

NEWS

PRESS, PUBLIC OFFICES CLOSE MLK HOLIDAY

All city, county, state and federal offices will be closed Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. That includes the public library, senior center, Extension service, post offices and all county government services like the animal shelter and convenience center. The sheriff's office will also be closed Saturday. Schools will be out in Crittenden County Monday.

The Crittenden Press will also be closed. Submission deadlines will be Tuesday morning.

CONGRESSMAN'S FIELD REP IN MARION TODAY

U.S. Rep James Comer's field representative, Amelia Wilson, will host office hours today (Thursday) in Marion on behalf of the Congressman to help 1st District residents with federal case-work issues. She will be in the fiscal courtroom at Crittenden County Courthouse from 11 a.m. to noon.

FLU ACTIVITY EXPLODES WITH 65 PERCENT RISE

The number of influenza cases confirmed in Kentucky rose by 65 percent in the first week of 2019, adding 953 cases for a total of 2,408 in the current flu season, according to the latest weekly surveillance report from the state Department for Public Health. Still no lab-confirmed cases in Crittenden County have been reported for the current flu season.

The department reported the first flu outbreak in a long-term-care facility, and for the first time reported cases in all 17 of the state's health regions. It said all but one of those regions, which it didn't specify, reported increased flu activity. Flu activity in Kentucky is considered "widespread," the highest level of designation.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse.
- **Marion Tourism Commission** will meet at 5 p.m. Saturday at Fohs Hall prior to the T.O.N.E.-Z concert.
- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Rocket Arena conference room.

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Burdon to offer social media insight



STAFF REPORT

A homegrown social media expert wants to make you a tad nauseous before he offers a cure at the next Community Leadership Breakfast on the morning of Friday, Jan. 25.

Jointly sponsored by Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corp., the early-morning gatherings are held regularly to provide an opportunity for net-

working and personal growth through a variety of programs. This month's event will center around social media.

Jonathan Burdon, 30, grew up in Marion and graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2006. He's made good in the social media industry, which can be defined as websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking.

Burdon is CEO and founder of SocialCoaster Digital Agency (SDA),

a media holding company with applications and content that receive nearly 5 billion impressions a month. With him will be the corporation's chief operating officer and in-house counsel, Shaun Roberts, who grew up in nearby Hopkins County. The two are now headquartered in Nashville, Tenn.

As for their presentation at the breakfast program, Burdon's plans are to demonstrate how little most people actually know about social

Leadership Breakfast
Jan. 25 at 7 a.m.

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Sacred assembly



Life in Christ Church Pastor Chris McDonald (far left) and the congregation on Monday hosted a formal dedication of a new sanctuary on Ky. 91 South outside of Marion.

Life in Christ hopes new sanctuary will be lighthouse in community

STAFF REPORT

More than 1,400 people attended worship services Sunday and Monday blessing Crittenden County's newest and largest church. Members and visitors of Life in Christ Church dedicated their recently completed sanctuary over a two-day period early this week, paying recognition to some of those who helped grow the church from a handful of worshipers into the community's largest congregation.

Life in Christ, a non-denominational church, had a remarkably humble beginning in 1974 in the living room of Paul Belt Sr. and his wife Sharon, who were in attendance for the formal dedication Monday night. The Belts hosted services in their

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No-cost GED test open for anyone

By MIMI BYRNS
STAFF WRITER

There is no better time than now for Crittenden County residents who didn't finish high school to acquire their GED.

Thanks to a partnership Crittenden County Detention Center has established with a private benefactor, GED exams are provided at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion for free. This saves those those who pursue the general education development certificate \$120 for the application fee and eliminates the hassle of traveling to bigger cities like Paducah, Madisonville or Henderson.

The only condition applicants have to fulfill in order to be eligible, besides being a resident of Crittenden County, is to prepare and to take a pre-test at the Adult Education Center in Marion and score at least 150 points. Once completed, the applicant can take the actual test and the benefactor, who does not wish to be named, will cover all the fees for the four parts of the test.

Anyone interested in the program should contact the Coordinator Cindy Jenkins at the Adult Education office at (270) 965-9435.

Jail administration

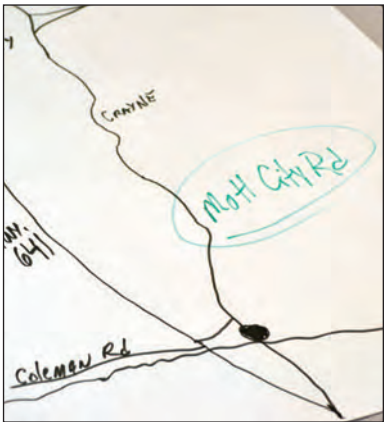
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'Mott City Road' likely new name for old U.S. 641

STAFF REPORT

Magistrates are expected to approve a new name today (Thursday) for the former section of U.S. 641 between Marion and Fredonia.

"Mott City Road" is expected to be the new designation for the 5.6 miles of highway in Crittenden County from the tie-in with the new U.S. 641 just south of the Marion city limit to the county line at Livingston Creek. If a resolution for the name change is OK'd at today's fiscal court meeting, notices will be sent out by the county in coming days to affected property owners, of-



DARYL K. TABOR/THE PRESS

Crittenden Fiscal Court is expected today (Thursday) to approve "Mott City Road" as the new name for the old portion of U.S. 641 replaced by the new corridor.

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Fitzgerald found, arrested in Florida

STAFF REPORT

Florida authorities found a wide assortment of drugs, counterfeit cash and a pistol with homemade silencers inside of a car they said Brian Fitzgerald was driving shortly before his arrest there last week.

Local authorities are unsure how long it could be before Fitzgerald, 31, of Marion is extradited back to Crittenden County, where his is wanted on burglary, theft and other charges.

A seven-week manhunt for Fitzgerald ended last week when police in Vero Beach,

Fla., arrested him, initially on shoplifting charges outside a Walmart in Indian River County midway up Florida's Atlantic Coast.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Chuck Hoover said investigators in Florida executed a search warrant on the vehicle, where they found drugs, including what was believed to be heroine and LSD. Those substances were sent to a Florida police laboratory for testing, Hoover said.

According to police reports from Florida, which were shared with



Fitzgerald

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In Concert at Fohs Hall

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T.O.N.E.-Z



January 19 @ 7 p.m.

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CLASSY & GRASSY

School safety top legislative priority



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Program Review & Investigation; Child Welfare Oversight Advisory

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Service
House: 2013-present

Part one of the 2019 Kentucky General Assembly convened Jan. 8 with Supreme Court Justice Debra Lambert administering the oath of office to House members at a swearing in ceremony. The oath is a reminder that it is a privilege to serve the people of the 4th House District, an honor and responsibility that I take very seriously.

The remainder of the week was spent on committee assignments, adopting House rules of procedures, attending training seminars, addressing an election contest involving one legislative district seat, and of course, filing bills and resolutions. As we adjourned, 169 bills had already been filed in the House of Representatives.

The General Assembly adjourned on Friday and will reconvene on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

During this session, I will be the chair of the Budget Review Subcommittee for Education, Public Protection and Energy. I will also be on the Appropriations & Revenue, Economic Development & Workforce Investment and Small Business & Information Technology standing committees. Additionally, I will continue to serve on the Child Welfare Oversight Advisory and the Program Review & Investigation statutory commit-

tees. During this year's session, which is only 30 legislative days as opposed to the 60-day sessions we have in budget years, one of our top priorities is school safety. House Bill 1, the School Safety and Resiliency Act, is the result of months of meetings by the legislature's School Safety Working Group.

This group traveled the state and heard from a wide variety of stakeholders, including teachers, parents, law enforcement, students and mental health professionals. The ideas and suggestions gathered were instrumental in putting together this legislation which takes a series of steps to help prevent school tragedies. HB 1 addresses two major challenges:

- Strengthening the security of our schools.
- Providing resources for troubled youth.

An identical bill has been filed in the Senate. The provisions of HB 1 include setting a goal to provide more school resource officers and mental health professionals in our schools. The legislation would also require school districts to appoint a school safety coordinator, criminalize making false threats against schools, require active shooter training for all school district employees with job duties requiring

direct contact with students and mandate that all access points to school buildings be secured by July 1, 2022.

The School Safety and Resiliency Act also calls for the creation of a new state school security marshal who would be charged with working to keep schools compliant with safety requirements.

Tax changes will also be considered in the days ahead. HB 28 would exempt certain taxes placed on educational, charitable or religious nonprofit institutions. This is necessary to address the Kentucky Supreme Court's ruling that these institutions had to be taxed in the same manner as other organizations.

Another proposal would increase the state income tax exclusion for pensions to \$41,110. Such bills would require a constitutional majority vote in both Chambers (60 votes out of 100 members in the House and 20 votes out of 38 members in the Senate) to pass in this, a non-budget session.

Pro-life legislation is once again a high priority in both the House and Senate. HB 5 would prohibit an abortion if the pregnant woman is seeking the abortion, in whole or in part, because of an unborn child's sex, race, color, national origin or disability. HB 148 would

Stay informed

There are several ways to keep up with the 2019 legislative session and share your thoughts with lawmakers.

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(866) 840-2835

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(800) 633-9650

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LRC.ky.gov

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702 Capitol Ave.
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return to previously established Kentucky law outlawing abortion if the U.S. Supreme Court were to reverse the Roe v. Wade decision that allows abortion in the United States.

