling at a deer carcass. The cold weather had disarmed their fear of dangers beyond starvation as they continued to gnaw on available flesh despite 55 mph traffic buzzing just off their wings.

Social media has a way of charming us into snatching up whatever’s out there for consumption. Be careful, because bad food always tastes worse coming back up.

I will be the first to admit that credible sources of information were a bit slow to respond to the rumors about a so-called – and clearly misidentified – “refugee camp” just south of Dycusburg at the edge of Lyon County.

I maintain that silence is much more credible than hostile rumors. It takes a while to gather good informa-

tion. In the real news business, we try to avoid meddling into the affairs of private citizens who are doing nothing wrong. Sometimes, that’s costly for everyone involved because we are a people who prefer to know what’s happening as opposed to being in the dark.

Balancing the rights of private citizens – like the folks in Lyon County – with our right (or need) to know what’s going on around us is tricky. A delicate and predictable behavior is emitted from sober editorial review. After several days of fear – based on less than reliable web blasters – the mainstream media spoke, clearing up most misconceptions.

What was printed or reported by news organizations, including The Crittenden Press, was that the group’s doctrine was available online at the website WatchmanReports.com. Their beliefs appear to be based on biblical prophecy, and one of its members told an area news-gathering source that their background

has Baptist, Apostolic and Church of God in Christ influences.

I contend that coping with fear is like handling a poisonous snake. If you know it’s poisonous from the beginning, you will take particular precautions in dealing with it, such as maintaining a safe distance.

Fear of the unknown is paralyzing. Ask anyone who has waited five or six days for test results from a doctor.

What most of us in the credible news business came to understand early last week was that there was no automatic-weapons-carrying radical Muslim group operating in the countryside between Marion and Eddyville. The couple who moved to the area from Fulton, and whatever followers they have with them, are free to practice whatever religious beliefs they choose.

I maintain that it is not wrong to be vigilant. Keep your eyes wide open and remain skeptical.

Yet, the Gospel of

Matthew tells us that, “On the day of judgment, people will give account for every careless word they speak.” It is wrong to be prejudicial. It is wrong to be a racist.

Yes, we are all made in the same image, but by design we were given differing languages and sprinkled across the Earth to think and act of our own free will.

We should undertake to use our eyes wisely and tongues sparingly. Nevertheless, remain guarded, be alert, be firm in your faith and show responsible courage.

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Marion native critically hurt in work accident

STAFF REPORT

A Marion native was critically injured during a work-related accident Friday in McCracken County.

Josh Franklin, 29, of Paducah is at Vanderbilt Burn Center in Nashville after he came into contact with a live power line while working to restore power during an outage west of Paducah.

Franklin, who graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2006, is the son of Bro. Curtis and Deeann Franklin, formerly of Marion. Bro. Franklin was minister of Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church before becoming pastor of New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian in Paducah a few years ago.

The family maintains strong ties to this area. Reese Baker, a member of

the Fredonia church where Franklin's father pastored for several years, said one social media post asking for prayer had received more than 61,000 reactions.

A journeyman line technician, Franklin is employed by Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative and was with a crew in the Bethel Church Road area around Magruder Village near Kevil when the accident occurred.

A crew member working alongside Franklin conducted lifesaving measures before Franklin was taken by ambulance to Lourdes Hospital. He was later flown to Vanderbilt.

Friends of the family say doctors have surgically removed both of Franklin's hands because of tissue damage. He remains in very critical condition.



Franklin

Schools expecting \$34,500 refund

STAFF REPORT

Franklin Circuit Court late last month approved an agreed judgment to return funds from the defunct Kentucky School Board Insurance Trust (KSBIT) to nearly 200 Kentucky schools, colleges and education groups and to the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services Association (KLCIS). That includes Crittenden County School District.

Under the terms of the settlement negotiated by Department of Insurance

Commissioner Brian Maynard, who serves as court-appointed rehabilitator, \$1 million will be returned immediately to schools and another \$1 million will be returned immediately to KLCIS.

"We are pleased to reach an agreement that will return money to where it belongs, Kentucky's schools and KLCIS," said Commissioner Maynard. "These important institutions have been left with uncertainty while the case was litigated, and this settlement is a significant

step toward final resolution."

The KSBIT trust offered claims for worker's compensation, property and liability claims.

KSBIT's member schools and KLCIS were severely impacted by KSBIT's failure in 2013. Member schools were assessed nearly \$50 million to make up for KSBIT's shortfall, while KLCIS lost millions of dollars it had infused into KSBIT after taking over administration of the struggling insurer in 2009.

Each of the 193 schools

that were assessed as part of KSBIT's failure will receive an amount proportional to the assessment each paid as KSBIT members. The local school district will be receiving \$34,501, according to Diane Winters, the finance officer for the school system. That figure is half of the \$69,000 billed to the local district.

The refund should be returned this month. Schools and KLCIS stand to receive additional payments in the future if funds are available.

NEWS BRIEFS

Beaver Dam rest area shut for period

A popular rest stop on the Western Kentucky Parkway has temporarily closed its doors, as the lease with the occupying vendor expired. A recent bid process was terminated due to the bidder's failure to provide complete information.

The Beaver Dam rest area, located in the median of the parkway at mile marker 75, closed Sunday. Motorists who plan to travel the parkway should be aware that no services are available, including restrooms, food service and gasoline purchases during the closure. Truck parking will also be prohibited.

Because of liability issues, the state decided to close the rest area when an agreement administered between the finance cabinet and vendor expired. The closure took effect because the current vendor provided an incomplete response to the state's request for proposals and was non-responsive to the state's request for more information.

"The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) is currently in a bidding process. After the current vendor turned in an incomplete application, the Cabinet was forced to actively begin seeking a new one for the Beaver Dam rest area," said Asa James Swan, chief of staff of the Kentucky Transporta-

tion Cabinet.

The Cabinet has not established a timeframe for its re-opening, but anticipates, in conjunction with the Finance Cabinet, offering a request for proposal soon. Re-opening the Beaver Dam rest area will be a top priority for KyTC.

VA field rep alters meeting schedule

A Department of Veteran's Affairs Benefits Field Representative for Crittenden County has revised his monthly schedule for meeting with clients in 2017.

Johnny Allen will be at the Morganfield Senior Citizens Center at 225. N. Richards Lane the first Tuesday of each month and at the Henderson Office of Employment Training at 212 N. Water St. the second Tuesday to go over VA benefits with veterans. Both dates are by appointment only.

Appointment-only opportunities are also available each Monday and Thursday at the Hanson Veterans Center at 926 Veterans Dr. every Wednesday and the third Tuesday at the Owensboro VA Clinic at 3400 New Harford Road and the fourth Tuesday at the Hartford Kentucky Career Center at 130 E. Washington St.

All appointments are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Also, appointments can be

set up for other times by veterans living in Crittenden, Webster, Hancock, McLean and Muhlenberg counties.

To make an appointment or for more information, contact Allen at (270) 399-1618 or email Johnny.Allen@ky.gov.

Bridgeway students affected by weather

Students in the middle school's Bridgeway Learning Center will have to find another way to get home this winter on days the school district runs alternate bus routes due to weather.

Parents of Bridgeway participants were notified last week that bus transportation

normally proved after each after-school session would not be available on those instructional days buses are forced to deviate from their usual route due to poor road conditions.

Crittenden County Middle School Principal Tom Radivonyk said students will need to either ride their normal bus after school or make arrangements to be picked up at 5 p.m. at the school on those days.

"In these situations, we hold school although we are unable to access some of the more remote locations by bus," Radivonyk said. "Students then go to predetermined alternate bus stops. Bridgeway will not transport home on those days."

CHS CEO

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Hunt, chairman of the Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) Board of Directors.

Klarner has spent more than 25 years in the healthcare industry working several years in various divisions of healthcare giant HCA.

She earned a master's degree in management from Brescia University in Owensboro and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Kentucky University.

Crittenden Health Systems has been looking for a new CEO since July when it terminated Greg McNeill without making the reasons public. McNeill had been the hospital's chief executive since November 2013 and was largely credited with helping maneuver Crittenden Health Systems from some troubled

financial times. The hospital's chief financial officer, Jim Bishop, has been named acting CEO during the interim.

Klarner has most recently been chief operating officer for RN & Allied Specialties, an Indianapolis, Ind., firm specializing in clinical staffing, vendor management and non-medical home care. She had been with that company since 2014, but previously worked as CEO and COO at other hospitals and healthcare organizations from Georgia to Indiana.

"It's exciting to be back in Kentucky. We wanted to be back in the South and I am excited about helping to offer great healthcare to the community," she said.

Klarner's husband, K.C., is a hospice chaplain. They plan to relocate to Marion from Fort Wayne, Ind. She has family in Madisonville and is a graduate of the former South Hopkins High School.

