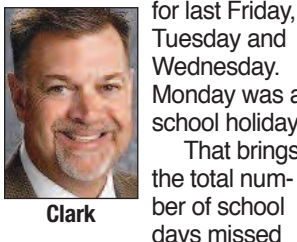


Distribution at food bank set for Jan. 26

Crittenden County Food Bank distribution will be 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 26, the usual fourth Friday of the month. An ad in this week's issue of The Early Bird listed an incorrect date.

NTI saves school days from being made up

Old Man Winter has made for a difficult few days in the area, with more than a foot of snow falling on Crittenden County since Friday. At press time, school officials had called off classes



for last Friday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday was a school holiday. That brings the total number of school days missed to three. But only one will have to be made up with an adjusted academic calendar, as Friday and Wednesday were declared Rocket Way Snow Days. Those non-traditional instruction (NTI) days allow students to work from home through the internet and packets given out before Christmas. The district is allowed up to 10 NTI days. At press time, it was uncertain if school would be in session on Thursday or even Friday, as dangerously cold temperatures and wind chills lingered Tuesday and Wednesday, allowing for only slight snow melt and little headway on streets, some secondary highways and many of the nearly 400 miles of county-maintained roads. Tuesday's high barely climbed into double digits, and the early morning wind chill was well below zero. "We need to be patient this week," Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said Monday. "With the temps as low as they (were) through Wednesday, it will be a long shot to have school on Thursday or Friday." Clark said that decision will be made day to day.

- Public meetings**
- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse.
 - **Marion Tourism Commission** will meet at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Welcome Center.
 - **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at Rocket Arena. This will replace the previously scheduled Jan. 30 meeting.
 - **Crittenden County Extension District Board of Directors** will meet at noon Monday at the Extension office.
 - **Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the district office on East Main Street in Salem.
 - **Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the hospital administrative annex.
 - **Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees** will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday at the library.





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Flu outbreak persists, locally still problem

FROM WIRE AND STAFF REPORTS

The latest death toll in Kentucky from a widespread influenza outbreak includes two children. No lab-confirmed cases have been reported locally, but health care professionals say the virus continues to be a problem in Crittenden County.

At least 36 Kentuckians have died of the virus since flu season began in September, and two children who died in recent weeks were added to the latest Department for

Public Health (DPH) weekly report issued Friday. The average age of the adults who died is 75, health officials said in the report. They did not release other information about the two children, citing privacy reasons.

"These personal losses are a reminder for all of us that flu can be a serious illness, for young and old alike," said Dr. Jeffrey D. Howard, the acting health commis-

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Proposal: Escapee alert would be sent to phones

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

Work on an alert system to notify area residents of inmates who may have escaped from Crittenden County Detention Center is almost complete. Jailer Robbie Kirk planned at press time to present magistrates and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom at today's (Thursday) fiscal court meeting with a method to send push notifications to smartphones of sub-

scribers, warning them that an inmate is on the loose. The system would be free to both taxpayers and those who sign up for alerts. "We have found really no glitches with it," Kirk said of early testing of the Remind app. "It's the best one we've found that's free." Late last year, two incidents of inmates escaping custody alarmed some

residents of Marion who did not receive word of an escape until the prisoners had been put back in jail. One man fled custody of a jail deputy at the hospital, and in a separate incident, another man managed to slip away from a private inmate transport company offloading several other prisoners at the

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Kirk

SNOW-VERLOAD!

Winter weather pounds county

DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Near-record snowfall since Friday crippled transportation and cancelled school in Crittenden County, but the community appears to have weathered Winter Storm Inga without any major incidents or emergencies.

A system moved through the area and coated the county in freezing rain and sleet early Friday morning before dumping 4.3 inches of snow, according to National Weather Service (NWS) readings at Paducah. But Monday was nearly twice as bad. Inga brought morning snow showers that lingered until after dark as the system stalled over western Kentucky.

The 8.1 inches of snow measured Monday at Paducah, the nearest NWS weather station, was the fifth-highest, single-day total since records started in 1937. Crittenden County received an amount comparable to Paducah. Murray measured 9 inches, while Evansville, Ind., got only 2.8 inches.

Altogether, January 2018 is on pace to rival the miserable winter of 1977-78 that dumped 31.2 inches at Paducah, 24.7 inches in January alone. Local



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Quinn Summers and Ethan Thomas sled down a hill Sunday on a local slope with a Crittenden County Rocket flag flapping in the wind on the way down as (from left) Jamie Brown, Gabe Mott, Ashley Thomas and Briley Brown look on.

students were out of school for a month with 20-25 inches of snow on the ground at one time, and snow drifts 4-6 feet high required help from the National Guard to clear the roadways.