Once again, I have filed a bill to outlaw so-called "Sanctuary Cities" in the Commonwealth. I have also filed bills that address the scourge of childhood sexual assault, abuse and sexual endangerment of a child.

Among other things, these bills would allow the attorney general to petition the Supreme Court to convene a special

grand jury to investigate childhood sexual assault or abuse that crosses multiple judicial circuits, remove the five-year statute of limitations for misdemeanor sex offenses against minors and allow prosecution to be commenced at any time and remove the 10-year statute of limitations for civil actions arising from childhood sexual assault or abuse and allow a suit to be commenced at any time.

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

I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181, directly at (502) 564-8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at LRC.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link or by mail to the Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

(Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, has represented House District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and portion of Christian counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly since 2013.)

LETTERS

Centers for seniors need full support

To the editor:

This is to clarify info on Crittenden County Senior Center kitchen, which is not closed as some think. No kitchen in the Pennyriple counties is closed.

Due to state budget cuts, changes began Jan. 1, 2019, which included cooks in six counties losing their job.

Muhlenberg, Christian and Lyon County cook for the nine (Pennyriple) counties. Food is brought from Lyon County to Crittenden County in insulated containers and put in steam table pans, then the process is as before, including temp checks as required.

Volunteers are needed in all centers, so please put your name on the volunteer lists and help any way you can.

State budget cuts are to be as large next fiscal year as this year, which will put the centers in jeopardy.

The community may not realize how much the centers are needed for the welfare of per-

The Crittenden Press What's your opinion?

The Crittenden Press encourages our readers to share their opinion on issues of local interest or to comment on stories found on the pages within.

Letters to the Editor should be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday for publication in the next week's issue. We accept letters by email and surface mail; however, because timeliness and protection of the writer's intent are factors in publication, we strongly encourage submissions by email.

Letters should include only the author's name, either individually or on behalf of a group. For verification purposes, they must also include the writer's home and e-mail addresses (if applicable) and telephone number. Phone numbers and addresses are required, but will not be published.

Letters should be written in good taste, and in most cases, should not exceed 300 words or be submitted within 30 days of the same author's last submission. Materials from other publications submitted as letters will not be printed.

The Crittenden Press reserves the right to reject or edit letters for any reason.

Email letters to ThePress@the-press.com

sons who are home alone, depressed and lonely. At the center, they can get a hot meal, play pool, use exercise equipment or just visit.

I encourage everyone in the community, regardless of age, to do your part to help keep the center open by contacting your state legislators and Gov. Bevin

often and ask for cuts to stop for senior centers. If enough respond, they will take notice, so help us out.

Come to the center, talk to people there to see what it means to them. If you have questions, call the center in your county.

Margaret Gilland
Marion, Ky.



LRC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mills' bill clears Senate

Fourth District Sen. Robby Mills, R-Henderson, introduces Senate Bill 50 Friday on the Senate floor on Day 4 of the 30-day legislative session. The measure is related to reporting the dispensing of prescriptions to induce abortion to the Vital Statistics Branch of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). One of four abortion-related bills approved by the Senate last week, SB 50 moves to the House on a 30-6 vote. As sponsor, Mills says it would also require the Vital Statistics Branch to issue an annual report and post it on the CHFS website. Friday was the last day of Part I, of the organizational session, of the 2019 General Assembly. Part II convenes Feb. 5. The session ends March 29.

ROAD

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ficially notifying them of the change.

Other names were rejected by a small group of residents who attended an informal meeting Friday evening to discuss renaming the old roadway. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom had suggested Fredonia Road as the new designation, but that was met with strong opposition from a few Crayne-area residents who did not like the association with a community in a neighboring county.

"But we're not in Caldwell County," Regina Asher of Crayne argued at the meeting.

The name change became necessary in December when the newly constructed corridor between Marion and Fredonia opened. That 5.5-mile stretch had been planned by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) from the beginning as U.S. 641, tying into the old roadway just outside the cities at either end of the new asphalt.

Once the new segment opened, the old U.S. 641 officially reverted back to previous Kentucky highway designations – Ky. 91 from the connecting point with the new U.S. 641 just south of Marion to Mott City and Ky. 70 from Mott City to the junction with the new highway north of Fredonia.

Simply changing the name of the old highway to Old U.S. 641 or U.S. 641-A is out, as KyTC no longer wants alternate highway numbers because of transportation issues it can cause. For example, KyTC spokesman Keith Todd said U.S. 41 and U.S. 41-A in places like Webster and Henderson counties have led to a number of lost trucks over the years. Kentucky, he said, is one of only three states to still utilize alternate highway designations.

Utilizing the old highway numbers of Ky. 91 and Ky. 70 for the purposes of mail and 911 addressing would be impractical, affecting far more than the roughly 200 properties along the former U.S. 641. All proper-

ties along Ky. 91 from the Ohio River ferry landing to Mott City and on Ky. 70 from Dycusburg to the Caldwell County line would then need and address change. That's because their 911-generated house numbers are used to indicate distance from the origin of a road in the county. Adding mileage to the two numbered highways would necessitate a change in all house numbers.

That's why Newcom had initially suggested Fredonia Road as the new moniker for the old highway. It would limit the effects of a name change to only addresses along the former U.S. 641. It would also eliminate the need for a change in house numbers, something liked by Jared Belt, who owns a home and co-owns a business along the stretch.

"The less we have to change, the better for me," Belt said Friday.

Since Marion Road is already used in the county, naming the highway for its other endpoint seemed natural to Newcom. He refuses to consider names too close to

others already in use in the county, like adding Crayne Road to a catalog of names that already includes Crayne Cemetery Road. He believes that leads to much confusion, particularly during emergency responses.

"Seconds matter when you're responding to an emergency. So it doesn't need to be the same," agreed Croft at Friday's meeting, explaining that similar road names in the county already lead to confusion and delays.

Marion-Fredonia and Marion-Princeton names were also not excluded because of similar issues.

Anger from residents affected by the name change spilled over, leading to contentious moments at Friday's meeting.

Robin Mathieu, who lives on the affected highway between Crayne and Mott City, preferred utilizing the Kentucky highway numbers despite the widespread changes it would cause along all portions of Ky. 91 and Ky. 70.

"We have to change ours," she said, "they can change theirs. We're supposed to care about

them?"

Newcom said the overwhelming response he has gotten over renaming is requesting as little change as possible, keeping house numbers the same. Mott City Road does that.

"I think fewer people affected would be best," said Magistrate Willard Guill.

Newcom expects no opposition to the name of Mott City Road at today's meeting, meaning addressing will be affected as little as possible. House numbers would remain the same, limiting most concerns with emergency response.

Once a new name is approved by the fiscal court, the county will notify affected property owners. Notice will also be given to the U.S. Postal Service, which will begin the process of changing the road name in its databases for mail delivery, and KyTC, which will also include the name in databases and updates with geographic information system, or GIS, mapping. Rhonda Hunt, Marion

Postmaster, said mail will continue to be delivered for several months to old U.S. 641 addresses no matter what the name change becomes.

"We're not going to be sending people's mail back," she said, indicating property owners should change their mailing address within six months of notification from the county. "We understand that it takes time."

Affected driver's license holders will need to change their IDs with the circuit clerk's office within 10 days of being notified of the address change. Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill said state law requires the update.

Voters, too, will need to change their registration to reflect their new address in order to alleviate any confusion during this year's primary and general elections. That can be done in County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office or online at GoVoteKy.com. The address associated with voter registration can also be changed when a driver's license is updated.



Guill

4 plead guilty in court; probation revoked for 4

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Circuit Judge Renee Williams heard guilty pleas from four individuals in a variety of cases and revoked probation for four more during last week's regular monthly session of the circuit court.

Those sentenced were:

- Ryan Renner, 24, of Marion entered an Alford plea to a felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident and/or failure to render aid to a person with the threat of death or serious injury. He was sentenced to two years and six months in prison and the commonwealth's prosecutor opposed probation.
- According to Marion

CIRCUIT COURT

Police Department records, Renner is alleged to have fled from a single-vehicle accident that happened in the early morning hours of Feb. 4, 2018. A female victim was seriously injured in the crash.

- Mary E. Stone, 48, of Marion pleaded guilty to three felony counts of forgery. A sentence of five years on each count was recommended. She will be formally sentenced in February. The state is not opposing probation in her case.
- Stone signed her name to credit card purchases last spring at Walmarts in

Princeton and Morganfield and the Dollar General Store in Marion. The purchases were on a credit card belonging to another person.

- Aaron Glenn Haney, 32, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. He will be formally sentenced in February. The state is seeking a three-year diverted sentence. Haney was arrested in October after a family member reported that he was asleep at a home on Hickory Hills Avenue, and drugs were believed to be on an end table next to him.

When police arrived they found tin foil, meth residue and a straw.

- James E. Hutchinson, 50, of Marion pleaded guilty in a Rocket Docket case to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). He received a two-year sentence probated for five years.
- Sarah Elizabeth Rushin, 29, of Marion had her probation revoked for failing a drug test and neglecting requirements to report to her probation officer. Rushin had been on probation since 2015 after the court had sentenced her to five years for abusing a 10-month-old child.