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LIVESTOCK REPORT

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|---|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|----|
| Receipts: 720 | Last Week: 754 | Year Ago: NA | 12 | 550-600 | 552 | 125.00 | 125.00 | VA |
| Compared to last week: Feeder steers and bulls traded steady to 6.00 higher. Feeder heifers mostly steady. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady to 2.00 higher. Sale consisted of 29 stock cattle, 120 slaughter, and 571 feeders. Feeders consisted of 20% feeder steers, 39% feeder heifers, 23% feeder bulls, and 22% of feeders were over 600 pounds. | | | | | | | | |
| Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2 | | | | | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | | | | |
| 2 | 200-250 | 230 | 163.00 | 163.00 | | | | |
| 5 | 250-300 | 264 | 150.00-168.00 | 160.78 | | | | |
| 7 | 300-350 | 317 | 150.00-161.00 | 155.23 | | | | |
| 9 | 350-400 | 361 | 140.00-151.00 | 146.29 | | | | |
| 19 | 400-450 | 420 | 138.00-144.00 | 141.46 | | | | |
| 3 | 450-500 | 477 | 137.00-142.00 | 140.34 | | | | |
| 3 | 500-550 | 518 | 120.00-124.00 | 122.66 | | | | |
| 8 | 500-550 | 510 | 142.50 | 142.50 | VA | | | |
| 7 | 550-600 | 577 | 119.00-124.00 | 121.53 | | | | |
| 4 | 550-600 | 556 | 131.00 | 131.00 | VA | | | |
| 12 | 600-650 | 626 | 118.00-125.00 | 122.51 | | | | |
| 5 | 650-700 | 672 | 119.00 | 119.00 | | | | |
| 5 | 700-750 | 718 | 115.00-119.00 | 117.40 | | | | |
| 9 | 750-800 | 767 | 112.00-118.00 | 116.20 | | | | |
| 2 | 800-850 | 802 | 120.00 | 120.00 | | | | |
| Feeder Steers Small and Large 2-3 | | | | | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | | | | |
| 1 | 200-250 | 230 | 150.00 | 150.00 | | | | |
| 5 | 250-300 | 275 | 131.00-135.00 | 132.60 | | | | |
| 2 | 300-350 | 340 | 130.00 | 130.00 | | | | |
| 1 | 350-400 | 385 | 125.00 | 125.00 | | | | |
| 1 | 450-500 | 470 | 131.00 | 131.00 | | | | |
| 2 | 500-550 | 542 | 117.00 | 117.00 | | | | |
| 1 | 550-600 | 585 | 112.00 | 112.00 | | | | |
| 4 | 600-650 | 625 | 116.00 | 116.00 | | | | |
| 1 | 750-800 | 770 | 110.00 | 110.00 | | | | |
| Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2 | | | | | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | | | | |
| 1 | 150-200 | 185 | 162.50 | 162.50 | | | | |
| 3 | 200-250 | 227 | 130.00 | 130.00 | | | | |
| 8 | 250-300 | 285 | 128.00-136.00 | 131.38 | | | | |
| 4 | 300-350 | 347 | 131.00-132.00 | 131.75 | | | | |
| 13 | 350-400 | 385 | 130.00-138.00 | 133.59 | | | | |
| 28 | 400-450 | 421 | 121.00-131.00 | 125.86 | | | | |
| 15 | 450-500 | 475 | 116.00-123.00 | 119.38 | | | | |
| 27 | 450-500 | 459 | 132.00-134.00 | 133.03 | VA | | | |
| 8 | 500-550 | 531 | 117.00 | 117.00 | | | | |
| 20 | 500-550 | 508 | 125.00-130.50 | 128.29 | VA | | | |
| 29 | 550-600 | 575 | 112.00-118.00 | 115.40 | | | | |
| 12 | 550-600 | 552 | 125.00 | 125.00 | VA | | | |
| 13 | 600-650 | 623 | 109.00-117.00 | 114.98 | | | | |
| 12 | 650-700 | 673 | 111.00-115.00 | 112.82 | | | | |
| 3 | 700-750 | 715 | 114.00 | 114.00 | | | | |
| 3 | 750-800 | 780 | 113.00 | 113.00 | | | | |
| 3 | 950-1000 | 998 | 95.00 | 95.00 | | | | |
| Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3 | | | | | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | | | | |
| 1 | 250-300 | 260 | 120.00 | 120.00 | | | | |
| 2 | 300-350 | 320 | 120.00-127.00 | 123.50 | | | | |
| 2 | 350-400 | 388 | 127.00-128.00 | 127.50 | | | | |
| 4 | 400-450 | 438 | 108.00-117.00 | 114.21 | | | | |
| 3 | 450-500 | 493 | 111.00-113.00 | 112.33 | | | | |
| 9 | 500-550 | 528 | 111.00-113.00 | 112.00 | | | | |
| 4 | 550-600 | 584 | 110.00-111.00 | 110.75 | | | | |
| 1 | 600-650 | 635 | 105.00 | 105.00 | | | | |
| 1 | 700-750 | 705 | 100.00 | 100.00 | | | | |
| 1 | 750-800 | 790 | 99.00 | 99.00 | | | | |
| 1 | 800-850 | 830 | 85.00 | 85.00 | | | | |
| Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | | | | |
| 1 | 500-550 | 510 | 103.00 | 103.00 | | | | |
| Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2 | | | | | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | | | | |
| 8 | 300-350 | 317 | 144.00-154.00 | 151.19 | | | | |
| 19 | 350-400 | 366 | 136.00-149.00 | 141.26 | | | | |
| 17 | 400-450 | 423 | 130.00-142.00 | 137.93 | | | | |
| 13 | 450-500 | 483 | 130.00-142.00 | 138.24 | | | | |
| 3 | 500-550 | 531 | 121.00-129.00 | 124.23 | | | | |
| 6 | 500-550 | 512 | 142.00 | 142.00 | Fancy | | | |
| 8 | 550-600 | 576 | 114.00-120.00 | 116.09 | | | | |
| 8 | 600-650 | 620 | 109.00-115.00 | 112.00 | | | | |
| 3 | 650-700 | 675 | 112.00-114.00 | 113.36 | | | | |
| 4 | 700-750 | 721 | 100.00-107.00 | 105.23 | | | | |
| 3 | 750-800 | 758 | 102.00-107.00 | 105.02 | | | | |
| 4 | 800-850 | 834 | 90.00 | 90.00 | | | | |
| 3 | 850-900 | 865 | 89.00-95.00 | 90.98 | | | | |
| Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3 | | | | | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | | | | |
| 6 | 300-350 | 337 | 132.00-136.00 | 135.36 | | | | |
| 2 | 400-450 | 447 | 120.00 | 120.00 | | | | |
| 4 | 450-500 | 490 | 120.00-128.00 | 124.75 | | | | |
| 12 | 500-550 | 540 | 110.00-115.00 | 112.08 | | | | |
| 2 | 550-600 | 552 | 107.00-110.00 | 108.49 | | | | |
| 3 | 600-650 | 633 | 104.00 | 104.00 | | | | |
| 2 | 650-700 | 675 | 100.00 | 100.00 | | | | |
| 2 | 700-750 | 732 | 90.00-95.00 | 92.49 | | | | |
| 1 | 750-800 | 780 | 94.00 | 94.00 | | | | |

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|---|-----------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80% | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 10 | 1200-1600 | 1432 45.00-50.00 47.14 | | |
| 2 | 1200-1600 | 1355 43.00 43.00 Low | | |
| Dressing | | | | |
| 1 | 1600-2000 | 1705 45.00 45.00 | | |
| Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85% | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 8 | 800-1200 | 1074 47.00-54.00 49.99 | | |
| 13 | 1200-1600 | 1365 46.00-52.00 49.12 | | |
| 2 | 1200-1600 | 1392 59.00 59.00 High | | |
| Dressing | | | | |
| 2 | 1600-2000 | 1672 48.00-50.00 49.03 | | |
| Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90% | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 1 | 700-800 | 790 42.00 42.00 LD | | |
| 17 | 800-1200 | 1058 42.00-50.00 45.19 | | |
| 1 | 800-1200 | 1100 51.00 51.00 HD | | |
| 8 | 800-1200 | 979 38.00-42.00 40.30 LD | | |
| 7 | 1200-1600 | 1333 42.00-48.00 45.45 | | |
| 1 | 1200-1600 | 1230 41.00 41.00 LD | | |
| Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2 | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 1 | 1000-1500 | 1255 62.00 62.00 Low | | |
| Dressing | | | | |
| 7 | 1500-3000 | 1868 67.00-75.00 69.83 | | |
| 3 | 1500-3000 | 2015 77.00-80.00 78.34 | | |
| High Dressing | | | | |
| 3 | 1500-3000 | 1607 60.00-64.00 62.04 | | |
| Low Dressing | | | | |
| Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Young | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 3 | 800-1200 | 960 95.00 95.00 | | |
| 4-6 Months bred | | | | |
| 2 | 800-1200 | 912 730.00-900.00 821.75 | | |
| 7-9 Months bred | | | | |
| Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 1 | 800-1200 | 1005 700.00 700.00 | | |
| 1-3 Months bred | | | | |
| 1 | 800-1200 | 1025 900.00 900.00 | | |
| 4-6 Months bred | | | | |
| 2 | 800-1200 | 1100 900.00 900.00 | | |
| 7-9 Months bred | | | | |
| 4 | 1200-1600 | 1281 850.00-890.00 875.25 | | |
| 4-6 Months bred | | | | |
| 1 | 1200-1600 | 1350 820.00 820.00 | | |
| 7-9 Months bred | | | | |
| 1 | 1600-2000 | 1635 1000.00 1000.00 | | |
| 4-6 Months bred | | | | |

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|---|-----------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Aged | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 2 | 800-1200 | 1090 620.00-660.00 640.46 | | |
| 4-6 Months bred | | | | |
| 2 | 800-1200 | 1132 720.00-740.00 730.11 | | |
| 7-9 Months bred | | | | |
| 2 | 1200-1600 | 1255 750.00-780.00 765.42 | | |
| 7-9 Months bred | | | | |
| Bred Cows Medium and Large 2 Middle-Aged | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 2 | 800-1200 | 965 750.00 750.00 | | |
| 7-9 Months bred | | | | |
| Bred Cows Medium and Large 2-3 Middle-Aged | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 1 | 1200-1600 | 1250 810.00 810.00 | | |
| 7-9 Months bred | | | | |
| Bred Cows Medium and Large 2-3 Aged | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 1 | 800-1200 | 915 460.00 460.00 | | |
| 4-6 Months bred | | | | |
| Bred Cows Medium 1-2 Young | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 1 | 700-800 | 775 810.00 810.00 | | |
| 7-9 Months bred | | | | |
| Bred Cows Medium 1-2 Aged | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 1 | 800-1200 | 865 500.00 500.00 | | |
| 4-6 Months bred | | | | |
| Bred Cows Small and Medium 1-2 Middle-Aged | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 1 | 800-1200 | 845 800.00 800.00 | | |
| 7-9 Months bred | | | | |
| Bred Cows Small and Medium 1-2 Aged | | | | |
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price | | |
| 1 | 800-1200 | 870 470.00 470.00 | | |
| 7-9 Months bred | | | | |
| Stock Cows and Calves Not enough to test. | | | | |
| Baby Calves: 180.00-260.00 per head. | | | | |
| Legend: VA=Value added, Low Dressing-LD, HD=High dressing, BX=Brahman X. | | | | |
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| Source: Kentucky Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture Market News, Frankfort, Ky | | | | |
| ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SVLIS150.txt L3S150.txt | | | | |
| <i>This report reflects price of majority of cattle with a USDA grade, weight and sex on sale date. This report does not represent all animals at sale.</i> | | | | |



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COUNCIL

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Mike Byford opposed placing the capstone of \$12 million in sewer upgrades inside the industrial park off U.S. 60 East just north of the Marion city limits. By statute, in the event of a council stalemate, the mayor has the final say.

Project engineer Alan Robinson, president of Eclipse Engineering, has been pressing for site selection for several months in order to meet strict project deadlines set by the Division of Water's Division of Enforcement in Frankfort. He has recommended the industrial park since first presenting the question to the council.

The city is facing hefty fines if it does not comply with the state's order to alleviate environmental protection violations in the form of raw sewage dumped into Rush Creek at times the current sewer plant is inundated.

Placing the new plant inside the industrial park is the most practical, inexpensive option, Robinson said. Due to a number of factors, he explained, locating the plant inside the incorporated limits on property the city already owns – known commonly as the Victory Gardens – or on a third proposed site that lies outside Marion would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars more for construction and ongoing operation. The third site belongs to former Councilman Darrin Tabor and lies behind his home on

Old Morganfield Road.

Some council members are opposed to purchasing land at \$5,000 an acre in the industrial park over property that already belongs to the city. Robinson says about 15 acres are needed for a new plant, which would cost the city at least \$75,000 to CCEDC. There are also concerns that locating a sewage treatment facility inside the park will discourage further development.

The other two sites are still on the table if the selected property is found unsuitable after geotechnical and archeological studies.

The sewer plant decision came after a lengthy discussion on how Marion should fund it's portion of city-county park operations – solely through Marion Tourism Commission or a combination of Tourism and city coffers.

Park board president Kory Wheeler came before the council to request money promised by former City Administrator Mark Bryant to cover expenses for resealing the walking track and installing a new electric metering system to keep utilities costs from rising dramatically. The completed projects cost \$4,800 and \$6,000, respectively.

The park's annual cash budget is about \$26,000, which comes from equal allocations from the school district and Tourism. Crittenden Fiscal Court contributes its share through in-kind services – mowing, maintenance,

trash collection, etc. – provided by work release inmates at the local detention center. With increased maintenance as the park's facilities age and necessary upgrades, Wheeler said the park board needs more money.

"I know the easy thing would be to send us to Tourism," Wheeler said.

That's exactly what some council members want to do.

"Tourism is getting \$300,000-plus a year," Arflack said. "They need to fund it."

While the current city budget shows only \$220,000 in estimated revenue from the 3-percent restaurant and lodging tax, others on the council contend whatever the amount, it was intended at the time the tax was approved years ago to fund services like the park instead of tapping into the city's general funds.

"It's not just tourism, it's recreation, too," Sherer said.

"If we keep going to them, they'll start telling us no," Wheeler said of making further requests to Tourism. "It makes it harder to ask for anything."

Tourism spending is directly governed by a board of directors, not the city council. The only control the council has over Tourism is to appoint members or dissolve the entity. Besides selling tourism and recreation in the county, the commission also contributes funding to several local organizations for promotion, puts on the annual Back Roads Festival and operates the farmers market, among

other things.

While no action was taken on funding Wheeler's request, Alexander said he and City Administrator Adam Ledford will "check into it, and then see what we can do."

The tourism commission next meets at 5 p.m. today (Thursday).

Coincidentally, Mike Wheeler, Karen Woodall and Darrick Myers were re-appointed to three-year terms on the commission. Arflack was the lone dissenting vote, explaining that before he would approve a name he wants to know where they stand on funding the park.