That winter 40 years ago is also the coldest on record at Paducah, too, with an average temperature of only 28.1 degrees. The Ohio River at Dam 50 was frozen, and the wind chill at one point dipped to 40 below zero. But through the first 26 days of winter (Dec. 21-Jan. 15), 2017-18 has been colder than the same period in 1977-

78 - 23.7 degrees now compared with 29.7 degrees then.

Last week's wintry precipitation made travel treacherous all weekend. School was cancelled Friday, and Tuesday classes were called off Monday even before the first fresh snowflake fell. Business and government offices shuttered Friday, and most Sunday church services were cancelled. Street and road crews logged overtime all weekend in snow plows.

Before anything but the most-traveled state highways could be cleared to the pavement, the massive amount of

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Seller warns of propane shortage

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Ky. corn, soybeans, hit record last year

STAFF REPORT

Last year was a record-breaking season for growers of corn and soybeans, Crittenden County's top two crops.

Last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the Crop Production 2017 Summary, highlighting the highest-ever corn yields

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CCHS plans move to block schedule

By **ALEXA BLACK**
STAFF WRITER

Changing a school schedule can be a complex and often uncertain process, but block scheduling appears to be making a bit of a comeback in America's public schools.

Crittenden County High School Principal Curtis Brown and Assistant Principal Amanda Irvin plan to change to the non-traditional scheduling next year, aiming to benefit student education as a whole. Referred to as A/B block scheduling, the system offer students more time each period across two days rather than having the same seven-period schedule each day.

At last week's Crittenden County Board of Education working session, elected members seemed to agree

that transitioning to an A/B Block Schedule will bring about positive change, but are concerned about challenges for faculty and students alike.

"We have been talking about this for two months, and at our last meeting ... more than three-fourths of faculty decided that was the route they wanted to go in," Brown told board members. "Since November, the most recent conclusions we have come to is that overall, the faculty want to go this route. That is the direction Crittenden Schools are headed in for next year."

Beginning with the 2018-19 academic year, CCHS students and educators will meet for classes every other day for 90 minutes, rather than daily for sessions of 45 minutes. With

a block schedule in place, there will be fewer classes each day, rather than seven a day. The schedule will alternate from day to day.

Each day of the week is designated an A day or a B day, hence the term A/B block scheduling. Each Day A will have certain classes, and each Day B will have others. What classes students attend on Monday will be different on Tuesday, and so on.

Strategies for implementing block schedules will help make changes easier and more effective. Faculty are working to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Advantages and disadvantages were addressed at the Jan. 9 meeting, including the concerns for teachers, who will have to change lesson

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Single-day snowfall

INCHES	DATE
1.....14.0.....	Dec. 22, 2004
2.....11.0.....	Jan. 16, 1978
3.....10.8.....	Feb. 16, 2015
4.....9.0.....	March 2, 1960
5.....8.1.....	*Jan. 15, 2018
5.....8.1.....	March 4, 1967
*Beat prior Jan. 15 record of 0.5 in.	

January snowfall

INCHES	YEAR
1.....24.7.....	1978
2.....16.8.....	1985
3.....12.5.....	1977
4.....12.4.....	2018
5.....11.5.....	1979

Snowiest winter

INCHES	WINTER
1.....31.2.....	1977-78
2.....28.7.....	1984-85
3.....23.7.....	2002-03
4.....23.5.....	1978-79
5.....18.9.....	2010-11
So far.....12.4.....	2017-18

Coldest winter

AVG TEMP	WINTER
1.....28.1.....	1977-78
2.....30.5.....	1976-77
2.....30.5.....	1962-63
4.....30.6.....	1978-79
5.....30.9.....	1939-40
So far.....23.6.....	2017-18



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KTRS dragging feet on pension input

Week 2 of the General Assembly's regular session was limited to four days as the weather forced cancellation of Friday's session. During those four days, however, bills continued to be filed and committee hearings were held. Unfortunately, a bill addressing public sector pensions was not one of the bills that was filed.

I sit on the House Committee on Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs, and two constitutional amendments were heard and approved: House Bills 10 and 23, and they will likely see debate on the House floor.

HB 10 would allow the General Assembly to approve or disapprove administrative regulations proposed by the executive branch. Currently, the legislature can find regulations to be deficient, but that finding does not prevent the regulations from going into effect anyway. If the bill is approved by the General Assembly, placed on the ballot and Kentucky voters approve it, all executive administrative regulations, which have the force of law, will be vetted by elected legislators who are accountable to the people of Kentucky.