She was originally given shock probation after serving about six months on the original conviction in October 2015. According to testimony from a probation officer, Rushin tested positive for methamphetamine in November while she was pregnant with another child. The baby has since been born.

- Timothy Adams, 33, of Marion had his probation revoked for failure to report to his probation officer and absconding. Adams was on probation for drug and child support felonies. He was ordered to serve the remainder of his original five-year sentence.
- Brett Whitney, 29, of

Princeton had his probation revoked for violating terms of probation prohibiting the use of alcohol, use of a controlled substance and possession of a dangerous weapon (pipe). He was ordered to complete the balance of his five-year flagrant non-support sentence.

- Roy Tipton, 50, of Marion had his probation revoked for absconding. Tipton was on probation for a five-year prison sentence from a 2014 conviction of cultivating marijuana (five or more plants) and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was ordered to begin serving the balance of his original sentence.

Two indicted by grand jury

STAFF REPORT

Two men were indicted in separate cases last week by the Crittenden County Grand Jury.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely determines whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a case in circuit court.

Those indicted last Thursday were:

- Charles Brent Beard, 56, of Marion was indicted on felony charges of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). The handgun charge is a Class C felony. He was also indicted on misdemeanor charges of trafficking in marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and disregarding a traffic control device. According to court records, Beard

GRAND JURY

was observed on Dec. 18 running a red light on Main Street in Marion. Sheriff's Deputy Ray Agent stopped the vehicle Beard was driving and as he approached the vehicle, the deputy's report says he could smell marijuana. Inside the vehicle was found a bag of pot, a loaded .22 caliber autoloading handgun and what appeared to be methamphetamine, plus rolling papers and digital scales.

- Daniel Joseph Bomia, 58, of Marion was indicted on felony charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and tampering with physical evidence. Included in the indictment were misdemeanor charges for possession of drug

paraphernalia and public intoxication. According to court records, Marion Policeman Heath Martin responded to a complaint on the afternoon of Dec. 6 at the corner of South Weldon and West Elm streets where it had been reported that a man was acting suspiciously. The officer found Bomia who told the policeman that he was waiting for someone to get off of the school bus. Patrolman Martin's report says he smelled alcohol on the suspect and found a small baggie on the ground next to him that contained alleged methamphetamine. The report says Bomia admitted to trying to push the baggies under the leaves. He told the policemen that he'd found it in McDonald's parking lot. Also found in Bomia's wallet were rolling papers.



Collecting recognition

Marion Mayor Jared Byford (center) and the city council on Monday recognized several individuals with Crittenden County Detention Center for their work to continue the city's fall leaf collection service. Pictured with Byford are deputies Adam Caulder (left) and Robert DeHaven. Also honored but not present were inmates Kimball Armstead, Joshua Davis, Daniel Hall and Anthony Taylor. Jailer Robbie Kirk and Byford reached an agreement last autumn to continue the service with the use of supervised inmate labor after the city cut funding for the program from its budget.

ARREST

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local investigators, it appears Fitzgerald had driven to the department store in Florida in a vehicle registered to his father. The car was impounded after the Crittenden County man was taken into custody about midnight Jan. 8.

According to reports from Florida, Fitzgerald had attempted to steal a BB gun from Walmart, which led to police being called to the scene. When officers arrived, Fitzgerald led them on an almost half-mile foot chase through a wooded area and a nearby construction site before he was caught. He struggled during the arrest, according to police and media reports from Florida, and attempted to kick the deputies after being handcuffed. The BB gun was recovered along

his unsuccessful escape route.

Inside the car Fitzgerald was believed to have been driving, deputies discovered a loaded Astra Firecat .25-caliber pistol with three homemade silencers; 130 grams of crystal methamphetamine; small amounts of other drugs, including marijuana; ammunition; a scale; and an undisclosed amount of counterfeit money. At about \$80 per gram, the meth has a street value of more than \$10,000.

Fitzgerald has already agreed to waive extradition proceedings, but local authorities are not sure when he will be brought back to Crittenden County, or how he will get here. He is being held in the Indian River County Jail without bond and will be facing a variety of felony and misdemeanor offenses there.

Fitzgerald has been wanted in Crittenden County since Nov. 26 for



COURTESY OF INDIAN RIVER (FLA.) SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Several of the items reportedly found on Brian Fitzgerald, 31, of Marion are shown following his arrest in Vero Beach, Fla., last week. The items include a handgun, counterfeit money, drug paraphernalia and a variety of drugs.

parole violations and receiving stolen property. He will also face fleeing or evading police and possession of firearm by a convicted felon charges here, plus investigators in other nearby counties want to

question Fitzgerald with regard to other thefts and burglaries that occurred during November.

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A fairly substantial manhunt had been underway in western Kentucky since late November when Fitzgerald and perhaps others were identified in a theft investigation originating from Lyon County. Local authorities had several near misses in their search for Fitzgerald, and state police issued a warning that he should be considered armed and dangerous. In early December, state police took an armored vehicle to Fitzgerald's home near Frances and breached the door. He was not there, but a search warrant was executed at that time.

Hoover almost caught Fitzgerald near Shady Grove just before Christmas, but he eluded capture in the Tradewater River bottoms after borrowing a phone of a duck hunter to summon a ride. Local investigators believe Fitzgerald left the area after that close call.



DARYL K. TABOR/THE PRESS

This...is...‘Jeopardy!’

A crowd gathered inside the meeting room of Crittenden County Public Library Tuesday for a viewing party to watch Youth Services Librarian Kathleen Guess' appearance on "Jeopardy!" Above, Guess (second from right) reacts during the broadcast as her Final Jeopardy! question is revealed as an answer to the clue. Guess was in the first place heading into the last round by \$1,200, but ultimately lost to the returning champion with an incorrect response, her only mistake during the contest that included two successful Double Jeopardy! responses to push her into a late lead. She said the viewing party was more nerve-racking than the taping of the show in November because she knew everyone in the crowd.

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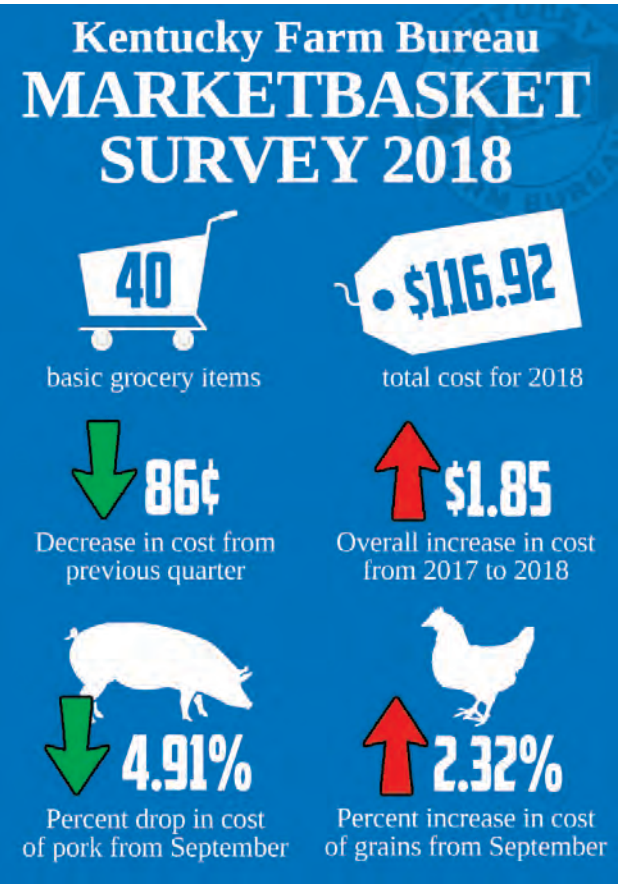
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LIHEAP crisis funds open

STAFF REPORT Assistance is being made available to local residents having trouble paying their heating bills this winter. Through the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP), about 150,000 Kentucky families receive help paying their energy bills through winter. Applications for the crisis phase of the program are now underway in Marion through March or until funds are expended. Assistance for certain Crittenden County families experiencing a home heating crisis can be applied for through the local office of Pennyrile Allied Community Services

(PACS) at the assistance center on North Walker Street in Marion. Clients must have a household income at or below 130 percent of federal poverty guidelines (\$1,316 monthly gross income, plus \$468 for each additional person) and be in a crisis situation involving imminent loss of heating energy. Applicants must provide a utility disconnect notice or have four or fewer days worth of fuel oil, propane, kerosene, wood or coal available or have received an eviction notice citing unpaid rent if heating costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent. Households at or above 75 per-

cent of poverty level must pay a portion or co-payment of the minimum amount necessary to alleviate the crisis. For further information, contact the Marion PACS office at (270) 965-4763 or visit Crittenden County Assistance Center at 402 N. Walker St. This is the second component of LIHEAP. Enrollment in the subsidy phase ended last month. The federal government began providing home energy assistance in 1974. The U.S. Administration of Children and Families' Division of Energy Assistance in the Office of Community Services administers LIHEAP at the federal level.

Fed shutdown affecting SNAP

STAFF REPORT Most Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program customers will receive February benefits this month because of the partial federal government shutdown. February benefits for those approved by Tuesday will be loaded to EBT cards by Sunday. Those approved Jan. 16-30 will receive benefits for January and February on their EBT cards by Jan. 31. Clients may use these funds immediately, but they will not receive more benefits for February. USDA's Food and Nutrition Service is releasing February assistance early to accommodate for client access during the shutdown.