- Jared Byford was elected-ed by his fellow council members as mayor pro-tem for the term of the two-year council, filling the role of the city's top official when Alexander is absent. Traditionally, but not by ordinance, the mayor pro-tem has been the council member receiving the most votes in the prior November's election, which Byford was.

- A letter to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom from City Attorney Bart Frazer is once again asking Crittenden Fiscal Court to pay on the cost to install a sewer pump station and grinder at Crittenden County Detention Center's restricted custody center (RCC). Previous requests have been ignored.

After the RCC opened last summer, it was found the sewer lines servicing the 39-bed expansion were inadequate, causing backup and sewage overflow at residences along West Carlisle Street. To

alleviate the problem, more than \$10,000 in improvements were installed by the city.

The council believes the fiscal court is responsible since the RCC is their project, but the county claims tapping into the existing sewer system was approved at all levels.

Ledford said he will be attending the fiscal court meeting next Thursday to answer any questions magistrates may have on the matter.

Meantime, an upgrade of the sewer line along West Carlisle Street is on track. Bids on the estimated \$50,000 project are to be opened next Thursday.

Robinson said insufficient 4- and 6-inch lines will be replaced with about 800 feet of new 8-inch lines, as was promised residents decades ago by the city. He warned that small projects like this can often come in over budget.

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TICKETS

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Holliman.

"We had about half the staff we were authorized for," White said of his post. "In 2015, when I got here, I quickly realized we were not servicing Crittenden County. I wanted to change that."

By shifting troopers to four counties he felt were underserved, White put more units on the road for policing and responding to calls in those areas.

"When summoned, some of our troopers would have to drive over 60 minutes (to get there)," White explained. "That puts undue pressure on the public, and it's dangerous for our troopers."

The jump in ticketing last year was mostly attributed to KSP, with Crittenden County Sheriff's and Marion Police departments writing only a small percentage more citations.

"We probably wrote more traffic tickets than (2015)," Sheriff Wayne Agent said of his and his three field deputies' effort to curb dangerous driving. "We have so many complaints about people speeding."

The sheriff said injury accidents his department worked fell from 123 in 2015 to just 80 last year, a 35 percent decrease. Non-injury accidents were cut in half to 25 in 2016.

In Marion, numbers offered by Police Chief Ray O'Neal show the number of

Ky. traffic fatalities

According to Kentucky State Police data from the last 10 years, 2016 traffic fatalities were the highest in the state since 2008. However, deaths in the county were the lowest since 2009.

| YEAR | STATE | POST 2 | COUNTY |
|------|----------|----------|--------|
| 2016 |822 |43 |1 |
| 2015 |761 |40 |3 |
| 2014 |672 |31 |4 |
| 2013 |638 |30 |2 |
| 2012 |746 |31 |2 |
| 2011 |720 |35 |3 |
| 2010 |760 |44 |5 |
| 2009 |791 |38 |1 |
| 2008 |826 |35 |2 |
| 2007 |803 |n/a |5 |

The KSP Post 2 area includes Crittenden, Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Todd and Webster counties.

traffic citations written patrolling the city's 39 miles of streets was up 45 to 268 in 2016. DUI arrests were up only one to 16. Traffic accidents fell to 91 from 94 in 2015.

White said the bump in ticketing by state police was not a mandate, but merely the result of two extra officers doing their jobs.

"It's not about how many tickets were written, but trying to reduce those injury collisions," the commander said.

"I'm not always a numbers guy for my troopers as far as citations go."

But there are still too many accidents in Crittenden County, White continued.

Of particular concern is U.S. 60 East from Mattoon to the Union County line, especially in the Rosebud area. That stretch of winding, narrow highway is notorious for accidents and a high number of fatalities over the years.

"We have got to slow traffic down on the 60 East end," he said. "It seems like people get a lot of speed up in the flats, so we're trying to focus on slowing people down before (they get to) those hilly areas and Amish buggies."

Traffic enforcement is only part of the equation to limit crashes, said White, who patrolled the county's roadways as a trooper assigned here. Educating people to the dangers of distracted and careless driving is another.

A further factor is highway engineering, which lies beyond the control of law enforcement. Many of Crittenden County's roadways built decades ago are unforgiving, with little to no shoulder and steep drop-offs along the rights-of-way.

"Having no shoulders kill more Kentuckians than anything," White said.

Most drivers, he explained, tend to overcorrect when one side of the vehicle drops off the pavement, sending their vehicle into the opposite lane or exiting the roadway altogether.

"That's where we have

head-on collisions," he said.

Another effect of increased state police presence was a reduction in overall criminal activity, White pointed out.

"Definitely, the troopers have made a difference," Agent added.

The post commander would like to see those numbers drop even further as well.

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Jan. 3, 2000, tornado devastated Crayne

January never rolls around without the memory of Jan. 3, 2000, coming to my mind. I'm sure it does to many others who were affected that terrifying afternoon, when my hometown community of Crayne was hit by the large F3 tornado.

Although the destruction and debris from the storm was eventually cleaned up and many houses restored or rebuilt – several just had to be torn down – the little community has never been the same. The beautiful old sugar maples that lined the highway and had been there since the beginning of the town were most all destroyed, many literally pulled up by their large root wads. The few that were left were so badly damaged that in a few years, they also had died. The little community still has scars from that fateful day.

In 2001, Crayne Presbyterian Church, which had been damaged by the tornado, compiled a cookbook spearheaded by church member Margaret Gilland. It was titled “Cooking up a Storm.” The proceeds were to go to the fund for rebuilding this old historic church. Besides recipes from members, family and friends, it also had some personal memories of that fateful day contributed by residents of the community. Here are a few of those memories that were shared.

Eddie and Paulette Rushing

We were at home when the tornado hit. I had just left the post office and come home. Paulette works nights and was in bed asleep. When I opened the garage door it woke her up. I went into the house and laid the mail on the kitchen table and went out to feed our dog.

It wasn't raining or any different than it had been all day, just cloudy and warm. Luke, our dog, was on a chain out behind a large concrete block building behind our home. After feeding Luke, I came back into the house through the back door coming in off the deck into the dining room. I went on into the living room and sat down, just as the tornado hit. I yelled, “Get to the basement!” We jumped up and ran toward the basement and could see the back wall of the house moving in

and out.

By the time we opened the basement door, the worst was already over. Water started pouring into every room across the back of the house. We could see tree limbs and debris everywhere out back. The concrete building was completely destroyed and holes had been knocked in the back of the house by the flying debris. Luke was scared, but OK. His doghouse was never found.

As we began to get our heads settled a little, we realized we could hear people screaming. Paulette thought of her mother, Pauline Rushing, and feared the worst since the tornado came from that direction. She lives in a mobile home a couple of miles south of Crayne. We had no telephone or electric service, but I happened to think about our cell phone. We called Paulette's mom and she was scared but otherwise fine.

I sure am glad I didn't spend any more time out feeding Luke or I might have gone with his doghouse. We were so thankful that no one was killed or seriously hurt. It is good to live in a small community like Crayne where everyone cares about their neighbors.

Peggy and Paul Malcom

The wind and rain came so quickly, we had no time to react. Paul was recovering from back surgery. He told me he had put the car in the garage, because the clouds looked so bad.

Ten windows were broken and plywood came flying through the den window along with grass and glass. Our inner wall was covered with the debris. I was barefoot, so I couldn't go anywhere; I just froze and stood there in a daze.

The roof was damaged, and it was raining so hard, Paul went to Cole's as soon as he could get out to get plastic to cover the roof. As he came back, Tom Thurman and Roger and Jimmie Tinsley helped put the plastic on the damaged part to prevent further damage to the ceiling.

Three doors were damaged to the garage and the back wall was pulled out 3 inches. Our 1934 Ford had some damage on a fender and a board went through the wind-



shield of our 1963 Mercury Comet.

My brother, Kerry Wayne Crider, heard about the tornado on the news in Metropolis, Ill. When he got to Crayne, he couldn't get through. He went to Calvary Baptist Church to check on us, and came through the back door, being so thankful we were OK. Our mom, Martha Nell Crider, was a patient at Salem Springlake Care Center after suffering a stroke. Her house and car across the highway from our house suffered quite a lot of damage.

Evah Lee Travis

When it first started getting dark, I didn't get frightened, but it just kept getting darker, and then the wind picked up and I could hear it roaring. I knew then that we were in for a rough storm.

I was sitting at the kitchen table, and I got under the table as soon as I heard the wind start to really roar. All the time, I could hear and feel the air-conditioner unit bumping against the side of the house, from the terrible wind. When I finally couldn't hear the unit hitting the house anymore, I crawled out from under the table. It was still so dark and rainy I couldn't see what all the damage was. By this time, we had no electricity, but I did still have phone service.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
At top left, covered with debris and insulation from people's homes, one of the many old trees that were destroyed during the high winds from the Jan. 3, 2000, Crayne tornado lay uprooted. The house in the photo was later torn down. At left, Paul and Peggy Malcom's home on the corner of Crayne Cemetery Road had the roof torn off and windows broken out by flying debris. Above, at first it was thought the damage to the historic Presbyterian church built in 1892 was only minor, but it was later found to have structural damage and was declared unsafe to use. The community was devastated that it had to be torn down, and regular church services there had to be cancelled.

In my son Eddie Maroney's driveway, waiting for the school bus. As I turned the motor off, I looked up and the tornado hit the ground at Gail and Dale Fowler's house. I didn't have time to do anything, only sit in my car. I could not see anything, it was just like sitting in a thick smoke. When the worst part passed over, I could see the ground beside the car and water was about ankle deep all around me. Roof shingles, tree limbs and telephone wires were hitting the car. The rain was falling so hard it sounded like hail, although I saw no hail. I could not believe what I saw when I was able to get out of my car. Traffic was bumper to bumper and people began to get out of their houses and see the damage.

No one will ever know how scary it can be to go through a storm like this unless they have been there.

Gail Bigham

Shortly after returning home from visiting my daughter Holly, who recently moved into her late grandmother Loren Bigham's house on top of Crayne Hill, I noticed dark clouds approaching. Within 15 minutes, Holly called, crying that her home was destroyed. Except for minor cuts and bruises, she was unharmed.

Trapped under a wall, she managed to crawl out and was helped by a Good Samaritan who was driving by. He assisted her to the back porch, the only portion of the house left intact.

Regina and Ronnie Asher

We were at work when we heard about the tornado. We left work at 3 p.m. and got as far as the top of Crayne Hill. Not knowing what had really happened, traffic was stopped and being turned around there, as the highway was completely blocked. In the pouring rain, Ronnie decided to walk home. He left me with the truck, and it took me 2 1/2 hours from Crayne Hill to get home. We just couldn't believe our eyes. Our home had minimal damage compared to others.

Everyone was thankful, that through the storm and all the damage, no one was seriously hurt. But it's something that will never be forgotten.

(Editor's note: Brenda Underdown is a Crittenden County historian, genealogist, chair of the Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found on her blog at OurForgotten Passages.blogspot.com.)

**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 2017. 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. Any-one 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 2017 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 \$37,600.

Were you born in **1952** or before? Are you classified as totally disabled from any retirement agency? Apply for the homestead exemption and save approximately \$307 on your tax bill. If you live in the Marion area, you would save approximately \$82 more off of your city tax bill. These estimates are based on 2016 tax rates and may vary depending on what local taxing jurisdictions adopt in 2017. 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**. 2017 motor vehicle and boat taxes will be paid to the County Clerk when the vehicle is relicensed for 2017. 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: Four 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 southern part of the county including Frances and Dycusburg.

Our regular office hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have a special need and can't come when our office is open; call our office at (270) 965-4598 and I will be happy to make an appointment to meet your needs.