HB 23 is aimed at moving the statewide election of constitutional officers, including the Governor, to even-numbered years beginning in 2024, putting them in-line with presidential elections and saving taxpayers more than \$14 million. Currently, statewide election of constitutional officers takes place

the year after a presidential election with no other elections on the ballot.

Kentucky's constitution, however, only permits four amendments to be placed on the ballot at any one time, and since more than four proposed amendments were debated during the interim this summer, there is a good chance that a total of more than four constitutional amendments will be filed. Should that occur, the General Assembly would then decide which four will actually be placed on the ballot.

Earlier, I mentioned that no pension bill was filed, and I remain disappointed that Kentucky Retirement Teachers System (KTRS) scoring on a House proposal has not been forthcoming after it was promised to be completed in early to mid-December. The delay in providing scoring also delays filing of a bill and is a disservice to not only teachers, but also all

other state employees working toward a pension ... and all other Kentucky taxpayers.

Any change in public sector pensions will have an effect on all citizens of the Commonwealth since public sector pensions are paid for by all Kentucky taxpayers. The longer it goes without scoring, the longer it takes for a bill to be filed and the less time there is for everyone to read, analyze and comment on the bill.

This is the third year that I have filed bills that would require coroners and medical examiners to contact Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) if an accident victim's driver's license noted

that he or she wanted to be an organ donor. This year, the bill has been designated as HB 84. It was heard and unanimously passed in the Licensing and Occupations Committee. The next step is for the bill to be heard on the floor of the House.

For several years, I have filed bills that begin to address the problems in the foster care system we have in Kentucky. During the interim, I served on a task force that was charged to look into the adoption and foster care issues facing our children and foster parents. I have been pushing to have the law changed so that after a child is in foster care for 15 cumulative months, the Department of Community Based Services would be required to request termination of parental rights.

Current law does have that requirement. As a result of the task force hearings and a report by the Legislative Research Commission, legislation is being drafted that will incorporate the changes I have suggested as well as other problems that were brought to light during testimony before the task force.

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 Fourth 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.)



You win. Challenging winter makes it difficult to defend

Let's face it, the only good thing about winter is nearing an end with what is likely to be another Super Bowl ring for Tom Brady. I'm talking football, of course.

At its best, winter is cold, dreary and depressing. Mix in ice and snow and it becomes inconvenient and even dangerous. This winter – less than a month into it – has done it for me.

For the longest time, I've been one of winter's biggest defenders. It makes us appreciate the warmth. It kills off hoards of bothersome pests. Snow can be pretty. And what's more comfortable to wear than a sweatshirt with your favorite team's logo?

But forget it. I can't take another gray, overcast, freezing day. The snow and ice make it near impossible to get up my drive, and I'm tired of sitting in a cold vehicle waiting for the 5-minute stoplight at Main and Belleville to change so I can get to the office.

My affinity for winter has been the result of not working out in the deep freeze or wading through snow drifts to earn a paycheck. That's not changed, thankfully. But for all those I've challenged on the virtues of winter over summer, you win.

I have been a fool. That winter I spent winter living in Southwest Florida? Best winter. Ever.

But as bad as we've had it this winter with an average temperature challenging historic lows and just way too

much snow in the last week, turn back the clock 40 years. The winter of 1977-78 was much worse – so far.

The National Weather Service at Paducah notched a record 31.2 inches of snow that winter and a record low 28.1 degree average temperature. So far, this winter has been colder, but we still have two months of winter left, and a prolonged thaw is inevitable. And the snowfall total is still far off the pace of 40 years ago.

Snow drifts several feet high across roadways like Ky. 120 made passage impossible in 1978, literally. School was out for

weeks. People were truly stuck inside. It was the worst winter on record for western Kentucky.

I don't remember much about that winter. At 4, I was too young to put it in perspective. But my brother recalls being out of school for virtually an entire month in January-February 1978. How my mom entertained two snowbound kids and kept us untangled from one another in such close proximity 24/7 is beyond me. I hope she earned a big bonus that year.

While this challenging winter may fall short of the 1978 standard, it's enough. And while it may have been foolish for having an infatuation with Jack Frost, I find myself still looking forward to the embrace of winters to come. They just don't have to be north of Tampa.



We will all be hard-pressed to see a winter around here harsher than the one in 1977-78. Above, me at 4 and my brother Scott, 7, offer some perspective to a wall of snow alongside a shoveled drive. My mom likes to point out she did the shoveling without much help from us ... or my dad, who was busy pulling cars out of snow banks with a wrecker.