City theft arrest made

STAFF REPORT Two people have been arrested in connection with a couple of burglary investigations that were first reported in last week's newspaper. Kenneth Woodall, 47, of Marion and Bonnie Rushing, 59, of Marion face various misdemeanor charges for their alleged roles in an investigation of two Marion burglaries last month. Woodwall is charged with two counts of receiving stolen property, under \$500; trespassing and theft. Rushing is charged

with receiving stolen property, under \$500. Both are scheduled for arraignment in Crittenden District Court on Jan. 31. The alleged burglaries occurred on Gum Street and North Weldon streets. Many of the stolen items have been recovered. The case also involves the alleged theft of tap water taken from one of the homes, which was a vacant rental unit. Police say the investigation is continuing and further charges against other individuals could be coming.

Snell on 'another level of happiness'

He's set the all-time rushing record at Kentucky, been part of UK's first 10-win football season in 41 years and earned All-American honors. If that's not enough, he's also had his own autograph tour to give Kentucky football fans one more chance to be with him. Junior running back Benny Snell might not be as highly regarded in NFL mock drafts as teammate Josh Allen



Larry Vaught
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Matt Walter of Danville took his three children — ages 11, 8 and 7 — to Snell's autograph session at KSB&G in Lexington. He went a day early to get a ticket to assure they would have a spot in line and his son, who wore a Snell jersey most of football season, came with a "SnellYeah" tattoo drawn on his stomach like the player has. Snell pulled out his cell phone and took a picture with

the 7-year-old fan before he autographed a football that Townsend Walter already had signed by Josh Allen at Fan Day. "I have been to autograph signings where players just went through the motions and you could tell they were there to make money. Benny took time with every single person there. He was telling his handlers not to take pictures with their phones but to use the fans' phones so they would have a keepsake," Matt Walter said. "He was just soaking it all up and I heard from people there who had to wait a lot longer than we did to see him that he did not wear down or get frustrated. He's just connected with fans. Benny is just special." His mother totally agrees and couldn't be happier that he got to have an autograph tour to connect with fans. "He brought confidence to the Kentucky football program. Other players did, too, but Benny is more vocal about it," April Snell said. "He just loves to interact with fans. He has fun taking pictures, or Snellies as he calls them. He had a great time with the autographs because any time he's around UK fans, he's going to have fun."

Jemarl Baker Jemarl Baker Sr. has not made the trip from California to Kentucky to



VICKY GRAFF

Jemarl Baker's father is just "ecstatic" that his son, freshman Jemarl Baker, is finally healthy and getting a chance to contribute for coach John Calipari.

see his son, redshirt freshman Jemarl Baker, play since the preseason Blue-White Game. However, he's making the trip to Lexington Jan. 26 to see the Cats host Kansas. "We are very excited about that game for sure," Baker Sr. said. That excitement elevated when his son finally got healthy enough to play. He did not play in the first eight games after the knee issue that forced him to redshirt flared up. However, he's now not only playing, but impressing coach John Calipari with his overall play that has proven he's more than just a shooter. "All he wants to do is win," Baker's father said. "That's the way he was raised. He gets just as much enjoyment out of a pass or defense as he does scoring. He just plays. If you need him to score, he'll score. He will give you ball movement if you need that. If you need him to shut down a player, he can do whatever. "I always knew he needed to be a point guard who could shoot like a two guard. He plays the point but the goal was to always him shoot like a two at the same time. But he has really

good court vision, too, and is a good passer as people are seeing." His struggle to overcome his high school knee injury led the family to wondering at times if he would ever be able to play again. "He always wanted to make sure he was as positive as possible with his team. He's really a positive kid and I was really proud of his approach when he couldn't play," Baker Sr. said. "Was he frustrated? Of course he was. There was a time we knew he might not be back out there. We didn't believe it, but we also knew it was possible. To see him out there now for one minute or two minutes, we are happy. To get 13 minutes (like he got against Texas A&M), we were ecstatic." Still, Baker Sr. knows he could face one major problem when he comes to the UK-Kansas game. "I am a California kid and Jemarl tells me it might be 10 degrees that day," Baker Sr. said. "Mid-60's is a bad day for us. I am in a jacket when it is that cold. If it is 10, I will be freezing. I got to get a heavy coat, hat and some stuff. This California kid can't take that kind of cold."

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Area Deaths

Mahan

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

She was born at home near Hampton to Dixon and Carmen (Threlkeld) May on Sept. 16, 1917. She began teaching upon graduation from high school, travelling by horseback to her first teaching position at Pleasant Valley School and other one-room school houses. She later taught first grade at Salem Elementary, retiring in 1974 after 32 years of teaching. She fondly remembered many Livingston County residents as her students. She was a graduate of Murray State University with a degree in education.

Surviving are her daughter Marcille (Jeff) Gordon of Dickson, Tenn.; her granddaughters, Katie (Paul) Zimmerman-Clayton of Goodlettsville, Tenn., Beth (Bryce) Eichelberger of Joy, Sarah (Pat) McKenzie of Nashville, Tenn.; her great-grandchildren, James, Penny, Eli, Sam, Brendan, Noah, Aidan and Randall; a niece, Judy Riley; and nephews, Neil (Vicky) Ramer and Billy (Linda) Ramer.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Maurice Mahan, with whom she farmed outside Joy, continuing the farm in his memory since 1984. She loved gardening, quilting and horseback riding and was devoted to her church, Bethel United Methodist Church. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Cornelia Riley; and brother, Frank May.

Services Friday, Jan. 11 at Boyd Funeral Directors. Burial was at Bethel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bethel United Methodist Church, 1416 Lola Road, Salem, KY 42078, or Livingston Hospital Foundation, 131 Hospital Drive, Salem, KY 42078, or any charity of choice.

Hicks

Lois Vivian Hicks, 88, of Marion died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She attended Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Alice (Clayton) Mills of Princeton; sisters, Ruth Hunter of Marion and Jane Pollack of Evansville, Ind.; three grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Frances Turley; brothers William Dalton Hicks and Pete Hicks; and parents, Allie and Naomi Kirk Hicks.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 13 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial was at Union Cemetery.

Rushing

Thelma Jean "Tootie" Rushing, 78, of Marion died Friday, Jan. 11, 2019 at her daughter's home in Frankfort.

She was a founding and charter member of Calvary Baptist Church. Rushing was active in her current church, Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian, and enjoyed singing in the choir. She also enjoyed cooking.

She was retired from Tyco Electronics with 30 years of service.

Survivors include her son, Greg (Phyllis) Rushing of Marion; a daughter, Vicki (Joe) Sanderson of Frankfort; grandchildren, Corey Rushing of Marion, Courtney (Larry) Morse of Princeton, Shellye (Kenny) Conger of Marion and Josh (Amber) Jackson of Irvington, Ky.; six great-grandchildren; and siblings, Jimmy "Bub" Porter and Kenny Kirk of Marion, Tommy Kirk of Cave In Rock, Ill., Phyllis Joiner of Golconda, Ill., and Brice Kirk of Palm Springs, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband of almost 60 years, Billy Jo Rushing; and parents, Eugene Porter, Velda Kirk, Jody Hobbs and Emma Hobbs.

Services were at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Crayne Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Crayne Cemetery.

Simpkins

Mary Genevieve Simpkins, 92, died Jan. 14, 2019.

She was preceded in death by husband, Billy Simpkins; parents, Ernest and Janette Brown; and 10 siblings.

Surviving are her children, Terry (Winifred) Simpkins of Yorktown, Va., and Kitty (Bill) Lowe of Nashville, Tenn.; and grandchildren, Mary Simpkins, Andrew Lowe and Jared Lowe.

A gathering of family and friends from 4-8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 18 at Hermitage Funeral Home in Old Hickory, Tenn.

Local visitation will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 19 with a funeral to follow at 11:30 a.m., at Frances Community Church in Frances. Burial will follow at Frances Community Church Cemetery.

Forsythe

Donald Eugene Forsythe, 82, of Grand Rivers, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019 at Rivers Bend Retirement Center in Kuttawa. He was a native of Between-the-Rivers in Lyon County.

He was a master plumber and general contractor for over 40 years in Livingston and surrounding counties. Forsythe along with his wife, Mary, hosted a music jam each week at Lake City for 29 years.

He was married to Mary Elizabeth Peal Forsythe for 64 years. They traveled extensively, visiting all 50 states and several countries including Canada, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand.

He was a 57-year member of Pisgah United Methodist Church and was currently a member of Kuttawa United Methodist Church since 2014.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; two sons, Gary Forsythe (Donna) of Gilbertsville; David Forsythe (Julia) of Paducah; a daughter, Sheila Emerson (Robert) of Louisville; five grandchildren, Josh Forsythe (Katie) of Princeton, Jason Forsythe (Amanda) of Salem, Laura Overby (Addison) of Paducah, Kayla Adams (Andrew) of Anchorage, Alaska and Elizabeth Gradisek of Louisville; six great-grandchildren, Connor, Jaxon, Brady, Brystol, Raelynn Forsythe and Charlie Hardin; a sister, Pauline Schmidt (Paul) of Alton, Ill., and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee Jackson Forsythe and Lydia Timmons Forsythe; an infant daughter, Donna Elizabeth Forsythe; his mother-in-law, Ida Peal; four brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 19 at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. Chuck Ladd officiating. Burial will follow at Dixon Cemetery in Grand Rivers. Pall bearers will be Josh Forsythe, Jason Forsythe, Addison Overby, Andrew Adams, Justin Ross and Keith Branson. Honorary pallbearers will be Don's Shop Jammers.