**Ronnie Heady
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SECTION 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for “West Carlisle Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements” for the City of Marion, will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on January 19, 2017, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The primary scope of work includes the installation of approximately 800 LF of 8-inch PVC gravity sewer, 7 sanitary sewer manholes, approximately 270 square yards of bituminous pavement replacement, and related appurtenances.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Agreement Forms, Performance and Payment Bonds, Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be viewed online at lynnimaging.com or examined at the following locations:

**City of Marion
217 South Main Street
Marion, Kentucky 42064
(270) 965-2266**

**Eclipse Engineers, PLLC
113 West Mt. Vernon Street
Somerset, KY 42501
(606) 451-0959**

Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507 (859-255-1021) upon payment of a non-refundable price of \$125.00 for each set (including shipping and handling). No bid will be accepted unless the BIDDER is a registered plan holder. To become a registered plan holder, BIDDER must purchase at least one set of documents from Lynn Imaging and provide accurate name and contact information. Partial sets of documents will not be provided. Half-sized sets may be purchased for the full price. Digital download sets may be purchased for half of the full price. Questions shall be addressed to Alan R. Robinson, P.E. of Eclipse Engineers, PLLC, 113 West Mt. Vernon Street, Somerset, Kentucky 42501 (606-451-0959) as stated in the Specifications or by email to arobinson@eclipseengineers.net.

The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Each BIDDER must deposit with his Bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

No BIDDER may withdraw his Bid within sixty (60) consecutive calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

- Thoughts for the New Year -
Don't Let it be the Same Old Lang Syne

A new year has arrived! For some, an opportunity to party; for others, an opportunity for serious introspection. “Wasn’t it Socrates who said that the unexamined life is not worth living,” and for others still, the new year may provide the opportunity to do both. Why not combine fun and faith as we love God and others?

We’re all seeking meaning and significance in life, but we can do it selfishly or selflessly. However, only one of those choices gives satisfaction. I bet you can guess probably which one.

My attention was recently directed to a sad but beautiful song with a very important message about life. The song, “Same Old Lang Syne,” written and performed by Dan Fogleberg, came out in 1980. It is his true story of a chance encounter in a grocery store with an old lover whom he hadn’t seem in many, many years. They reflect together on how their lives turned out individually. The sadness of the song comes with the realization of the emptiness in their lives, each expressed in a different way. The saddest part comes with an admission that neither one knows how to change that condition of emptiness inside.

We all have a God-shaped

void in us that can only be filled with Him. Jesus said it best in John 10:10: “...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” Jesus also shared this truth about life and meaning in John 14:6: “...I am the way, the truth and the life...” The Apostle John put it very well in I John 5:12: “...he who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” That is the antidote to the poison of emptiness and despair! It is our choice whether we take the cure.

We are all looking for love and meaning in life, but it’s found in Him, not in living selfishly. Living selfishly leads only to sorrow and disappointment. Here’s Jesus’ prescription for the satisfying, meaningful, joyous life from Luke 9:23-25: “...if anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For who ever desires to save his life (live selfishly) will lose it, but who ever loses his life for My sake will save it. {experience sat-



Mark GIRTEN
Guest columnist
Pastor's Pen

isfaction, meaning, and joy}. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?”

A couple of experiences I had at the end of the year drove this truth home to me. The first experience involved a mini-vacation that was a gift to ourselves for our wedding anniversary. Donna and I decided to go see the Ark Encounter in north central Kentucky, a full-scale replica of Noah’s Ark and all that was involved with that. It was incredibly interesting and well done. But more importantly, it served as an object lesson about life’s meaning. There’s a very small group of people, Noah and his family, who found meaning in life, as they found life itself, in God. Then there was the rest of the world that sought to find satisfaction and meaning in life through wicked, selfish pursuits and perished in a worldwide flood.

The other experience came on New Year’s Eve day when I was unexpectedly called on to officiate at a friend’s wedding. Although this was not on my top 10 list of things to

do on New Year’s Eve, it still was rewarding to do the unselfish thing and serve God and man in a very concrete and important way, and God still provided quality time spent with friends and family.

We’re told in Isaiah 53:6 that “all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way....” But the good news is there’s another way – to a full, meaningful, joyous life in Jesus! A way of loving and serving God and others. That’s the true life, abundant and everlasting.

What a contrast to these words from Fogelberg’s song: “we drank a toast to innocence; we drank a toast to now. We tried to reach beyond the emptiness, but neither one knew how.”

I know someone who can tell you how. His name is Jesus. Listen to Him and you won’t have to sing the blues. Happy New Year to all!

(Editor's note: Rev. Mark Girten of Marion is a local minister. He shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Great salvation awaits those in Christ

BY FELTY YODER

Now that Christmas is past and we have entered into a new year, let us walk in newness of life.

We don’t read much on the life of Jesus until he was 30 years old, other than his stay in Jerusalem when he went with his parents to the feast of the Passover. He was 12 years old at the time, and all who heard him asking questions and giving answers were astonished at his understanding. He attended the synagogue in his growing up years and soon after he was tempted by the devil and overcame temptation, he began preaching, "And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15).

John the Baptist had a

likewise message, “Repent ye, for kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” (Matt. 3:2).

The kingdom of Heaven consists of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Jesus is righteousness to all who obey Him. We are endured with the righteousness of Jesus when we walk with Him.

Death entered into the world through sin. This is the death that separates us from God. By means of this death Satan has power. He rules because sin is working. Jesus came to release mankind who were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Jesus came with a death to sin which took away the power of the first death. This took the power away from Satan. Jesus had to become a partaker of flesh and blood just like the children, that

through death He might destroy him who had the power of death. Jesus put sin to death so the flesh was put out of action. By doing this He consecrated a way into the Holy of Holies, and now He invites us to follow Him. This dying leads into the Kingdom of Heaven. On this way we take the Kingdom of Heaven by force.

In the old covenant they received forgiveness of sins by bringing sacrifices that pointed to Jesus. Now we receive the forgiveness of sins on the basis of Jesus death on the cross. If we want to have victory over sin it is not sufficient that Jesus died on the cross for us, but we must also die to sin with Him. When the dying of Jesus is working in us, sin loses its power, and we get victory over sin. For the

Kingdom of God is in our midst. That is why Jesus answered the Pharisees when they wanted to know when the kingdom of God was to come, “He answered them and said, The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation; Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” (Luke 17:20-21).

Christendom has to a large degree lost focus of the kingdom message. Nevertheless, in Christ Jesus we may become partakers of so great a salvation by which sin is destroyed.

(Editor's note: Felty Yoder, of the Salem area, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH

•Upward Practices have begun at Marion Baptist Church. They are held on Monday and Tuesday nights January through March. The Family Life Center will also be open during practices for walking and exercising from 5-8 p.m., on those nights.

•Miracle Word Church in Salem is hosting its annual Valentine’s dinner on Saturday, Feb 11. Call (270) 836-9048 for

dine-in reservations or delivery or further information.

•Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

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

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Bro. Mark Girten, pastor

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108 Hillcrest Drive, Marion | 270.965.4623
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Curtis Preuitt, pastor

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175 Mexico Road, (270) 965-4059
MexicoBaptist.org
Minister of Youth Robert Kirby | Minister of Music Mike Crahtree
Pastor Tim Burdon
Sunday worship services: 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday Bible study: 9 am
Sunday discipleship training: 6 pm
Wednesday worship service: 7 pm

Marion Baptist Church
College and Depot streets, Marion • 965-5232
• Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
• AWANA: 5:45 p.m.
• Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
• Sunday contemporary service: 8:15 a.m.
• Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
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Pastor Mike Jones

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Tracy Chandler, pastor

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341 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.
Bro. Wesley Lynn, pastor
Sunday School / 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship / 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship / 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study / 7 pm

Unity General Baptist Church
4691 U.S. 641 • Crayne, Ky.
Barry Hix, pastor • 365-5836 or 625-1248
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist
Barnett Chapel Road, Marion, Ky.
Mike Jacobs, pastor
Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday night Bible study: 6 p.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
- The end of your search for a friendly church -

St. William Catholic Church
860 S. Main St. Marion, Ky. 965-2477
Sunday Mass 11 a.m.
Father Ryan Harpole

Crayne Community Church
Crayne Cemetery Road Crayne, Ky.
Bro. Tommy Hodge, pastor
Sunday school 10 AM | Sunday worship 11 AM

Hurricane Church
Hurricane Church Road off Ky. 135 West
Bro. John Robertson, Pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.

Frances Community Church
Bro. Butch Gray • Bro. A.C. Hodge
Wednesday night prayer meeting and youth service - 7 pm
Sunday school - 10 am • Worship service - 11 am

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
224 W. Bellville St. • Marion, Ky.
Dee Ann Thompson, pastor • Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. • Sunday Night Worship Service 6 p.m.

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Area Deaths

Lougee

Chad Micheal Lougee, 43, of Marion died Friday, Jan. 6, 2017 at Crittenden Hospital. He was a member of the Marion Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Surviving is his wife, Patti Lougee of Marion.

A memorial service will be held at later date. Myers Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of arrangements.

Garcia

Bettie Cannon Garcia, 76, of Clarksville, Tenn., died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017 at Tristar Centennial Center in Nashville.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Evansville, Ind.



Surviving are her husband, Joseph Garcia of Clarksville; son, Donald Cannon of Clarksville; daughters, Bridget Porter and Cathy (Tim) Deller, both of Evansville, and Sharon (Anthony) McDonald of Marion; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, J.E. Cannon; and her parents, Moses and Kate Belt Mitchell.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 10 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Martin

Rebecca June Martin, 76, of Marion died Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem.

Arrangements are incomplete at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem.

Lewis

Larry Johnson "Lap" Lewis, 71 of Sturgis died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 at his residence in rural Union County.



He retired from Peabody Coal Company on December 27, 2007 after 37 years. He enjoyed dancing, camping, fishing, hunting and watching his grandsons play basketball.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Marcia Lewis of Sturgis; two sons Chad Lewis (Amie) of Sturgis and Darek (Shannon) Lewis of Sebree; four grandsons, Ty, Barrett, Mason and Daylan; a granddaughter Camdyn; two sisters, Olivia (Bob) Hill-yard of Marion and Judi Thompson of Ledbetter; a brother, Bobby Joe (Rosene) of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Tuesday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with Rev. Brad Tucker officiating. Memorials may be made to the Webster County Boys' Varsity Basketball program in memory of Daylan's Grandfather, "Lappy."

Foley

Meta Mae Schneckloth Foley, 68, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017.

Surviving are a daughter, Tammy Gamba (Dennis Lamar) of West Liberty, Iowa; two sisters, Linda Schneckloth of Marion and Nancy Schneckloth of Nichols, Iowa; five brothers, Bill Schneckloth of Marion, Raymond Schneckloth of Nichols, Iowa, Leonard Schneckloth of West Liberty, Iowa, Lloyd Schneckloth of

Nichols, Iowa and Timmy Schneckloth of Wilton, Iowa; three grandchildren, Shelby (Cody) Dusenberry of Atalissa, Iowa, Brandon (TyAnh) Cruise of West Liberty, Iowa and Jenna Gamba of West Liberty; a great-grandchild, Peyton Jo (Peytie) Dusenberry of Atalissa, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Wilma Schneckloth.

At the family's request, a private service will be held at a later date with Gilbert Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Millikan

Otis L. Millikan, 84, of Marion died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and Marion Masonic Lodge #256.

Survivors include his sons, Darron and David Millikan both of Marion; grandchildren, Zoe Williams of Tallahassee, Fla., and Seth, Teague and Raylee Millikan, all of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sue Millikan; daughter, Sandy Williams; grandson, Damon Millikan; parents, Otis Lloyd and Margaret Millikan; and brother, Doug Millikan.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 7 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

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CASA hires executive director

Program serves Crittenden and other counties

The newly-formed Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program of Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden Counties, Inc. announced recently that it has chosen an executive director to move the mission of the program forward.

Daphyne Maddox will join the CASA Program of Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden Counties, Inc. as the agency's first executive director.

Maddox most recently served as the director of CASA of Hopkins County for the last 18 years. She graduated from Madisonville North Hopkins High School and has a bachelor's degree in social work from the Uni-

versity of Southern Indiana. She is married, has two sons and a step-daughter, and is the daughter of Janice French Smith and the late Peter Smith.



Maddox

"I am looking forward to working with our great Board of Directors and the communities to ensure that each abused and neglected child that needs an advocate will get one," said Maddox. "Being selected as the first executive director of the CASA Program of Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden Counties, Inc. is a true honor."