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CLARIFICATION

Pension problems

A graphic and story in last week's issue of The Crittenden Press showed just how much mandated increases in pension contributions will cost the City of Marion and Crittenden Fiscal Court. While a contribution rate for hazardous employees – fire, police, etc. – was listed, neither the city nor county classify any employees in the County Employee Retirement System as hazardous. Regardless, the contribution estimates reported last week remain unchanged. Local governments will have to pay in more in the 2018-19 fiscal year that starts July 1 and possibly even three times the current amount starting July 1, 2019. Cities and counties are looking to lawmakers in this year's session of the Kentucky General Assembly to keep contribution rates affordable.

The chart below shows this year's budgeted contributions to the pension plans from Crittenden Fiscal Court and the City of Marion as well as estimates for the next two fiscal years. For comparison, it also shows the total revenue budgeted for the current fiscal year.

Crittenden Fiscal Court

PENSION YEAR	CERS-NH RATE	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION
2017-18	19.18	\$391,413
2018-19	28.05	\$572,000*
2019-20	60.00	\$1.22 million**

Total 2017-18 county budget: \$8.4 million

City of Marion

PENSION YEAR	CERS-NH RATE	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION
2017-18	19.18	\$109,384
2018-19	28.05	\$160,000*
2019-20	60.00	\$342,000**

Total 2017-18 city budget: \$3.5 million

*Estimate based on current payroll

**Estimate based on proposed worst-case scenario of 60 percent

Marsy's Law would protect crime victims

Though we are just three weeks into the 2018 Legislative Session, the state Senate has already passed some significant legislation in a very bipartisan manner, which I hope is promising to what lies ahead.

Last Wednesday, the seventh day of this 60-day session, we passed the first bill – a victim's crime bill known as "Marsy's Law." As a cosponsor of Senate Bill 3, I am pleased to see it moving forward and hopeful it will retain the same momentum in the House of Representatives. If it also passes out of that chamber, you will get to vote in November to amend the Kentucky constitution to expand the rights of crime victims.

Why is this so important? There were 23,785 felony cases that resulted in convictions last year in Kentucky alone. For each of those, there was at least one victim. Currently, those victims have only lim-

ited statutory rights and no constitutional rights. The accused has constitutional rights. SB 3 would give victims such constitutional rights as notice of all criminal court proceedings involving the accused, reasonable protection from the accused, timely notice of the release or escape of the accused, consideration of the safety of the victim and their family in setting bail, and full restitution to be paid by the convicted.

SB 3 is part of a national movement to pass Marsy's Laws, named for Marsy Nicholas who was stalked and killed in the 1980s by her ex-boyfriend in California. Only a week after Marsy was murdered, her brother and mother where confronted by the accused murderer. The two had gone into a grocery store after visiting her daughter's grave and the accused man was there. The family was unaware that he was out of jail

on bail. Under Marsy's Law, the family would have been informed of his release.

The first bill in her name was passed in 2008 in California.

Other legislation that passed last week included SB 7, which would establish the Kentucky Rare Disease Advisory Council and Trust Fund. This bill would create a rare disease trust fund to be administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to finance the operation of the council and support rare disease research and treatment. The Governor would appoint the members of the council. The fund would not use state tax dollars, but rather would seek federal grants, donations and money from private foundations to pay for outreach and research.

Legislation passed in the Senate last week has been sent to the House of Representatives for further action.

We began our third week with a joint session on Tuesday with the House of Representatives for the Governor's State of the Commonwealth and Budget Address. Based on the Governor's comments in the media and articles released from his office, I anticipate his budget will be draconian. He has said it will be sobering for many, and those who have been exempt from cuts in the past will not be exempt in the

next two years.

Fortunately, his plan will not be the only proposal. The House is also working on a budget, that once approved will come to the Senate. If we do not pass the House's budget, the Senate will send them one of our own. Usually, the two chambers will then get together to work on a compromise that both can live with. I believe my colleagues in the General Assembly, and I will be able to draft a budget that meets our needs without harming the services and programs our citizens rely on.

As we work toward a balanced budget and a pension plan that protects our public employees and school teachers and our retirees, I encourage you to stay engaged. You can follow our work and keep updated on bills at our website, LRC.ky.gov.

As always, you can stay in contact with me by calling the Legislative Message Line at (800) 372-7181 or contact me personally at Dorsey.Ridley@lrc.ky.gov. I always look forward to hearing from Kentuckians with an interest in the work of the General Assembly.

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Inmates get into scuffle in circuit courtroom

STAFF REPORT

There was a bit of rare excitement in the courtroom last week during the regular monthly circuit court session at the Crittenden County Courthouse.