Visitation will be at the funeral home 5-8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 18 and one hour before the service on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to: Paradise Cemetery Trust Fund, c/o Steve Sanders, 308 Delaware Road, Gilbertsville, KY 42044.

Johnson

Nora L. Johnson, 83, of Salem died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem.

She was retired from Moore Business Forms, and was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

Surviving are four nephews, David Sunderland of Marion, Darrell Sunderland of Marion, Lynn Sunderland of Salem and Michael Sunderland of Leitchfield; three nieces, Starla Sunderland of Ledbetter, Terri Pryor of Paducah and Jennifer Sunderland of Marion; several great-nieces and nephews; and great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilford Johnson; a brother, William Sunderland, Paul Sunderland, Charlie "Wahoo" Sunderland and Deon Sunderland; and her parents, Leslie Osburne and Dolie Mae Rushing Sunderland.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17 in the

chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Josh Bumpus officiating. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Benton

George R. "Red" Benton, 74, of Marion died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 at Crittenden Hospital.

He was a member of the Rotary Club, was instrumental in getting the Marion-Crittenden County Park built, was a youth baseball, basketball and football coach for 40 years and a veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include his daughter, Chantel Millikan of Marion; and grandchildren, Seth, Teague and Raylle Millikan, all of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Brenda Benton; brothers, Alfred and Jay Benton; sisters, Loretta Coleman, Anna Rushing, Doye Powell and Marie Benton; and parents, George S. and Annie Benton.

Services are at 11 a.m., Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Sugar Grove Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home.

Military rites will be held at the cemetery Friday.

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The family of Paul Tabor Jr. (Little Paul) would like to express our appreciation for your many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our beloved husband, father and brother. Thanks to all of you who sent food, money, flowers, gifts and for your phone calls and prayers. Thank you to Reverend E.J. Saint and Reverend Troy Newcomb for your comforting words. Thank you to Hopewell C.P. Church and the women of Salem Baptist Church for the wonderful meal provided to us and the staff of Boyds Funeral Home for your many acts of kindness. May God richly bless each of you.

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Everywhere I preached, I told people of the dramatic change God affected in my life when I was truly born again, and about the gratitude and joy it gave me.

If we remind everyone that we can live eternally in a wonderful place



Lucy TEDRICK
Guest Columnist
Religious and
Political Views

called Heaven – or alternatively in an everlasting, burning, painful hell – it should cause people to rethink their lives.

That began in 1960, when those eternal truths had not been seared out of the minds of the people, because most preachers were still preaching Bible facts.

Having returned to some of those same groups, and finding what so many of the younger ministers have done to those places, now bearing empty altars and undedicated followers, grieves my heart.

The pulpits of America are the cause of the majority of our nation living in, or on the edge of the sewer, and what's hard to believe is that 80 percent of them say they believe in God.

How do I deduce that the majority are of this mindset? Because the majority puts everything ahead of God, such as abortion and accepting same-sex lifestyles. If they do, their profession

of Christianity has not changed them?

Jesus said, "Except you deny yourself, pick up your cross, and follow me you are not worthy to be my disciple."

So many can't even carry that cross long enough to set aside everything else for three hours a week in order to be faithful and attend two services on Sunday, and one Wednesday night, much less go out of their way to help people day after day with needs in this life, and try to prepare them for Heaven.

In all of the first three Gospels, Jesus made it very clear that if we do not use our life for His work and life, we would lose our lives.

Here are some of His exact words: "He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that takes not his cross, and follows after me, is not worthy of me."

Jesus tells us when we use our life for His way, we will save it; if not, we will lose it.

When we put God first in our lives, everything takes on new meaning, and that is what we were created for.

That is what God has let each of us live for.

God is patient and is waiting for all of us to put Him and His first in our lives, but His patience will run out for all.

As He said just before He sent the flood: "My Spirit shall not always strive with man."

When He says "it's over," it's over!

His cry of love for all "Repent or perish" rang out in in Luke 13, and is still resounding down through the annals of time.

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

CHURCH

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home and later rented space above The Peoples Bank and in other Marion buildings that could accommodate a quickly growing membership. For a time, the church was known as Gospel Fellowship.

Today, Pastor Chris McDonald and his wife Sue lead a congregation that averages more than 400 at two Sunday morning services. The new building has a vast, modern-styled sanctuary with a stage for its popular praise band. Its original building – which previously served as a sanctuary – will now facilitate its large and growing youth ministry. The church campus is located on Ky. 91 South about 2 miles south of Marion.

The McDonalds, both 47, attended Life in Christ when its first building was dedicated 15 years ago. After meeting Pastor David Brown, a Crittenden County native who did some early ministering in Marion, the McDonalds moved to Amarillo, Texas, to train under Brown.

It was there that the McDonalds began their ministry, overseeing Victory Kids Mobile, a park ministry in the city's under-churched neighborhoods. After a few years, it was Brown who urged the McDonalds to prayerfully consider returning to

Marion, where Life in Christ was searching for a new pastor.

The church was struggling, Sue McDonald said, physically and financially with only about 50 people regularly attending.

"We felt God leading us, and we were open to go wherever," Sue said.

Fast forward 10 years and the McDonalds are now leading a church that requires more volunteers on Sunday mornings than were regular worshipers when they arrived.

"To say we are humbled by what God is doing is an understatement," Sue said. "To know that He had a plan 28 years ago when there were two young kids who weren't living for God and wanted nothing to do with Him at the time to end up preaching the gospel around the world and witness what we've witnessed, thousands of salvations and miracles... Wow!"

The dynamic growth has included a variety of outreach programs in the community, including a jail ministry that helped originate the community Victory Gardens.

"And we aren't quitting," said Sue. "There are more, and we are going to be God's ambassadors and snatch them right out of the pits of hell."

The McDonalds welcomed David Brown back to Marion for this

weekend's dedication services, along with his son-in-law, Brian Gibson. Both are pastors at Victory Church in Amarillo, and Gibson is also senior pastor at River City in Owensboro.

Before a crowd of 514 people Monday night, Brown and Gibson pronounced their blessing on the church.

"The church is not just a building, it is a sacred assembly of God's people but we consecrate it and dedicate it because this is the place of the presence of God," Gibson said.

Pastor Chris McDonald expressed his desire for Life in Christ to be a lighthouse in this community.

"A lighthouse to the lost and to the broken, to people who have just given up," he said. "We pray it is a place of refuge for people to find safety from the storms of life."

McDonald thanked the congregation's founders who planted a seed that flowered into what it has become.

"We are standing on the shoulders and the faith of those who have gone before us," he said. "We are dedicating it, yes, but also saying thanks, knowing we are standing here because people care enough. It is miraculous what is going on here and we have just scratched the surface."



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Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.

"Where salvation makes you a member." Lucy Tedrick, pastor


Marion Church of Christ

546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
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DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Interim Pastor: Bro. John East *"Whatever It Takes"*
Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297
Phone: (270) 965-2220




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.




Tyners Chapel Church

Located on Ky. 855 North
Sunday: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.
Pastor: Charles Tabor



Emmanuel Baptist Church

108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.
Captured by a vision... Curtis Prewitt, pastor



Pastor Junior Martin

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CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH


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Worship 11 a.m.
Bible study 6 p.m.

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Frances Community Church

Bro. Butch Gray

Wed. night prayer meeting & youth service: 6:30 p.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Worship service: 11 a.m.



Crooked Creek Baptist Church

261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., Marion, Ky.


Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Mark Gitten



Sugar Grove

cumberland presbyterian

585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky.
(270) 704-2455
Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.



Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
Bro. John Robertson, Pastor
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.



growing in grace 2 Peter 3:18

PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church

Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem
Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.




Marion United Methodist Church

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The People of the United Methodist Church

WED.: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.
SUN: Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.
Sun. School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 p.m.

Bro. David COMBS
South College St.



Unity General Baptist Church

4691 U.S. 641 • Crayne, Ky.

Barry Hix, pastor • (270) 365-5836 or (270) 625-1248
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

MCC names dean’s list

Crittenden County resident Ian McKinzie and Samantha Jo Majors were named to the dean’s list at Madisonville Community College for the fall 2018 semester. Students named to the dean’s list earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the semester and were enrolled in 12 or more credit hours at the 100-level or higher.

Sew simple!

Bring sewing projects you’ve started and set aside to Sew Simple, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Jan. 29, at the Caldwell County Extension Office. Master clothing volunteers will help with difficult techniques and offer easier ways. There is no charge. Please register by Friday by calling the Crittenden County Extension Office at (270) 965-5236.

Calendar

– **Crittenden County High School SBDM** will meet at 4 p.m., Thursday (today) in the conference room.

Extension

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

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

– **Quilt Club** will meet at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 28 at the Extension Office.

– **Leader Lesson** “Family Game Night” has been rescheduled to 1:30 p.m., Feb. 1 at the Extension Office. Come to this lesson and learn about inexpensive entertainment ideas. Everyone is invited.