The mission of CASA of Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden Counties, Inc. is to help abused and neglected children have safe permanent homes as soon as pos-

sible through the use of volunteer child advocates called CASA Volunteers.

To learn more about CASA or to become a volunteer, visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/casaofhopkinswebstercrittenden or email casaofhwc@gmail.com.

The mission of the National CASA Association, together with its state and local members, is to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy so that every abused or neglected child can be safe, establish permanence and have the opportunity to thrive. National CASA and the local network of 933 community programs support volunteers serving children. The role of local CASA programs is to recruit, train and support volunteers in their work with abused children.

For information, visit www.casaforchildren.org.

Steinwachs new administrator at Union hospital

Lynn Renee Steinwachs, a veteran healthcare administrator from Henderson, has been named vice president and administrator at Methodist Hospital Union County in Morganfield.

She will succeed Patrick S. Donahue, who retired at year's end. Steinwachs began working at the hospital Monday.

She is a Licensed Nursing

Home Administrator in the states of Kentucky, Indiana and Georgia. She most recently served as the administrator of Parkview Nursing Home, a 100-bed facility in Evansville. Steinwachs is a graduate of Murray State



Steinwachs

University, earning both a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in organizational management.

Her Union County ties run deep, as the family of her late mother, Helen Griggs Hill-yard, along with the Tapp family, owned land purchased in 1942 by the U.S. government that became Camp Breckinridge.

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Birth

Boone

Craig and Jordan Boone of Horse Branch, Ky., announce the birth of twin boys, Levi Aaron and James Bryant, Sept. 26, 2016 at Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Levi Aaron weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and James Bryant weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

They have a brother, Red, age 2.

Paternal grandparents are Terry and Lisa Boone of Marion. Paternal great-grandmother is Sue Boone of Marion.

Maternal grandparents are David and Bobbi Payne of Caneyville, Ky.

Calendar

— The **Crittenden County High School SBDM** will meet at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday in the conference room.

— **Livingston County Middle School's SBDM** will meet at 3:30 p.m., Jan. 18 in the Cardinal Room Annex. All parents, community members, and staff are invited to attend.

Extension events

— **Evening Belles Extension Homemakers** will meet at 1 p.m., Thursday (today), at the Extension Office. All are welcome to attend.

— Rockology, the **4-H geology club**, will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Clement Mineral Museum. All children ages 9-18 are welcome.

— The **Extension Office** will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday.

— Private Applicator **Pesticide License Training** will be held at 9 a.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office. Reserve your space by calling (270) 965-5236.

— **Homeschool 4-H Club** will meet at 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Annex. All homeschooled children ages 9-18 are welcome to join.

— **4-H Livestock Club** will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Annex. All children ages 9-18 who would like to learn more about animal husbandry are welcome to join.

— **After Hours** Extension Homemakers will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office.

— **Crochet Corner** will meet at noon Jan. 18 at the Extension Office. All crocheters are welcome to join in. Please bring a current project, or if you are brand new to crocheting please call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 for a supply list.

Senior Menu

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

Thursday (today): Menu is Pulled pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cornbread and tropical fruit.

Friday: Menu is Beef chili with beans, pimiento cheese on wheat bread, mandarin oranges. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Monday: Closed for Martin Luther King holiday.

Tuesday: Menu is Green pepper casserole, buttered new potatoes, tropical fruit and whole wheat roll. Legal aid will be offered beginning at 10 a.m.

Wednesday: Menu is Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll and banana pudding. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call (270) 965-5229 for more information. The center is a service of Pennyrile Allied Community Services. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

Submit your calendar item
Community calendar is designed for individuals, non-profit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events. Call (270) 965-3191, email press-news@the-press.com or stop by 125 E. Bellville St.

Commemorative walk rekindles friendship

Several years ago, on my birthday, a son asked me to recount the greatest changes in my lifetime.

Changes that I never expected to see.

The answer was easy. The end of the Cold War and Civil Rights.

I grew up in the segregation days of the Jim Crow South. Whites and blacks were segregated, always separate. Separate public rest rooms and water fountains, separate seating at public events. I remember the "Whites Only" signs, separate entrances, and separate seating. Mixed marriages were forbidden by law. A mixed couple was ostracized, seen together at their own physical risk. And we had separate schools. In old Eddyville, the blacks lived in a section of town called "Freewill," its name derived from the days of emancipation when the slaves were at liberty to live where they chose of their own "free will." The descendants of former slaves went to their own little shabby school up at the end of the hollow. There, they matriculated through the first eight grades. I remember seeing inside my own textbooks, issued by the county board of education, a stamp which allowed a check mark for either "white" or "colored." When my "colored" contemporaries finished the eighth grade, they faced a hard choice.

They could quit school and go to work. Or if they wished to continue with their education — and few of them did — the Board of Education would send them to Lincoln Ridge High School in Louisville. They would be given a bus ticket to the big city in the fall and a return ticket home for Christmas. The school board also paid for their lodging there.

It is all true. Yet today it seems unreal — like something I dreamed. To my children, it is incomprehensible.

Of course, all that changed after Martin Luther King, Jr. arrived on the scene and began his grand march for civil rights. A few years ago, as we commemorated Martin Luther King's birthday, I went to Paducah to walk in the MLK March sponsored by the local NAACP. It was a cold, but brilliantly sunny day. We marched from the Cherry Civic Center to the cemetery and placed a wreath on a monument. There were over 100 people on that trek.

I met and marched with a person I had known all my life — from a distance.

Mary Kate McHenry and I were born six weeks apart in old Eddyville. We grew up to-

gether, only a long fly ball apart. But we were separated by the invisible wall of racial segregation and the ancient code of Jim Crow. I remembered Mary Kate and she remembered me — from a distance. I recalled her as a pretty little black girl with pig tails and a sparkle of merriment in her eyes. I knew her brother Richard, who played with me when my parents were not watching. They lived in Freewill. Mary Kate and her friends with ebony faces would pass our house on their way to the picture show. There, at the theater, they would buy their tickets at a separate window and climb the steps to the balcony designated for "Blacks Only." They seemed to always be full of life, talking and laughing. They were a happy people. As a child, I found them alive, vibrant, joyous, soulful, mysterious and remote.

Mary Kate was one of the brave ones. She had the spunk to take the school board up on their offer. She went to Lincoln Ridge, graduated, and went on to nursing school. This black girl from the rundown little settlement of Freewill in the



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rundown little river town of old Eddyville — against all disadvantages — beat the odds. She finished up a stellar and productive career in the healing profession. At the time of our walk together, she had just recently retired.

So there we were, walking shoulder to shoulder as old friends should, on this cold, but sunny winter day. A man and woman, almost exactly the same age, hewed from the same stone, but nurtured in two separate worlds in a dirty old river town in a time and way of life which is hard for us even now to imagine. We talked of people and places we shared. She remembered me as a devilish little white boy who would sometimes run my little wagon out in front of them as they walked down the sidewalk. (Here Mary Kate may have confused me with some other little pale faced hellion; I do not remember ever having a wagon.) I confessed that we always envied her group and their balcony seats at the picture show. She gleefully reported that the thing they enjoyed most about sitting up in those lofty seats was throwing debris — popcorn, wrappers, cardboard containers, pieces of candy — down on the white kids. We both laughed with shared merriment in the knowledge that kids always find a way to adjust, to survive, and to

make the best of the situation.

A short time after our walk on that Martin Luther King Day, Mary Kate was diagnosed with incurable cancer. With sadness and concern, I followed her declining health through her sister Betty. In a few months, my black friend from old Eddyville was gone.

Now the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. is honored each year. Undoubtedly, he is an American icon. But to most of us, his legacy is remote, relegated to old newspaper clippings and history books. But Mary Kate was my friend. A real live human soul, flesh and blood. Someone that I knew who walked the walk and talked the talk. She overcame. So now each year, as we commemorate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., I think of Mary Kate. Two old friends who had traversed the gaping abyss of racial divide and lived to see it closed. Together we had that one last walk to remember. Not on the cracked and ancient sidewalks of Old Eddyville, but on the clear and sunlit smoothness of another time.

(Bill Cunningham is a justice on the Kentucky Supreme Court representing Crittenden County and a former judge and practicing attorney in western Kentucky. He is a resident of Lyon County and author of several books. His column appears in this newspaper periodically.)

Tackle '17 one bite at a time

BY BECKY Zahrte
Crittenden County Extension

We are already almost two weeks into 2017, did you make a New Year's resolution? Have you already forgotten what it was? What is a resolution anyway? According to the dictionary a resolution is the act of resolving or determining as upon an action or course of action, method, procedure, etc. If you run a quick Google search the top three resolutions for 2017 are 1. Lose weight/healthier eating, 2. Life/Self-improvement and 3. Better financial decisions. But really, honestly what is the success rate of keeping these resolutions, and don't most of us give up about a month in?

Most of us, when setting goals to make a change, want it now! Those who want to eat healthier and lose weight suddenly join a gym, pitch anything in the kitchen that remotely resembles a hint of unhealthiness and stock up on fruits, veg-

etables, whole grain and low fat. Then we go home beaming at the idea of all the great changes we're making. Meanwhile on the way home we stop at the local chicken place and order a bucket of greasy chicken with a side of deep fried something because we are hungry and since we were shopping we no longer have the time to cook tonight, so healthy eating will start tomorrow. Tomorrow comes, we get home ready to make supper, open the fridge and think "What on earth do I do with all this stuff, how do I cook it, do you just eat everything raw, am I turning into a rabbit!?" Feeling overwhelmed and defeated, we do what we normally do, go back to the same old routine, never accomplishing all we set out to do this year.

May I make a suggestion?



Zahrte

Instead of something that is huge and almost certainly unattainable, how about small mindful steps throughout the course of the year. Much like the adage, "how do you eat an entire elephant? One bite at a time" we are more likely to stick with it if we dose it down into something manageable.

This year take some time, slow down. Feel free to follow my blog at simplemesimplelife.wordpress.com as I make small mindful changes, and chime in on the conversation. Let's enjoy 2017 one bite at a time.



Students in Mollie McGowan's first-grade classroom (above) enjoy some time with GoNoodle while teachers (at right) were treated to a breakfast honoring CCES for its high usage of the interactive program.



Hospitals recognize CCES for fall GoNoodle usage

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Elementary teachers were treated to a breakfast before Christmas break sponsored by Baptist Health and Norton Children's hospitals due to the school's high usage of GoNoodle during a three-week period in late November.

GoNoodle is a computerized program that gets kids moving in three- to five-minute intervals throughout the day. It provides fun activities, or brain breaks, to get kids up and moving, as well as calming videos when needed.

Students can perform these activities next to their desks, and many are related to math, spelling and vocabulary.

"I was chosen to be a GoNoodle Ambassador, which was really exciting because it is so popular all over the country," McGowan said. "I have helped new teachers get started using it, and we also have some students who use GoNoodle at home."

CCES teachers have free access to GoNoodle Plus through a partnership with Baptist Health and Norton's.

Library notes:

— A card-making class will be held at 10 a.m., Jan. 28 at the Crittenden County Public Library. Supplies provided for hand-made Valentine cards.

— Trivia Night returns to the library at 7 p.m., Jan. 20. Teams of five or fewer people will compete. If you do not have a team, you will be placed on one at the start of the event.

— No late fees will be charged on any overdue library materials through Feb. 1.

— Friends of the Library will meet at 6 p.m., Jan. 19 in the library meeting room.



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Students can enter in two different categories: Youth Short Story Contest and Youth Poetry Contest.

The Youth Short Story Contest is limited to 2,000 words. The Youth Poetry Contest can include any style of writing with a minimum eight lines and a maximum length of 50 lines.

The first place winner in each category will receive \$25 and will represent the Woman's Club of Marion in the General Federation of Women's Club Kentucky state contest.