About an hour and half into the day's docket, a fight broke out among two inmates awaiting their appearances in front of Judge Rene Williams.

Sheriff Wayne Agent and Deputy Rick Mills, who were acting as bailiffs for the day's proceedings, quickly subdued the men involved in the altercation and they were taken from the courtroom and back to the Crittenden County Detention Center, where they had been being held awaiting court proceedings in Crittenden County and formal sentencing on cases in Livingston County.

Levi Brennan, 20, of Marion and Andrew Bryan, 21, of Hampton are co-defendants in a home invasion case from last January in Salem. They also face charges in Crittenden County.

The two men were seated in what is customarily the jury box during trials. That is where inmates are kept while awaiting their turn in front of the judge. They were seated among a few other inmates,

CIRCUIT COURT

both men and women. The sheriff and deputy were across the room when they apparently recognized something was brewing. Both lawmen started walking toward where the inmates were seated when the two defendants started struggling against one another despite being in handcuffs and leg shackles. By the time the bailiffs got to them, Brennan was on top of Bryan head butting him.

Brennan also threatened Deputy Mills while he was breaking up the fight.

Judge Rene Williams held both men in contempt of court and sentenced them to 60 days in jail. She also continued their respective cases to next month. The judge said the two had apparently been causing problems at the jail the night before they started a disturbance in the courthouse.

Bryan's case was set for a Rocket Docket hearing, but after the altercation, Judge Williams denied him an opportunity for the case to be administered by the Rocket Docket, which moves cases more rapidly through the

court system.

Brennan was in court to face multiple charges including assaulting a police officer, fleeing or evading police, criminal mischief, resisting arrest and terroristic threatening. He had been indicted by the December Crittenden County Grand Jury following his November arrest in Marion when police had attempted to serve him with a Livingston County warrant. When officers were serving the warrant, Brennan got into an altercation with a deputy and policeman.

- Kayla Ford, 19, of Grand Rivers was formally sentenced in two cases for third-degree burglary by complicity. She was originally charged alongside co-conspiritor Coy McDowell, 20, of Marion for burglarizing two Amish grocery stores last spring. Ford was sentenced to one year on the complicity case and five years on the burglary charge with the terms to run consecutively. The commonwealth will not oppose shock probation for Ford after she serves at least 30 days. She pleaded guilty the crimes in December.

- Timothy G. Adams, 31, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony counts of first-degree

possession of a controlled substance (opiates) and flagrant non-support, plus misdemeanor charges of second-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He waived separate sentencing and was given terms of five years for the child support felony, three years for the possession charge and 12 months on each of the two misdemeanors. Additional charges were dropped for third-degree possession of a controlled substance and for having a prescription medication not in its original container.

Adams was given probation on all of the prison time, which is to run concurrent with these cases and other cases pending in Hopkins County.

- Jonathan Millikan, 30, of Marion had his probation revoked after being arrested on new felony charges in Crittenden County. Millikan was jailed Jan. 3 on felony possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced in August of last year to 5 years and given shock probation on a theft conviction in Crittenden County.

- Adam P. Attia, 29, of Marion pleaded guilty to theft for taking a pickup and utility vehicle from a family. He was sentenced to five years but received pre-trial diversion for five years and was ordered to make restitution and complete an in-house substance abuse program.

- Travis Ray Sosh, 35, of Marion had his pre-trial diversion set aside after being arrested recently in Caldwell County on new charges for drugs, eluding police and traffic violations. Sosh waived separate sentencing and was ordered to begin serving a three-year sentence he received in Crittenden County in October for drug and traffic charges. Sosh could be eligible for early-release for in-house substance abuse treatment if the court in Caldwell County agrees once his case is heard there.

- Lonnie R. Moore, 45, of Marion pleaded guilty to alcohol intoxication in a public place, second-degree disorderly conduct, third-degree terroristic threatening, two counts of first-degree criminal mischief and second-degree criminal mischief. A charge of second-degree burglary was dismissed. Moore damaged vehicles

and other property belonging to individuals living on Shady Lane in August. He was sentenced to five years in prison, but the time was probated. He must also pay restitution.

- John Steven Travis, 46, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication. He was sentenced to three years in prison, but given pre-trial diversion for five years.

- Shane Franklin, 44, of Salem had his probation revoked after admitting to violation terms of his early release on a 2014 conviction for burglary and receiving stolen property. Franklin was credited with time served, held in contempt of court, but set for release if he completed payment of restitution in his 2014 case.