– **Love Notes class** will be held from 1-3 p.m., Feb. 5 and again from 6-8 p.m., at the Extension Annex. In today’s time of email and texts, we have lost our personal touch, but we all still like to get mail as long as it’s not junk or bills. In this class, you will make Valentine’s cards. The cost is \$2. This class encourages you to bring your child or come alone. The class is limited, so call the Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.

Senior Center

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

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

Upcoming activities and menu include:

– Thursday: Menu is pulled pork with pork gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cornbread and tropical fruit.

– Friday: Menu is broccoli soup, baked italian chicken, stewed potatoes, pears, wheat roll and crackers. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

– Monday: The center will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

– Tuesday: Menu hash-brown ham casserole, lima beans, whole wheat roll and Ambrosia fruit salad.

– Jan. 23: Menu is chicken and dumplings, buttered broccoli, seasoned corn, cornbread and Jell-O salad. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

The center is a service of Pennyryle Allied Community Services.

County shaped by pioneer citizens

Thanks to the reporters of the Crittenden Press from long ago that thought the older generation of the county was important and worth writing about. Through their articles we have these interesting stories about some of our early pioneers.

December 1896 – **Chastine Hood**

Among those who passed away during the holidays was Chastine Hood, known for years as the old man in the county, and at the time of his death he was probably the oldest man in this part of the state. There is no reliable record as to the time of his birth, the date seems to have been forgotten in the "long ago."

According to his statement, he came from Virginia to this county 74 years ago, and according to his recollection he was then 23 years old, which would make him 97. But he talked of things that occurred in his boyhood that must have happened 95 or 96 years ago, and was familiar with incidents that are ascribed to even an earlier date than this.

Many people who knew him believed that he had crossed the century line before his death, and some place the number of his years as high as 107. Be that as it may, he was a very, very old man, and was in the prime of a robust manhood when the grandfathers of the present generation were little boys.

When he settled in this county, his next door neighbor was 40 miles away, and only here and there had the virgin soil of this county been disturbed by the hand of man.

His life has been a simple one, viewed through the prosaic eye, but who can tell of the toil and hardships, the hopes and fears, that darkened or brightened this simple man of toil, as the days spun out behind him.

In his latter years he has been helpless, both in body and mind. His daughter with whom he resided has watched over and cared for him with touching tenderness, and in that simple home, his few wants were ministered to, and his old age

made as pleasant as possible in the home.

Chastine Hood is buried in the Hood Cemetery, located on the Hood Cemetery Road about 3 miles from Shady Grove off Providence Rd. His tombstone reads, Born July 4, 1801, Died Dec. 6, 1896.

Nov. 9, 1903 – **James Hickman Walker**

Mr. James Hickman Walker is one of the oldest and best known residents of Crittenden County, and he is one of the very few men now living

who has been connected with the affairs of the county since its organization 60 odd years ago.

He was born on a farm near Tolu Nov. 14, 1827 and spent his early life on a farm. As a young man he became associated with the government of the county. He was appointed deputy sheriff of the county for three years and four months, beginning in 1851.

He was elected sheriff in 1854, and re-elected in 1856, serving as sheriff from Jan. 1, 1855 to Jan. 1, 1859. He was deputy U.S. Marshal in 1860, and census enumerator in 1860, taking the census of half of the county. He was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1862 and serving in this office until 1874. In 1870, Judge Cissell appointed him Trustee of the jury fund, and he served until 1879 when he was appointed Master Commissioner.

He was a splendid official and served in each office with credit to himself and the people who elected him, and he is a lifelong Democrat.

Mr. Walker has a wonderful memory, and until some years ago knew every man in Crittenden County. He can recall the names and faces of hundreds of people unknown to the present generation and relates incidents that occurred many years ago. He rarely forgets a date and knows more regarding the history of the county than any living man.

He was acquainted with many notable Kentuckians of "the days

long gone," and can associate their names with pleasant and interesting incidents, and is thoroughly familiar with the history of Kentucky from its early days until the present time.

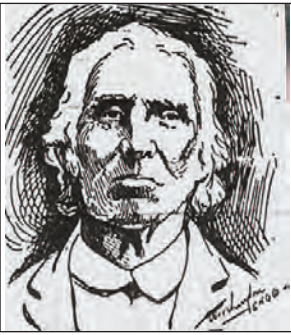
Mr. Walker is one of the most interesting characters in Marion; one of the old landmarks of Crittenden, and when the history of the county is written his name will occupy a place of honor and prominence.

James Hickman Walker, died June 16, 1906 at the age of 79. He is buried at Mapleview Cemetery with his wife, Hortense Gregory Walker. His obituary said that he was one of the most interesting characters of local life. He possessed a wonderful memory and could call up names and faces of people prominent in local history, long since dead and unknown to the present generation at the time. His knowledge of historical events was wonderful in his scope.

Granville Franklin Clement

Granville F. Clement was born in 1808 in Virginia. He was the oldest son of Isham Clement and Sarah Rudd Clement. In 1818, Isham and Sarah migrated from Charlotte County, Virginia to western Kentucky and settled near the old town of View on what was then the main highway running through the county. In July 1833, Granville Clement married the daughter of Robert and Isabel Caroline Phillips.

Granville F. Clement held unshakable opinions and was frank to express them, which sometimes almost got him into trouble. One time Mr. Clement was a witness against a man who had killed another. One of the shrewdest criminal lawyers of the state was defending the case. In cross examination, he asked "Now, isn't it a fact, Mr. Clement, that in your old age your hearing and recollection are not so good?" "Perhaps, so," Mr. Clement answered deliberately, "But what I don't hear,



Chastine Hood



Granville Franklin Clement



James Hickman Walker



Benjamin Moulton
Gilbert Heath

and I don't recollect, I don't tell." The answer provoked such applause that the judge had to call for order.

In his briskness and short temper, Mr. Clement should be quickly forgiven, for he, like so many of his fellow Kentuckians, was a victim of his time, the impoverishment of land owners and the upsetting of the old social order brought on so quickly by the Civil War. The quick wit and basic fairness of Granville Franklin Clement was what made him one of Crittenden County's foremost pioneers.

Mr. Clement died on Jan. 31, 1900 and his earthly remains were laid beside his companion, Margaret, his children and many of his family members in the Allen-Phillips Graveyard.

Feb. 27, 1902 Benjamin Moulton Gilbert Heath

Benjamin Moulton Gilbert Heath, one of the oldest and most substantial citizens of the county, passed into the great beyond Feb. 5, 1902. He was born in Georgia, Dec. 9, 1812. To his family and friends he was known as "Sam."

When he was one year of age, his parents moved to Livingston County and purchased a farm in that portion of Livingston County which afterwards formed Crittenden County. From that early date until his death, Feb. 5, 1902, 88 years afterward, Mr. Heath was a

resident of this county

He was a son of Riland and Annie Gilbert Heath who raised a family of nine children. Five are still living. They are Robert, John and Nannie, of this county, and Harrison Health of Glasgow, Tenn., and Enoch Heath of Martin, Tenn. The latter is the youngest child, aged 60 years.

Mr. Heath was united in marriage with Miss Narcissa Williams of this county March 12, 1840.

They lived happily until her death 45 years later. Seven children blessed this union, of which three are living, viz: John S, of Weston, Leroy of Corbin, and Caroline of St. Louis, Mo. Amanda died in Missouri several years ago. Three children died while young.

In 1853, Mr. Heath joined the Masonic order at Marion. He was a charter member of Zion Hill Lodge and lived a true and faithful Mason. Forty years ago he joined the Methodist church at old Mt. Zion. He was a devoted Christian. After a long life of 89 years, he passed peacefully away at his home near Weston. B. M. G. Heath and wife Narcissa Heath are both buried at Mt. Zion cemetery.

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

Kentuckians narrate new travel guide

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Department of Tourism announced the release of the 2019 Official Kentucky Visitor's Guide and the Year of Kentucky Storytellers. The 1709-page guide features travel tips and stories, narrated by Kentuckians, who share their love for the Bluegrass State through their own personal experiences. In addition to regional highlights, the visitor's guide focuses on the main pillars of Kentucky tourism: bourbon, food, horses, outdoors, history, music, arts and events.

"Travelers always have a desire to go where the locals recommend and the 2019 guide provides visitors with those insider tips to help plan the perfect Kentucky trip," Kristen Branscum, Commissioner of the Department of Tourism said. "The local storytellers provide engaging accounts of their own Kentucky experiences, while also highlighting specific activities and places to see while you're traveling in state."

There are five listings for Crittenden County,



including Marion Tourism Commission, the Amish community, Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, Crittenden County Historical Museum and Wheeler's Log Cabin.

This year, the visitor's guide features each of the nine tourism regions across the state and what makes them unique along with information on attractions, lodging and all the great cities you can visit in a particular region. If it's a bucket list you are after – this visitor's guide will help you create one of

your own by providing ideas on what to visit while you are here.

The guide is available at the state's seven staffed welcome centers and the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea and can be requested by calling (800) 225-8747. An online version of the guide is also available at [KentuckyTourism.com](#).

In 2017, Tourism in Kentucky generated an economic impact of more than \$15 billion. The Tourism industry supports over 195,000 jobs and generates more than \$1.5 billion in taxes.

Contest open to Crittenden kids in grades K-12

The Woman's Club of Marion Youth Writing Contests are open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade and home school students. Deadline for all entries is Jan. 25.