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Sat. 1, 3:45, 6:45, 9:15
Sun. 1:15, 4, 6:45
Mon.-Thurs. 6:30

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MONDAY
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TUESDAY
Rockets at All A Classic

Rocket girls 15th in state
Crittenden County's girls' basketball team is ranked No. 15 in team defense in the state. The ranking is based on points allowed.

| KY Top 20 Defensive Teams | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| School | Gms | Pts | Avg |
| Dupont Manual | 10 | 318 | 31.8 |
| Calloway County | 14 | 471 | 33.6 |
| Calvary Christian | 12 | 428 | 35.7 |
| Fulton County | 11 | 394 | 35.8 |
| Mayfield | 9 | 324 | 36.0 |
| Shelby Valley | 12 | 435 | 36.3 |
| KY School f/t Deaf | 9 | 327 | 36.3 |
| Carlisle County | 10 | 371 | 37.1 |
| Leslie County | 12 | 450 | 37.5 |
| Marshall County | 15 | 568 | 37.9 |
| Graves County | 15 | 575 | 38.3 |
| Hopkinsville | 14 | 545 | 38.9 |
| Caldwell County | 13 | 511 | 39.3 |
| Taylor County | 12 | 472 | 39.3 |
| Crittenden County | 12 | 473 | 39.4 |
| John Hardin | 12 | 473 | 39.4 |
| Holmes | 15 | 592 | 39.5 |
| Bardstown | 13 | 513 | 39.5 |
| Elizabethtown | 11 | 437 | 39.7 |
| Lyon County | 11 | 437 | 39.7 |

FOOTBALL

LCHS football meeting

There will be a community-wide meeting this week in Smithland for parents, students and community members to discuss the possibility of starting a football program in Livingston County. This plan will ultimately include youth, middle school and high school football programs. The meeting will be at 6 p.m., Thursday at Livingston Central High School.

BASEBALL

Cardinals Caravan coming

Cardinals Caravan will be coming to two area locations over the next few days. The St. Louis Cardinals provide this regular series of fan events every winter. This year, the caravan will visit 21 cities in six states over a four-day period, including Evansville and Paducah. A combination of players, future stars and former Red-birds will be on hand. For the caravan in this area, the emcee will be broadcaster Chris Hrabec. Players coming to the two locations are Tyler Lyons, Jose Martinez, John Gant and Patrick Wisdom. Former players with the group will be Ray King and Scott Cooper. The caravan will be in Evansville at 6 p.m., Sunday at the University of Southern Indiana Physical Activities Center and in Paducah at noon Monday at the Expo Center. For more information, go online to <http://stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com/stl/community/caravan/>.

MISCELLANEOUS

U.S. injuries by Sport

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| Estimated number of injuries by sport among children ages 19 and under, 2013: | |
| Basketball | 359,300 |
| Football | 354,300 |
| Soccer | 171,000 |
| Baseball | 106,100 |
| Softball | 53,300 |
| Wrestling | 38,900 |
| Cheerleading | 35,200 |
| Volleyball | 34,700 |
| Gymnastics | 33,000 |
| Track and field | 23,900 |
| Lacrosse | 17,700 |
| Ice hockey | 11,200 |
| Tennis | 5,700 |
| Field hockey | 4,400 |
| U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission | |

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

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| Deer Archery | Sept. 3 - Jan. 16 |
| Turkey Archery | Sept. 3 - Jan. 16 |
| Raccoon Hunting | Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 |
| Squirrel | Nov. 14 - Feb. 28 |
| Fox Hunt/Trap | Nov. 14 - Feb. 28 |
| Rabbit, Quail | Nov. 14 - Feb. 10 |
| Raccoon Trapping | Nov. 14 - Feb. 28 |
| Bobcat | Nov. 26 - Feb. 28 |
| Canada Goose | Nov. 24 - Feb. 15 |
| Snow Goose | Nov. 24 - Feb. 15 |
| Duck | Dec. 5 - Jan. 29 |
| Crow | Jan. 4 - Feb. 28 |
| Coyote Night | Feb. 1 - May 31 |
| Youth Waterfowl | Feb. 4-5 |
| Goose Conservation | Feb. 16 - March 31 |
| Coyote | Year Round |
| Groundhog | Year Round |

BOYS ALL A CLASSIC

At Various Sites

Tuesday's Games
Crittenden at Livingston, 7pm
UHA at Lyon County
Caldwell County at Ft. Campbell
Dawson Springs, bye

At Caldwell County

Friday, Jan. 20 Games
Liv/Critt vs Lyon/UHA, 6pm
Ft. Campbell/Caldwell vs Dawson, 7:30pm

Saturday, Jan. 21
Championship, 7:30pm

GIRLS ALL A CLASSIC

At Various Sites

Monday's Games
Caldwell Co. at UHA
Lyon Co. at Dawson Springs
Ft. Campbell at Crittenden Co., 7pm
Livingston, bye

At University Heights, Hopkinsville

Thursday, Jan. 19
UHA/Caldwell vs Dawson/Lyon, 6pm
Crittenden/Ft. Campbell vs Livingston, 7:30pm

Saturday, Jan. 21
Championship, 4pm

Classic looming, but Trigg rematch is first for Rockets

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County beat just one district opponent during the first half of the season and it will want to start the final trip through regular-season round-robin in like fashion. The Rockets won by 10 against Trigg County (5-8, 0-4) at Cadiz in December and it's been a difficult first half for Payton Croft's Wildcats.

The Rockets (5-9, 1-2) will need to run the table over the next three league matchups in order to capture the regular-season title, something it hasn't done in almost 20 years. The Rockets last won the district in 1998. To beat Trigg, Crittenden will have to slow Wildcat sharpshooter Devron Triplet. He leads the district in scoring, three-point shooting and foul shooting. He is second in rebounding.

After Crittenden finishes with Trigg, it play across the river at Hardin County, Ill, before turning full attention to the All A Classic where the Rockets open on the road at Livingston Central on Tuesday. Livingston beat CCHS by nine in their first meeting this season at Smithland.

| BASKETBALL STANDINGS | | | |
|----------------------|------|-----|--|
| FIFTH DISTRICT BOYS | | | |
| Lyon County | 7-5 | 3-0 | |
| Livingston Central | 7-7 | 3-1 | |
| Crittenden County | 5-10 | 1-2 | |
| Trigg County | 5-8 | 0-4 | |
| FIFTH DISTRICT GIRLS | | | |
| Lyon County | 8-3 | 3-0 | |
| Crittenden County | 12-3 | 2-1 | |
| Livingston Central | 4-10 | 2-2 | |
| Trigg County | 4-9 | 0-4 | |

Moss sprints past coach en route to girls' record

STAFF REPORT

It has been a big week for the Lady Rocket basketball team as senior Cassidy Moss has overtaken her coach, Shannon (Collins) Hodge on the all-time scoring list.

Moss netted 16 points in Tuesday's win at Dawson Springs, lifting her to the No. 2 spot in the Lady Rockets' record book for scoring. Her coach was a key player on teams in the early 1980s. She finished her high school career with 1,534 points then became an NAIA All American at Centre College.

Jeanne Hinchee, who played from 1973 to 1978, is Crittenden County's most prolific scorer ever. Moss will certainly eclipse her mark in the coming days. The CCHS senior needs only 81 points to tie Hinchee's girls' basketball scoring career, which started 44 years ago.

Coach Hodge is quick to point out that Moss's assault on the recordbook is a meritorious personal achievement, but it is also testimony to the selflessness and abilities of her teammates, many of whom have played with her since childhood.

"Cassidy is a solid inside and outside, both ends of the floor player," Hodge said. "She has worked extremely hard and I am very proud of her and couldn't be prouder to see her break my record and she's going to break Jeanne Hinchee's record, it's just a matter of time."

Hodge said Moss is a team-oriented player and is deserving of the accolades she has earned.

"This is a tribute not only to her, but to the kids she has played with. You don't go out there and do things like this by yourself. It's great to have a player come through your program and to have her score this many points, but you have to be on a good team with good teammates," the coach explained.

Hodge said there hasn't been too much talk around the locker room about Moss closing in on the all-time scoring record. She doesn't want to see her star player pressing too much or see the team get caught up in trying too hard to help make it happen.



Moss



Crittenden County's Kiana Nesbitt gets a rebound and fights to get quickly up court during a matchup last week against Hopkins Central. Nesbitt has worked tirelessly on her offensive production which is showing from the field and at the foul line where she ranks No. 2 in the district in accuracy.

Lady Rockets win 3 straight; among All A favorites

The Lady Rockets have won three straight, including a road victory Tuesday night at Dawson Springs.

Up next for the girls is Fifth District foe Trigg County at Rocket Arena Friday night. Then, CCHS will turn its attention to the All A Classic. The Lady Rockets are among three favorites to win the event. Others are UHA and Lyon County.

| Crittenden 65, Ft. Campbell 24 | | | |
|---|----|----|-------|
| Crittenden Co. | 17 | 32 | 47 65 |
| Ft. Campbell | 5 | 16 | 20 24 |
| CRITTENDEN- Moss 14, Lynch 8, Collins 6, Champion 11, Nesbitt 11, Evans 4, Woodward 7, Summers 4, Ch.Moss, Long. FG | | | |

29. 3-pointers 1 (Moss). FT 6-13. Fouls 2.
FT CAMPBELL- McLaughlin 8, Siebert 2, Holt 11, Clayton 3. FG 11. 3-pointers 1 (Clayton). FT 1-2. Fouls 10.

| Crittenden 51, Dawson 28 | | | |
|--|----|----|-------|
| Crittenden County | 12 | 26 | 34 51 |
| Dawson Springs | 7 | 11 | 16 28 |
| CRITTENDEN - Moss 16, Lynch 8, Collins 8, Champion 6, Nesbitt 9, Evans, Woodward 4, Summers, Ch.Moss, Long. FG 20. 3-pointers 0. FT 11-14. Fouls 15. | | | |
| DAWSON - Simpson 4, Orten 6, Miller, Randolph, Hendrix 4, Cotton 12, Woolsey 2. FG 13. 3-pointers 1 (Cotton). FT 1-10. Fouls 13. | | | |



| 5TH DISTRICT BOYS | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|------|
| SCORING LEADERS | | |
| Player, school | Gms | Pts |
| Devron Triplet, Trigg | 12 | 20.8 |
| Peyton Martin, Lyon | 12 | 14.6 |
| Cameron Dean, Livingston | 13 | 13.2 |
| Gavin Dickerson, Crittenden | 13 | 11.3 |
| Bobby Stephens, Crittenden | 13 | 11.2 |
| Logan Belt, Crittenden | 11 | 11.2 |
| REBOUNDING LEADERS | | |
| Cameron Dean, Livingston | 13 | 7.2 |
| Devron Triplet, Trigg | 12 | 6.9 |
| Gavin Dickerson, Crittenden | 13 | 6.2 |
| Josh Mincey, Lyon | 11 | 6.1 |
| Hayden Murphy, Lyon | 11 | 5.5 |

| THREE-POINT SHOOTING LEADERS | | |
|------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Devron Triplet, Trigg | 25-77 | 32.5% |
| Peyton Martin, Lyon | 17-60 | 28.3% |
| Gabe Board, Lyon | 16-57 | 28.1% |
| Logan Belt, Crittenden | 12-54 | 22.2% |
| Sawyer Towery, Crittenden | 9-27 | 33.3% (9 or more made) |

| FREE THROW SHOOTING LEADERS | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Devron Triplet, Trigg | 43-55 | 78.2% |
| Logan Belt, Crittenden | 25-32 | 78.1% |
| Cameron Dean, Livingston | 21-27 | 77.8% |
| Bobby Stephens, Crittenden | 43-56 | 76.8% |
| Will Tolley, Crittenden | 32-44 | 72.7% |
| Jack Rooyakker, Lyon | 37-56 | 66.1% (20 or more made) |

| 5TH DISTRICT GIRLS | | |
|--------------------------|-----|------|
| SCORING LEADERS | | |
| Player, school | Gms | Pts |
| Cassidy Moss, Crittenden | 13 | 18.4 |
| Tabby Padon, Livingston | 14 | 14.4 |
| Allison Murphy, Lyon | 11 | 14.3 |
| Hannah Holloman, Lyon | 11 | 13.1 |
| Lauren Oliver, Trigg | 9 | 12.8 |

| THREE-POINT SHOOTING LEADERS | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Hannah Holloman, Lyon | 22-49 | 44.9% |
| Jenna White, Lyon | 12-28 | 42.9% |
| Allison Murphy, Lyon | 13-38 | 34.2% |
| Cassidy Moss, Crittenden | 14-39 | 28.6% |
| Kalynn Campbell, Livingston | 17-70 | 24.3% |
| Hailey Stafford, Livingston | 12-56 | 21.4% (10 or more made) |

| FREE THROW SHOOTING | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Hannah Holloman, Lyon | 20-29 | 69.0% |
| Kiana Nesbitt, Crittenden | 16-24 | 66.7% |
| Cassidy Moss, Crittenden | 48-74 | 64.9% |
| Sarah Williams, Livingston | 22-34 | 64.7% |
| Lauren Oliver, Trigg | 15-24 | 62.5% (15 or more made) |

| REBOUND LEADERS | | |
|--------------------------|----|------|
| Allison Murphy, Lyon | 11 | 10.8 |
| Lauren Oliver, Trigg | 9 | 9.4 |
| Hannah Holloman, Lyon | 11 | 9.3 |
| Tabby Padon, Livingston | 14 | 8.8 |
| Cassidy Moss, Crittenden | 13 | 8.6 |