- Matthew Harris, 26, of Smithland had his felony pre-trial diversion set aside after being convicted in Lyon County on a new felony charge. Judge Williams set aside his diversion and enforced a five-year sentence he had pending in Crittenden County for a 2013 theft conviction.

Fed OKs Medicaid work requirements

KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

Some Kentuckians on Medicaid will have to work, perform community service or take job training to keep their health-care benefits, under a plan proposed by Gov. Matt Bevin and approved by federal officials. It would also require some to pay small, income-based premiums and co-payments.

Bevin announced the approval Friday, saying the changes would be "transformational." Kentucky is the first state to establish requirements for work-related activities under a new policy of the Trump administration.

"I am excited by the fact that Kentucky will now lead the nation," Bevin said at a Capitol news conference. "We're ready to show America how this can and will be done." Critics predicted legal action, saying federal law doesn't allow work requirements.

The plan is called Kentucky HEALTH, for Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health. It mainly affects the 480,000 or so Kentuckians who are on Medicaid by virtue of its 2014 expansion, under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, to people in households with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level: \$16,643 for a single person and about

\$34,000 for a family of four.

The plan requires beneficiaries to spend a total of 80 hours a month working, looking for work, doing volunteer work, taking job training, going to school, or taking care of someone with a disabling health condition. The rule would not apply to pregnant women, the chronically homeless or the "medically frail," which includes people with a substance-abuse disorder.

"There is dignity associated with earning the value of something that you receive," Bevin said. "The vast majority of men and women, able-bodied men and women ... they want the dignity associated with being able to earn and have engagement."

Nationally, most beneficiaries of Medicaid work, mostly in low-wage jobs that don't offer health insurance, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Kentucky figures indicate likewise for the state.

Medicaid covers about 1.4 million Kentuckians.

Premiums, co-payments

A bigger and broader change is that most Kentuckians on Medicaid will be required to pay small monthly premiums, initially \$1 per person to \$15 per family, depending on income. People

County Medicaid enrollment

Crittenden County Medicaid enrollment as of June 2017 was 2,617, with the majority coming from Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and AFDC-related recipients. About 28 percent of Crittenden County's estimated 9,200 residents is on Medicaid.

PROGRAM	ENROLLMENT
AFDC*	1
AFDC-related	1,170
Aged	22
Blind	2
Disabled	184
Expansion	863
KCHIP**	56
Medicare Savings	319
TOTAL	2,617

*Aid to Families with Dependent Children
**Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program

pay.

Failure to pay premiums would result in suspension of benefits for those above the poverty line; those with less income would be required to make co-payments. When Indiana implemented such a program, 55 percent of those affected missed at least one premium payment in the first 21 months.

The financial part of the plan would go into effect July 1, but the work requirements are to be phased in, starting in areas where more jobs are available. Medicaid members are to get 90 days advance notice that the new requirement applies to them.

Members will be required to report changes in their income, employment or community-service status within 10 days, and failure to do so would result in a six-month disqualification. Disenrolled members could re-enroll earlier if they complete a financial- or health-literacy course, unless they have defrauded Medicaid.

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Mental health care for veterans expanded

KENTUCKY HEALTH NEW

President Trump signed an executive order last week to expand mental health care for veterans who are transitioning from military to civilian life in an effort to reduce suicides in that group.

"The order will take effect March 9 and is expected to provide all new veterans with mental-health care for at least a year after they leave

the military," Dan Lamothe reports for The Washington Post. "Trump gave the Defense Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Veterans Affairs 60 days to iron out details and develop a joint plan, Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin said in phone call with reporters."

New veterans are particularly at risk of suicide, and 60

percent of the 265,000 service members who transition out of the military each year don't qualify for care until the government establishes that a medical issue is related to their military service. Shulkin told Lamothe that people who have been out of military service for less than a year are twice as likely to commit suicide than any other age group. About 20 veterans a

day commit suicide.

The full details of the plan aren't yet clear, but will likely include making peer-group therapy sessions available at all VA Whole Health facilities; such sessions are now only available at 18 of the facilities.

For at-risk veterans, a toll-free, 24/7 crisis prevention line is available at (800) 273-TALK.

FOHS HALL, INC. ANNUAL MEETING

January 22, 2018

Fohs Hall, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at Fohs Hall, 201 North Walker Street, Marion, KY.

As always, all members are cordially invited to attend.

WEATHER

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snow that fell Monday overloaded snow plows. Schools, some stores and virtually all public offices were already closed Monday due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, but many offices and stores opened on a delayed schedule, if at all, Tuesday.