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 length of eight lines and a maximum length of 50 lines.

For both contests, entries must be typed, double-spaced and printed on one side of 8.5 x 11-inch paper. Margins must be a minimum of 1-inch on all four sides of the paper. All entries must include a Creative Arts Waiver.

Entries must not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the authors. Entries do not have to be typed by the student.

All entries must include the following on the top right hand corner of each page: author's name, mailing address and phone number; Woman's Club of Marion; Category (Short Story or Poetry); title of work; and the category number. Category 1 includes grades kindergarten, first and second grades; category 2 includes grades three-five; category 3 includes grades six-eight and category 4 includes grades nine-12.

The first place winner in each category for the local contest will receive \$20 and will represent Marion in the General Federation of Women's Club Kentucky state contest.

Entries are due by 4 p.m., Jan. 25 and can be submitted by email to nancy.hunt@uky.edu or dropped off at the Crittenden County Extension Office at 1534 U.S. 60 E.

For more information or a copy of the Creative Arts Waiver, contact Nancy Hunt via email or call (270) 704-0057.



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BASKETBALL

This Week's Games

FRIDAY
Rockets host Trigg, 6pm Varsity
MONDAY
Rockets host Comm. Christian
TUESDAY
Lady Rockets at Mayfield



GIRLS
Monday's Results
Dawson Springs 29, Lyon Co. 27
Livingston 33, Ft. Campbell 11
Thursday, Jan. 17
Semifinals at Rocket Arena
Dawson vs UHA, 6pm
Livingston vs Crittenden, 7:30pm
Saturday, Jan. 19
Championship at Rocket Arena
Game time 4pm

BOYS
Tuesday's Results
Lyon County 61, Crittenden 41
Dawson at Ft. Campbell

Friday, Jan. 18
Semifinals at Dawson Springs
Lyon County vs UHA, 6pm
Dawson/FIC vs Livingston, 7:30pm
Saturday, Jan. 19
Championship at Dawson Springs
Game time 7pm

All A State Venues

Girls Tournament
Jan. 23-27 at Eastern Ky. Univ.
Opening Round
Region 2 plays Walton-Verona
Boys Tournament
Jan. 24-27 at Eastern Ky. Univ.
Opening Round
Region 2 vs. Region 10

CCMS Summaries

LAST WEEK'S GAMES
8th Grade Boys Basketball
Union Co. 60, Crittenden 35
CCMS Scoring: Preston Morgeson 11, Seth Guess 17, Zach Counts 6, Deacon Holliman 1.
Crittenden 45, Webster 28
CCMS Scoring: Morgeson 13, Guess 12, Evan Belt 3, Counts 5, Case Gobin 2, Deacon Holliman 4, Kaleb Nesbitt 4, Travis Champion 5, Jaxon Hatfield 1.

Second Region Poll

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

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

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

OUTDOORS
Hunting Seasons

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

Elusive Fruit

Girls miss chance at week's first opp; turning now to All A

STAFF REPORT
Crowning achievements were available to the Lady Rocket basketball team this week, but one opportunity slipped away on Monday when Crittenden County lost a three-point game to Trigg County at Rocket Arena.
The CCHS girls had a chance to almost lock down a regular-season Fifth District championship with a home win against the Lady Wildcats. However, poor shooting and ballhandling were the undoing of the Lady Rockets and Trigg pulled off a rare regular-season sweep of Crittenden County with a 39-36 victory. The Lady Wildcats had beaten Crittenden for the first time since 2012 in December at Cadiz. Now, Trigg has an inside track of winning the district title with one league game left.
Also, this week will be the All A Classic Tournament and Crittenden, which has a first-round bye, hosts the semifinals and championship games. The Lady Rockets have won more Class A titles than any other team in the tournament. That's six, including two this decade. The last came in 2017. Crittenden is the second highest ranked team in the tournament, according to a Second Region media poll, and

Fifth District Standings

GIRLS		
Team	Overall	Dist.
Trigg County	8-10	4-1
Crittenden County	8-7	3-2
Lyon County	7-9	3-2
Livingston Central	1-16	0-5

Through Monday's games

the pairings are set up for the Lady Rockets to see the only higher ranked team, University Heights, in a possible championship game at 4 p.m., Saturday.
Low-hanging fruit it may not be, but Crittenden is perfectly capable and well positioned to contend for a small-school regional championship. The girls will have to play better than they did Monday against Trigg, when the pickings arguably should have been much easier.
Instead, Trigg County brought a relentless pressure defense against the Lady Rockets' young ballhandlers and disrupted just about everything Crittenden tried to do offensively. Coach Shannon Hodge wasn't pleased with how her team responded to Trigg's man pressure and double-teams on the perimeter. She chastised those who failed to respond accordingly, and outlined a need for more help



Trigg County's D'Aria Barbee was partly responsible for the Lady Wildcats' relentless pressure on Crittenden County's young back-court Monday night. Here, Lady Rocket eighth-grader Natalie Boone operates the point against Barbee.

from every corner of the team.
"We have to hold ourselves accountable," CCHS coach Shannon Hodge said. "We'd talked about this being the biggest week of our season so far."
Hodge said her girls have weaknesses right now on the offensive and defensive ends of the floor.
"So what do we do? This is going to tell the tale about us. What are we going to do now?" Hodge asks.
She says the Class A Tournament will be this week's primary focus, then it's the final

stretch toward postseason play where Crittenden is the two-time defending Fifth District Tournament champion.

Trigg 39, Crittenden 36

Trigg County	9	19	28	39
Crittenden Co.	5	19	25	36

TRIGG - Bush 11, E.Noffsinger 6, Slone 3, Stallons 2, Barbee 2, Phillips 11, Reynolds 4. FG 15. 3-pointers 1 (Slone). FT 8-13.
CRITTENDEN - Guess 6, Hayes 3, Woodward 11, Summers 11, Duncan 3, Boone 2, Long. FG 12. 3-pointers 0. FT 12-20.

Rockets leave All A in a hurry, Trigg is Friday

STAFF REPORT
Lyon County completed the hat trick against Crittenden County Tuesday in the opening round of the All A Classic at Ed-dyville.
Lyon (12-6) beat CCHS by 20, which has been about the average in their three meetings this season.
Crittenden (5-11) will now free up its schedule from further All A obligations to host Trigg County Friday in a makeup game that was snowed out last week.
Trigg comes into the matchup with a 6-12 mark and

has lost a half dozen stright. Trigg's only district win came against Crittenden in December.

Lyon 61, Crittenden 41

Crittenden Co.	7	12	29	41
Lyon County	14	33	52	61

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson, E.O'Leary 8, Towery, Mott 14, Dickerson 4, S.O'Leary 2, Winders 4, Carlson, Turley 2, H.Boone 7. FG 15. 3-pointers 4 (Mott 3, H.Boone). FT 8-10.
LYON - B.Shoulders, Hawkins, Perry 11, Bingham, Blackburn 6, Adams, Board 17, Shoulders 13, Whalin, Gilbert, Defew 14. FG 25. 3-pointers 2 (Board). FT 12-18.



Crittenden's Gabe Mott drives to the basket just ahead of Lyon's Gabe Board. Mott scored a team-high 14 points, but the Rockets lost by 20.

Bad fish on Ohio; license fees up for some; elk permit changes

OUTDOORS

Licenses and permits to fish, hunt and trap in Kentucky in the coming license year are on sale now.
The 2019-2020 license year starts March 1.
License and permit fees for Kentucky residents for the 2019-2020 license year are unchanged from the 2018-19 license year. Non-resident license fees have gone up. The new out-of-state hunting license is \$150 and a deer permit is \$185.
In another change for the 2019-2020 license year, the 15-day, non-resident fishing license has been eliminated. Fewer than 1,000 people each year were purchasing this license.
Licenses and permits are sold online through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website (fw.ky.gov) and at vendor locations across the state. A list of license agents by county is available on the department's website.
Black carp in Ohio River
A juvenile black carp has been discovered in Ballard County, according to the Fish-

eries Division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The fish, a member of the invasive Asian carp species, came from Gar Creek near the Ohio River.
"Assuming this fish was spawned locally, it provides further evidence that black carp are becoming more established in the lower Ohio River drainage in Kentucky," said Fisheries Biologist Matt Thomas. "The specimen was verified as a black carp by experts at the U.S. Geological Survey Environmental Research Center."
Black carp are native to Asia and look similar to grass carp. They first came to the United States in the 1970s accidentally mixed in with imported grass carp. Black carp cause serious concern because they feed on native snails and mussels. They are part of a group of Asian carp that pose a threat to native fisheries.