2nd REGION SCORING LEADERS

| PLAYER | Ppg |
|----------------------------|------|
| Cassidy Moss | 18.4 |
| Emma Lander, Henderson | 17.6 |
| Alisha Owens, Henderson | 16.6 |
| Jordyn Hampton, UHA | 16.1 |
| Aaliyah Hampton, Christian | 15.5 |
| Anshanique Leavell, UHA | 14.9 |
| Janiya Davis, Hopkinsville | 14.8 |
| Tabby Padon, Livingston | 14.4 |
| Allison Murphy, Lyon | 14.3 |
| Karlie Keeney, Webster | 13.9 |

Rockets split in last two games

Crittenden County is 5-10 overall after losing at home Tuesday night to a very good Dawson Springs (7-6) team led by Dylan Simpson, who ranks among the top seven scorers and rebounders in the region. Dawson won the game by 10 after the Rockets trailed by just two in the second half.

The Rockets got an easy victory Saturday night at home against winless Community Christian Academy.

| Dawson 61, Crittenden 51 | | | |
|---|----|----|-------|
| Dawson Springs | 21 | 33 | 45 61 |
| Crittenden County | 14 | 31 | 45 51 |
| DAWSON - Brooks 15, Simpson 13, Adams 10, Clark 1, Storms, Cunningham 2, Cotton 14, Putman 6. FG 24. 3-pointers 4 (Brooks 3, Simpson). FT 9-15. Fouls 10. | | | |
| CRITTENDEN - Stephens 12, Tolley 8, Dickerson 12, Belt 10, Turley 2, Towery 7, Nesbitt. FG 16. 3-pointers 5 (Stephens 2, Dickerson 2, Towery). FT 14-14. Fouls 9. | | | |

| Crittenden 68, CCA 48 | | | |
|---|----|----|-------|
| Community Christian | 15 | 23 | 27 48 |
| Crittenden County | 11 | 26 | 53 68 |
| COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN - Adrian, Bell 2, Browning 8, Carter 4, Miller 9, New, Paxton 2, Rogers 12, Woodruff 9, Wilson 2. FG 17. 3-pointers 0. FT 11-18. Fouls 16. | | | |
| CRITTENDEN - Stephens 10, Tolley 8, Dickerson 12, Belt 11, Turley, Steele 5, Towery 5, S. O'Leary, Nesbitt 2, E. O'Leary 4, Carlson 2, Mott 8, winders 1, T. Boone FG 27. 3-pointers 6 (Stephens 2, Dickerson, Belt, Steele, Towery) FT 8-17. Fouls 24. | | | |

Diallo not quite ready for NBA, but is UK

Having Hamidou Diallo decide to start his college basketball career now was no surprise to Marc Allard, sports editor of the Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist

Vaught's Views

Diallo, a 6-5 guard, announced Saturday that he would start classes at Kentucky this week. He had graduated from Putnam Science Academy (Conn.) last year and had been playing there as a graduate student this season.

"Diallo is beyond the Putnam Science Academy level and, mentally, past it. I don't think several more months in Putnam would have benefited him, or quite frankly, the team," said Allard. "He has to go and test himself on the next level."

Diallo could be eligible for the NBA Draft in June. Speculation has been that he will practice at UK this season, not play and then be ready for a full freshman season. But some have also wondered if he might use the next few months at UK as a way to train for the draft.

"He's not ready for the NBA ... right now. His stock, from what I've been hearing, has been dropping in that regard because of his performance. I don't think there is a question that he will remain at Kentucky for a year and a half ... after that is a crapshoot and will depend on his development," Allard said.

Going into the season Allard had praised Diallo's passing and defensive play as much as his ability to score.

"PSA designed many of their plays for him this year so he was, not necessarily by his own plan, but by design, a little more centered on himself rather than the team," Allard said. "Also, with all of the recruitment talk, the visits including many by NBA folks, he sort of lost his game a bit. That could have also been a by-product of the boredom. He was ready to move on."

Many thought originally he might move on to Syracuse or Connecticut, two schools that are close to his New York home and also recruited him much longer than UK. Allard said it was not hard to understand what gave UK the edge.

"He needs to improve his NBA stock. (John) Calipari,

obviously, has a habit of producing top NBA picks in one year and I think that is Diallo's game plan," Allard said. "Also, Kentucky has much more visibility than UConn right now, plays a higher caliber schedule and may get Diallo's juices flowing again."

During his press conference to announce his choice, Diallo basically said the same thing about the NBA.

"They just had the right plan for me going forward, for getting me to the next level," Diallo said.

He will have at least five other high caliber players in his recruiting class, including four other five-star recruits. They all reached out to him via Twitter as soon as he announced. One, Philadelphia point guard Quade Green, had all but guaranteed he would get Diallo to Kentucky after he signed with UK.

Diallo will also get to go against Malik Monk, De'Aaron Fox, Isaiah Briscoe and others in practice daily the next four months.

"I think he is one who is motivated by a challenge. The kid is good. He needs to improve in some areas, but when he came to PSA he was hardly the player he is now. That additional motivation should actually be a help, not a hindrance," Allard said.

Diallo is ranked as the nation's top shooting guard in the 2017 class by some recruiting analysts. However, that's because of his ability to score. He's not a prolific 3-point shooter.

"He is a really nice, open-floor player. Get him out on the break and in transition, he's nearly unstoppable. Jump shots and perimeter stuff, it's an adventure," Allard said. "It's one of the biggest reasons why Diallo is going college, rather than pro."

Recruiting luck important

Recruiting can involve hours of work. Ask any college coach. But sometimes getting lucky is just as important.

Eastern Kentucky sophomore Nick Mayo is a potential NBA player that many basketball fans in Kentucky probably do not know nearly

enough about. He's from Maine and has rare shooting and passing skills for a big man.

Dunbar coach Scott Chalk deserves an assist for him being at Eastern Kentucky. Chalk was working a basketball event for Eddie Ford in Louisville when he saw Mayo play.

"I thought he was really special. He was doing some things in AAU that big guys don't usually do," Chalk said.

At that time, Austin Newton was an assistant on Jeff Neubauer. He was at the same event looking for players and always made a point to see Chalk and ask if he had seen any players who impressed him

"Austin was one of the guys that would come by and ask me stuff and I told him this was a kid you need to watch. I sent him over there ... and they did the hard work after that. I did put them on him," Chalk said.

Newton was so excited that he got Neubauer to come see Mayo the next day. A scholarship offer followed and after that the Eastern coaches just hoped no one else would notice.

"He is special. He could have gone to a lot of places, but a lot of people did not know about him. That happens. He is a special talent. He will make some money playing one day," Chalk said. Every time Austin sees me, he thanks me still."

So does current Eastern coach Dan McHale, who was fortunate to have Mayo waiting for him in his first year. Mayo was named Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year for the 2015-16 season and leads the Colonels in scoring this year.

Newton is now an athletics fundraiser for Eastern and seldom misses a chance to watch Mayo play.

Adebayo 'great young man'

How good is Bam Adebayo? Well, veteran Alabama high school coach Jack Doss still believes his team would have won the McDonald's All-American Game if he had been able to play Adebayo the minutes he wanted.

"Well there's no question about it. Bam did not play but a few minutes. That's the way the rotation is and it is their showcase, but if he could have played more, our team wins," Doss said.

Doss' current star is wing



PHOTO BY VICKI GRAFF

Bam Adebayo doesn't mind physical play like he faced Saturday against Arkansas and made a fan of coach Jack Doss in the McDonald's All-American Game.

John Petty, who picked Alabama over Kentucky and likely will be in the McDonald's All-American Game this spring.

"I still get to watch Bam a little bit this year," Doss said. "De'Aaron Fox did not have a good game for us that night, but I knew he was special. What great young men they are and I still hope to get up to Kentucky to see them play. I talk to them every once in a while. It's just great that we had four days together and they still care enough to get back to me."

"Let me tell you this. Those young men were disciplined and respectful. As a coach, you appreciate that because not all stars are that way."

'Malik's great'

Forgive Wenyen Gabriel for making sure everyone knows exactly what he thinks of teammate Malik Monk.

"Malik's great. I think he's one of the best players I've ever played with in my life. Definitely is. He just does a lot of amazing things every time he's on the floor. He's a great player. People get on him about the Louisville game (when UK lost), but we don't even mention that around here because he's such a great shooter," Gabriel said.

I talked with ESPN analyst Dick Vitale last week about Monk's 47-point game

against North Carolina. He thought it was the best single-game performance he's seen by any college freshman.

"When you consider the quality of the competition and the national stage for that game, it was incredible," Vitale said. "You just don't see something like that. He's special, but probably even more special than I realized."

Epps unsung 1996 star

It has been 21 years since Kentucky won the 1996 national championship. However, even today, Cameron Mills still remembers well who was the unsung star of that team.

Kentucky coach Rick Pitino used Tony Delk, Jeff Sheppard and Derek Anderson at point guard.

"Coach Pitino tried them all that position. It just didn't work," Mills, a reserve on that team, said. "He only put Tony there to try and help his NBA career. Coach was always doing stuff like that to help players with their futures."

"Finally Coach relented and realized he had a point guard and he needed to play him. That's when we did bond as a basketball team and got a lot better."

That point guard was Anthony Epps, who was not one of the nine players off that team that went on to play in the NBA.

"Anthony did not make it

to the NBA and make millions of dollars like some guys did," Mills said. "But even today we all talk about how important he was to our team and we do not win the title without him."

UK courting Hoard

Jaylen Hoard of Wesleyan Christian (N.C.) is ranked as a top 10 junior by Scout.com. He averaged 22.4 points, 5.7 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game playing for France during last summer's FIBA 17 under World Championship and was impressive at last weekend's McCracken County Mustang Madness.

Hoard said he knew he needed to come to the United States to prepare for college basketball and that's why he is at Wesleyan Christian this year.

"I knew the exposure would be better and I thought it would just be a better fit. I thought it was time to come play against the best like I am now," Hoard said. "I want to show I can play here just like I could in France. The best players are over here, so that's where I needed to be."

Kentucky assistant coach Joel Justus has been to see him along with teammate Aaron Wiggins, a 6-5 junior.

Hoard says he's happy with any scholarship offer he gets, but he wants to focus on playing well this season before starting to really consider college options next summer.

"Kentucky is a great program. I know that," he said. "They get guys in the league each year and I know it is a great school. I like Kentucky, but I just have not really thought that far ahead. In France, it was hard to really follow a school. I would more follow certain players. I watch more games now than I did in France, but mainly I just want to work on my game."