All A Classic basketball games were cancelled early this week. By noon Tuesday, school officials had called off classes for Wednesday. The decision for today (Thursday) and Friday will be made day to day, said Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark.

The snow caused the usual headache for local government – not enough manpower or equipment to keep up with Mother Nature. Salt, too, fell into short supply for both the city and county.

"By Sunday we'd pretty well gone over most of the county," Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said of the work to clear nearly 400 miles of county-maintained roads.

The county had six plows on the road, including two



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A Crittenden County Road Department snow plow is out of commission after sliding down Blackford Church Road and into a tree while clearing snow. Rock in the dump bed used to weigh down the truck for traction shifted, twisting the bed and causing major damage.

backhoes, a grader and tractor with a blade. One of the two trucks used as snow plows, though, is now out of commission. Over the weekend, it slid down a hill on Blackford Church Road, spun and slammed into a tree. The rock loaded for weight in the

dump bed shifted when it hit the tree, causing the bed to shift and creating major damage to the truck.

"That's a \$15,000 hit, probably," Newcom said.

Other plows got stuck at times, but were able to get back on the road.

Sheriff Wayne Agent said there were remarkably few wrecks reported over the weekend, but Monday afternoon was a different story. People already out had to fight new snow on their way home from work or other travel.

Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford said the city didn't suffer major equipment casualties, but its salt supply was almost depleted by Monday afternoon.

Newcom said getting more salt shouldn't pose a problem if no widespread weather systems affect the area soon.

But the wintry precipitation was not all bad.

Ledford said the snow acts as an insulator from the cold air that can cause the ground to freeze, sometimes leading to burst water mains.

"The snow was a major helping point from the underground services point of view," he said Monday. "The insulation it provides has prevented a repeat of last week – so far."

Last week, a primary water main cracked, spewing hundreds of gallons into the air for a few hours before the fix could be made in temperatures in the teens.

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Propane shortage calls for delivery restrictions

DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Craig Gilland doesn't want his propane customers to be out in the cold amid a shortage of heating fuel.

Gilland, owner of Liberty Fuels, said propane is in short supply for the eastern United States primarily due to the prolonged deep freeze for half of the country, including the heavily populated northeast. His wholesaler based in Cincinnati serves a good portion of the U.S. east of the Mississippi and is warning it may be difficult to fill Gilland's tanks if the harsh winter continues.

"What really sparked it was the volume that everybody needed to pull last year and into the start of this year," Gilland said. "Everywhere you look, everybody is using more than usual."

Spokespersons for the two other local suppliers, River Region Propane Gas in Mattoon and Harris Gas Co. in Salem, each said they are not

aware of a propane shortage. But eastern Kentucky is currently facing a shortage that threatens to leave some homes without heat. Great Lakes states and those in New England and New York, particularly, have made headlines for their propane struggles this winter.

Propane shortages are not uncommon. In 2014, supplies dwindled to the point where many customers around the nation were simply unable to get fuel. Limitations were put in place by retailers to ensure more of their customers had an opportunity to put propane in their tanks. Gilland doesn't believe the problem will be on the level of 2014, but supply restrictions are on the way.

"People really need to watch where they're at," he said of their propane supply. "We're typically running next day deliveries, but you don't want to be caught running empty. I really don't know what we're looking at."

Gilland's plan for his 1,300 or so customers in Crittenden and Livingston counties is to limit deliveries to 200 gallons and tanks must be down to 30 percent full. They must also have been customers in the last 16 months.

"Those faithful customers I have, I have to take care of them," he said.

For now, his inventory level is good, and his allocation from the wholesaler based on summer purchases should keep things going. But by restricting deliveries, it ensures he will be able to stretch them to more people should the propane spigot dry up.

"Inventory levels are OK, but they could be better," Gilland said.

He is optimistic about the rest of the season compared to four years ago.

"This happened in 2014, and we started at the same point," Gilland said. But "I don't think its that bad."



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McClure banks 50 years on job

Bill Greenwell (right) braved Friday's snow-slicked roads to visit with Jo Ann McClure during a reception celebrating her 50 years at The Peoples Bank. Banking today is very different than when she first started. "I have survived 50 years, so I've seen a lot of changes," she said. With heavy federal regulations, gone are the days when a line of credit could be obtained with little more than a gentleman's agreement or a contract drawn up on a napkin. And technology has virtually eliminated adding machines and ledgers books. It has also persuaded customers to turn to the convenience of drive-throughs and ATMs over a welcome and handshake in the lobby. McClure has also seen a complete change in bank personnel, outlasting all other employees on the payroll when she hired in. She said she is also the longest serving full-time employee in the bank's 72-year history. McClure has no plans to retire or scale back to part-time. Because Friday's wintry weather deterred traffic at the bank, another celebration of McClure's loyalty is tentatively planned for the spring.