"Black carp can be potentially devastating to freshwater mussel populations," said Sunni Carr, wildlife diversity coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Our department is working to restore sensitive mussel populations in big rivers such as the Ohio and Mississippi. Mussels do not move, so they are very vulnerable to predation by black carp."
Black carp first showed up in western Kentucky in 2016 based on two fish captured from the Minor Slough system in Ballard County. Other documented reports in 2017 and 2018 found black carp at the Ohio and Mississippi River confluence, the lower Ohio River, Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake. These individuals ranged from 17 to 44 inches long.
Quota elk permits
Quota elk hunters can now apply for a new, either-sex archery/crossbow permit for Kentucky's 2019 elk season.
"This new permit gives archery and crossbow hunters the freedom to choose whether

to take a bull or a cow," said Gabe Jenkins, elk program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.
"We wanted to give hunters more flexibility and options to fill their permits," he said. "Archery elk hunting is hard - and just getting an elk in range is a feat. This should increase the overall success rate for our archers and crossbow hunters."
In addition to the new permit, which allows archery and crossbow hunters to take a bull or a cow, Kentucky will continue to offer its traditional quota elk hunt permits: gun hunts for a bull or a cow, and the youth permit. The cost is \$10 to apply for each permit. While hunters may apply for multiple permits, they may be drawn for only one.
Deadline to apply is 11 p.m., April 30. Apply online at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website, fw.ky.gov, or wherever hunting licenses are sold. Names of drawn hunters will be released in mid-May.

O'Leary, Nesbitt earn Purchase top honors; 5 others mentioned

STAFF REPORT
Two Crittenden County football players were honored last week as selections to the All Purchase Football Team sponsored by the Paducah Sun newspaper and Woodman Life.
Senior Devon Nesbitt was selected as a running back and senior Sean O'Leary was chosen as a defensive lineman. Each had a record-setting season for the Rockets, a team that finished 11-2, losing in the Class A state quarterfinals to Campbellsville.
The All Purchase team is com-

prised of players from mostly the western-most two-thirds of the First Region.
Nesbitt was also given a special honor, Fantasy Player of the Year.
The awards ceremony was held Wednesday, Jan. 9 at the Paducah Chamber of Commerce Building.
Five other Rocket players were selected for honorable mention. They were Hunter Boone, Tyler Boone, Gavin Dickerson, Brock Langston and Xander Tabor.



Sean O'Leary and Devon Nesbitt were recognized at last week's All Purchase Awards Ceremony.

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Recliner, lime green, good condition. Sturgis, Ky. (270) 333-4638. (2t-29-p)

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Set of keys, between H&R Block and Anna Mae's on Monday, Dec. 31. If found, turn in to Superior Trophy. (tfc)es

real estate

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3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath mobile home with stove and refrigerator, central heat and air. \$450 plus deposit. (270) 704-3234. (tfc-je)

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employment

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Drawers donated

Crittenden County Public Library Director Brandie Ledford (right) dropped off 302 pairs of underwear and 64 pairs of socks to Crystal Wesmoland (left) at the Family Resource Youth Services Center with Crittenden County Schools after classes resumed after Christmas break. The underwear and socks were contributed by library patrons during a Drop Your Drawers campaign last fall. The goal was 100 pairs of underwear. "Not bad for our first year," said Ledford. "We plan to do this again next year.. Wesmoland said the school district could use twice the collected amount for the full school year. "So, we'll have to make it even more fun next year to get people to drop their drawers at the library," Ledford added. Schools hand out many pairs a month to children who need clean underwear due to accidents at school or issues at home.

County Extension Service offers January ag programs

STAFF REPORT

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

- A Beef Cattle Series is set to begin Monday, Jan. 28 at the Extension Service Annex on U.S. 60 East. This class will be on preparing for breeding season and runs 6-8 p.m. If you would like to register for this class, call the Extension office at (270) 965-5236.
- A Produce Best Prac-

tices Training (PBPT) will be held Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. at the Extension Service Annex. Previously known as Good Agriculture Practices, this updated training is required for a sampling certificate through Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Some markets surrounding Crittenden County require producers be PBPT-certified to sell at that market.

- An Agriculture Water Quality Plan Informational Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Service Annex on U.S. 60 East. If you

own 10 or more acres and are involved in agriculture or silviculture, you need an agriculture water quality plan. This meeting will discuss the process to develop and implement Best Management Practices for your farm.

- A Beef Efficiency Conference and Kentucky Cattlemen's Association Trade Show will be held today (Thursday) at the Owensboro Convention Center. Crittenden County Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent Dee Heimgartner will be taking a van and will be leaving at 6:30 a.m.

BURDON

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media – its strengths and breadth.

"We will make 'em sick by showing things they don't know. Then, we will give them some medicine; show them how it all works," said Burdon.

Burdon's company continues to grow in the social media industry, but it's also branching out into other areas. He said anxiety cannot be an obstacle if you want to succeed in the modern realm of social networking.

"We fail all of the time," he said. "You can't let fear keep you from

doing things. Certainly, you have to be strategic, but just do it. You're not learning if you're not trying new things."

The duo's presentation will take attendees behind the scenes in their tech company and reveal ways local businesses can capture the power of new media whether it's through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or any of the other modern apps such as those developed by Burdon's company.

There will be what Burdon calls some "Ah-ha moments" as the two young professionals probe the inner workings

of fingertip technology.

"We will show what social media really is, how it works and how to use it," Burdon said.

When it comes to promoting your own business, Burdon says his program will help you rethink social media.

"You can't just post things. You have to think in funnels," he said.

Breakfast will begin being served at 7 a.m. The cost is \$7. If you plan to attend, RSVP Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander at Susan@crittendenchamber.org by next Wednesday.



Roberts

FREE GED

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jumped through a long list of hoops that Pearson VUE, the global leader in computer-based testing, has in order to set up the classroom where the GED tests will be taken. Now, the classroom is conveniently located in the Ed-Tech Center off Industrial Drive, and it is authorized to deliver the GED exam.

The new testing center has a reception area with capabilities for a camera system so that a picture ID of the applicants can be taken. The center is fully equipped with a computer lab, making it possible for five people to be tested at once.

Crittenden County Detention Center has come a long way in the last three years in regard to GED diplomas issued to inmates. When jailer Robbie Kirk was elected to the position in 2015, there were very few GED diplomas issued to prisoners at the facility. At that time, the Adult Education Center was pre-testing the interested inmates, but there was no actual testing for the GED. There was no testing center available in Crittenden County and the nearest ones were an hour away.

For security reasons, most of the incarcerated applicants weren't eligible to be transported outside of the facility, so they just did not get their GED. This motivated Kirk to start the free GED program inside the jail with the help of the Pearson VUE Proctor Krystal Brantley.

Since then, 25 GED certificates have been issued in Crittenden County Detention Center. But, a new challenge arose. The jailer realized that once released, county-level offenders who had started the GED process while incarcerated rarely finished it.

"One of the main reasons the jail is involved in this is because our county inmate population typically stays with us a short amount of time," Kirk explained. "So, we may be working with a county inmate on his or her GED while they are serving, for example 180 days in jail. In this time, he or she may finish one or two sections of the test, but after he or she gets out, he falls into the same trap of having to drive to Henderson, Madisonville or Paducah to take the



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A four-way partnership spurred by an anonymous benefactor's contribution is allowing anyone in Crittenden County to try for their GED at no cost. Pictured above are representatives of the partnership — (from left) Adult Education Center Coordinator Cindy Davidson, Krystal Brantley with Crittenden County Detention Center and Madison Qualls for the Marion Ed-Tech Center, which is operated by Crittenden County Economic Development Corp.

other ones and pay for them.

"With the new test center in Marion, we are trying to help incarcerated local people under misdemeanor charges to finish their GED exam once they are released, so hopefully, they don't come back. We believe that if we continue that, the inmates will move on to a better paying job, and it will help them stay out of jail."

The Adult Education Center in Crittenden County last year issued 10 GED certificates. All of them came from inside of the Crittenden County Detention Center. None of

them were people on the outside who came to the center and studied or took their test.

This year, a four-way partnership established between the jail, Adult Education, the Ed-Tech Center and a private benefactor who agreed to pay for all the GED tests, allows not only inmates, but also other residents of the county to change their life and get their GED at no cost.

"Anybody in Crittenden County can come to the local Adult Education office, study for the test and once they score 150 on the pre-test, they are qualified to come to our

center and take a GED test free of charge," the jailer said. "All four sections of the exam will be paid for."

"We are hoping that people will take advantage of it. I believe it is a responsibility of any government agency to be a

helping hand in the community, and in this regard, someone who is, for example, 40 years of age, has the opportunity to go to the Adult Education Center, practice a pre-test, study, get to that magic 150 score and once they achieve that, we will kick in and pay for the test."

Statistics show that the more you learn, the more you earn. A GED diploma equates to better paying jobs, but more than that, it opens doors to the higher education that is even more valuable in today's job market. Also, the unemployment rate is higher among individuals without a high school diploma or equivalent compared to the ones that have it.

It takes a score of 145 points to pass the actual GED exam, but applicants have to score even higher on the practice pre-test in order to qualify for the free exam.

"We believe if they make 150 on the pre-test, they will be able to hit 145 under the pressure of the real test," Kirk said. "We want them to succeed, but we also want to

be good stewards of the benefactor's money. We don't want to just take a lot of tests for free and spend a lot of money when someone can barely make 145 or 144 on the pre-test."

The GED test is the only high school equivalency test recognized in all 50 U.S. states. It gives individuals who are at least 18 another chance to get a high school certificate without going to school again.

The certificate is often required when applying for college or training institutions, when applying for higher paying jobs and for work-promotions. It also helps instill confidence in one's knowledge and abilities.

The test consists of four subject areas – mathematics, science, social studies and reasoning through language arts. The entire GED exam takes approximately seven hours to finish and must be taken at a GED testing center. Students can take all four subject tests at once or spread the individual tests across multiple visits to a testing center.



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