Hoard had 30 points on 7-for-14 shooting from the field and 15-for-19 at the foul line along with seven rebounds and two assists in his first game at McCracken and came back with 16 points, six rebounds, two assists, one block and one steal in the second game.

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

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notice

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Notice of Public Hearing, Dimensional Variance: A request for a Dimensional Variance for the property owned by Linda Morris, 302 Hillcrest Drive, Marion, KY has been filed with the Marion Board of Adjustments. A Public Hearing will be held at 5 p.m. on Jan. 24th, 2017 before the Marion Board of Adjustments, at the Council Chambers in City Hall, 217 S. Main Street, Marion, Kentucky. For further information contact the Planning & Zoning Coordi-

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky will accept sealed bid proposals for the purpose of leasing 379 acres of agricultural land located in the Higginson-Henry WMA for crop production. Sealed bids will be opened at 3 p.m. EST, Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017, at the Division of Real Properties, Department of Facilities and Support Services, Bush Building, 403 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Proposals will be accepted for the lease of the above property in compliance with the "Sealed Bid Form of Proposal." To obtain a bid form or for information, contact Wendell Harris, Division of Real Properties, at (502) 564-9831 or email: HYPERLINK "mailto:Wendell.harris@ky.gov" Wendell.harris@ky.gov, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST or contact Curt Divine, Area Manager at (270) 389-3580, or email: Curt.divine@ky.gov, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CT.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

If you plan to attend the bid opening and have a disability that requires accommodation, please contact our office by Wednesday, Jan. 25 so that reasonable arrangements can be made.

INVITATION TO BID
BIG RIVERS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA)
CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Lease for 2017- 2021 Crop Years

The Commonwealth of Kentucky will accept sealed bid proposals for the purpose of leasing 1066 acres of agricultural land located at Big Rivers WMA for crop production. Sealed bids will be opened at 3 p.m. EST, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, at the Division of Real Properties, Department of Facilities and Support Services, Bush Building, Third Floor, 403 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Proposals will be accepted for the lease of the above property in compliance with the "Sealed Bid Form of Proposal."

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky will accept sealed bid proposals for the purpose of leasing 1501+/- acres of agricultural land located in the Sloughs WMA for crop production. Sealed bids will be opened at 3 p.m. EST, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017 at the Division of Real Properties, Department of Facilities and Support Services, Bush Building, Third Floor, 403 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Proposals will be accepted for the lease of the above property in compliance with the "Sealed Bid Form of Proposal." To obtain a bid form or for information, contact Wendell Harris, Division of Real Properties, at (502) 564-9831 or email: HYPERLINK "mailto:Wendell.harris@ky.gov" Wendell.harris@ky.gov, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST or contact Gregory Buckert, Area Foreman at (270) 827-2673, or email: Gregory.buckert@ky.gov, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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INVITATION TO LEASE SPACE

The Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet desires to lease approximately 5,606 square feet of office space with 21 reserved parking spaces located in Marion.

Interested parties may submit proposals to lease existing properties and/or proposals to construct new facilities. The initial proposal must include the name, address and telephone number of the property owner; the name, address and telephone number of the property agent if applicable; the street address of existing properties; and the street address or a location description of sites offered for new construction. Any property selected for lease must meet OSHA specifications, as well as ADA guidelines and all applicable building codes as enforced by the KY Division of Building Code Enforcement. Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 56.803, a preference may be provided to proposals offering properties that are capable of LEED certification. Additional information regarding participation requirements for lease projects will be provided to all respondents.

Proposals may be made by any person in writing on or before **10:30 a.m., Jan. 23, 2017**, and must be sent to: **Division of Real Properties, RE: PR-4547, ATTN: Leasing Branch, Suite 300, 403 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-2607.** FAX/ email proposals will not be accepted. All responses received will be publicly opened and read at the above-designated time. If you plan to attend the bid opening and have a disability that requires accommodation, please contact our office by Jan. 19 so that reasonable arrangements can be made. For additional information contact Brien Hoover, Division of Real Properties, at (502) 564-2430 or Brien.Hoover@ky.gov.

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nator at (270) 965-2266. (2t-28-c)

Notice is hereby given that on January 4, 2017 John T. Croft of 7591 S.R. 135, Marion, KY 42064 and Melissa Croft of 1406 Maxwell Street, Marion, KY 42064 was appointed co-executors of Maxine B. Croft, deceased, whose address was 10011 S.R. 135, Marion, KY 42064. Rebecca J. Johnson, attorney.

All persons having claims

against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-executors before the 4th day of July, 2017 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

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Jan. 3 historic day

Jan. 3, 2017, was a historic day in Kentucky, as the Regular Session of the General Assembly convened with a Republican majority in the House of Representatives for the first time in 96 years. The rest of the week was historic, too, as committee meetings were held and bills passed. In fact, this was the first time in Kentucky's long and storied history that legislation was taken up in the first week of session.

Seven bills passed both chambers and Gov. Bevin has already signed them into law. In this update, I will be discussing four of them. House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 5 addressed abortion, and HBs 1 and 3 addressed workers' rights. These issues have been in front of the General Assembly for a number of years, but none ever made it to the House floor for a vote. This year was different.

HB 2 is commonly referred to as the Informed Consent Law and requires that a physician, prior to performing an abortion, must perform an ultrasound of the unborn baby and offer the woman considering an abortion the opportunity to see the images of the ultrasound and for the physician to provide an explanation of what it is depicting. Abortion facilities already perform an ultrasound in order to determine how the abortionist will perform the procedure, so this law simply requires what we should all expect when seeing a physician for a procedure requiring an ultrasound. To do otherwise, in my opinion, is malpractice. HB 2 passed the House by a vote of 82-13. I voted yes.

SB 5, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Law, recognizes that an unborn child of 20 weeks is able to feel pain and, thus, is enti-

tled to life both in and out of the womb. It is common practice for surgery performed on a child in the womb 20 weeks or more after conception to have anesthesia administered and for children born as early as 20 weeks after conception to survive. Thus, SB 5 prohibits abortion 20 weeks or longer after gestation. If the mother's life is in danger or if the probable gestation is less than 20 weeks, an abortion may still be performed. SB 5 passed the House by a vote of 79-15. I voted yes.

I received input from many on both sides of HB 1, as well as HB 3. Both bills were also quite controversial with a number of protesters converging on the state capitol. Citizen involvement in the legislative process is a good thing, but intimidation is not. I was extremely disappointed at the antics of those who tried to disrupt the governor's testimony by yelling and pounding on the walls. It was also disappointing that a number of those protesting were bussed in from Indiana. If anything, those antics hurt, rather than helped, the protesters' point of view. On the merits, many good points were made by both those in favor of making Kentucky a right-to-work state and those opposed. The same is true of those in favor of the repeal of the Prevailing Wage Law and those against repeal. Ultimately, though, I had to make a decision.

For me, the issue of right-to-work came down to the question of whether or not a person working for a company should be able to make a choice of joining or not joining a union. Before HB 1 was passed and signed into law, a person working for a company where a union contract was in place had to ei-

ther join the union and pay dues, or not join the union and pay a lesser fee. Kentuckians have the constitutional right to unionize, and I feel they should also have the constitutional right not to unionize. In my opinion, right-to-work is a tool to grow jobs in Kentucky. It is not anti-union, but pro-worker freedom. HB 1 passed the House by a vote of 58-39. I voted yes.

HB 3 dealt with prevailing wage. Before HB 3 was passed and signed into law, labor wages for public works projects such as school construction with an estimated cost of \$250,000 or more were set by either the wages determined by the federal government or by a hearing before the Kentucky Department of Labor. In both cases, the prevailing wage was determined on the basis of information provided by unions as to what the unions negotiated (prevailing) rates for similar workers in the area were. One of the arguments against repeal of the prevailing wage law was that the quality of construction would suffer because those with less skill would be doing the work. However, the prevailing wage law in Kentucky was not put in place until the mid-1980s, and there are many schools, courthouses, etc., still in use that were built well before prevailing wage became law in the Commonwealth.

In the past 10 years, taxpayer-funded projects totaling approximately \$10 billion have taken place in Kentucky. Some estimates have put the increased cost of labor due to prevailing wage at 20-30 percent which is \$2-\$3 billion. I suspect the additional cost is probably closer to 10 percent, but that is still \$1 billion or \$100 million per year.

I do not think the government should be in the business of setting wages; that should be between the employer and the employee. I believe the free market is very effective at sorting out wages and price points, and taxpayer funded projects should be no exception to those free market principles. As a result, I voted yes and HB 3 passed by a vote of 57-40.



Rep. Lynn Bechler
House Notes

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work ordinance. A federal appeals court late last year upheld the ordinances, but with Republicans taking the state House 64-46 in November and already controlling the Senate and governor's office for the first time in state history, Newcom wanted to see what would come out of Frankfort before any talk of a local law. With passage, HB 1 puts 120 Kentucky counties under the right-to-work umbrella.

- House Bill 3, sponsored by Speaker Hoover and Rep. Adam Koenig, R-Erlanger, would repeal the state's prevailing wage law that dictates the hourly base wage for construction workers hired for certain public works projects. HB 3 received final passage in the Senate by a vote of 25-12.

- Senate Bill 6, sponsored by Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, would require public or private employees (with some exceptions under federal law) to request membership in a labor union in writing before they can be enrolled in that organization. It also specifies that dues or fees paid to labor organizations cannot be withheld from earnings without employee approval. Existing agreements between employers, employees and labor unions made before the legislation takes effect would be exempt from the provisions. SB 6 received final passage in the House by a vote of 57-39.

- House Bill 2, sponsored by Speaker Hoover and Rep. Addia Wuchner, R-Florence, would require a woman seeking an abortion to have an obstetric ultrasound of her baby explained to her by her health care provider before she could give required informed consent for an abortion. Women could decline to see the ultrasound image or hear the fetal heartbeat if they choose. HB 2 received final passage in the Senate by a vote of 32-5. The American Civil Liberties Union is already challenging this law in U.S. District Court.

- Senate Bill 5, sponsored by Sen. Brandon Smith, R-

How they voted



Rep. Bechler
R-Marion



Sen. Ridley
D-Henderson

LABOR

House Bill 1

Right to Work



House Bill 3

Prevailing wage



Senate Bill 6

Union membership



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House Bill 2

Ultrasound explanation



Senate Bill 5

20-week threshold



OTHER

Senate Bill 12

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Senate Bill 3

Lawmaker benefits



Hazard, and Sen. Whitney Westerfield, R-Hopkinsville, would prohibit abortions in Kentucky at or after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The bill would not apply in cases where an abortion is required to save the life or prevent serious risk of permanent bodily harm to the mother. SB 5 received final passage in the House by a vote of 79-15.

- Senate Bill 3, sponsored by Sen. Christian McDaniel, R-Taylor Mill, would require that the retirement benefits of current and former General Assembly members be made public. Disclosure would include the member's name and estimated or actual monthly allowance. SB 3 received final passage in the House by a vote of 95-1.

- Senate Bill 12, sponsored by Senate President Stivers, would abolish the current board of trustees of the University of Louisville and clarify the number of members allowed on the new board along with qualifications and conditions of membership. The bill would also require Kentucky

Senate confirmation of board appointments. SB 12 received final passage in the House by a vote of 57-35. However, Gov. Bevin's earlier dismantling of the board is headed to the Kentucky Supreme Court, challenged by Attorney General Andy Beshear. It's unclear how the outcome in the court would affect the legislation.

Ridley, the Senate Democratic Caucus Chairman, told Kentucky Today the first week of the legislative session was a busy one.

"Instead of the first week of a session, it feels like the end of a session," he said.

Some lawmakers were opposed to the frenetic pace. House Minority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, a Sandy Hook Democrat, told Kentucky Today it did not allow time for legislators to be fully informed before a vote.

The 2017 legislative session will adjourn today for a scheduled break and then reconvene on Tuesday, Feb. 7. The session is scheduled to end on March 30.

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