JAIL

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local jail. In both instances, the inmates were capture in a matter of a few hours without incident.

Receiving notification just minutes after an escape is what some in the community want, especially those who live in the vicinity of the lock-up on West Carlisle Street. A few city residents, including Marion Mayor Jared Byford, approached the fiscal court at its October meeting about implementing some type of alert.

At the time, the court and the jailer agreed upon sending out a deputy from the detention center in a jail vehicle, announcing the escape through a loud speaker. But after the subsequent escape

of the prisoner fleeing a deputy while receiving medical treatment at Crittenden Health Systems, that did not happen.

Byford is pleased with the newly-proposed system that will incorporate modern technology.

"It's exactly what we were wanting," the mayor said.

Kirk said he and jail staff have been working on this solution for months, searching for the best app available at no cost to either the county or jail. Hesitant to unveil it until it had been thoroughly tested, the jailer said he is ready to pitch the idea to magistrates.

Remind, Kirk explained, was designed for New York City schools, but has since been adapted by other users. With the app, "classrooms" are set up to send push noti-

fications to different groups. He has tested the system with classrooms for jail employees and a separate one for local officials.

Once OK'd by the fiscal court, Kirk said a widget, or user interface, will be added to websites like the one for Crittenden County Detention Center and perhaps The Crittenden Press. Those wanting to subscribe to jail alerts would click on the widget to follow a link to sign up for Remind by entering their cell phone number. There should be no limit for the jail to the number of people who can subscribe.

In the event of an escape, Kirk can send out a message that should be received almost instantaneously by subscribers. Like Twitter's original limitations, Remind

Winter wonderland

Snow scenes from around the Crittenden County



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Bechler's bill would protect organ donation

STAFF REPORT

Supporters of organ and tissue donation hope a change to Kentucky law proposed by Lynn Bechler will save more lives while fully honoring the wishes of donors.

House Bill 84, sponsored by Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, would require coroners and medical examiners to contact the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) if a deceased person's

body is in any way medically suitable for organ or tissue donation. The bill was approved last Wednesday without dissent by the House Licensing, Occupations & Administrative Regulations.

Hospitals routinely contact KODA to determine if someone is an organ donor, Bechler told the committee, but donors who die outside of a hospital setting can have their wishes overlooked.

That is what happened to Courtney Flear, a 19-year-old Princeton woman killed in a traffic accident in 2015. Al-

though Flear had signed her driver's license indicating

that she wanted to be an organ donor, KODA was never contacted, said Bechler.

"Had the proposed changes that are in HB 84 been law at the time of Courtney's death, one or more lives may have been saved," he said.

Should HB 84 become law, a provision in the bill would allow it to be cited as Courtney's Law in honor of Flear.

The bill now awaits consideration by the full House.



Bechler

INFLUENZA

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sioner. "We strongly encourage people to protect themselves, particularly children 6 months and older and those people at high risk for complications related to the flu. Stay at home if they have the flu or flu-like symptoms and avoid contact with others."

One of those deaths was in the Pennyrlie Region that includes Crittenden County.

Though flu activity is on the rise locally, according to the latest DPH report, there have still been no laboratory-confirmed cases of the flu reported from Crittenden County.

Statewide as of Friday there had been 2,109 confirmed cases of the flu, includ-

ing 698 in the first week of the year. The highest number of cases have been reported in central and eastern Kentucky. There have been only 40 cases confirmed in the nine-county Pennyrlie region.

The department reports there have been 49 outbreaks of flu in Kentucky nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.

But it's not just a problem in the commonwealth. Flu is widespread across the continental U.S., the first time that has happened in the 13 years of the current national tracking system.

"Officials said that this flu season is shaping up to be one of the worst in recent years," Helen Branswell reports for Stat, the health-and-science news site of The Boston Globe.

"The rate of flu hospitalizations nearly doubled last week."

But officials said this flu season still isn't as bad as the one in 2014-15.

This point on the calendar is typically the peak of flu season, but it extends well into

the spring, and health officials still urge those who haven't had a flu shot to get one. The vaccination takes about two weeks to generate immunity.

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Influenza, typhoid hit hard in 1918-1929

As the flu season is upon us, let's take a look back at some other serious flu epidemics in the county.

The world was hit with a pandemic flu which began in the late summer of 1918, hitting military installations first with epidemic influenza. As soldiers traveled home, they unknowingly carried the flu across the U. S. In September in Louisville, nearby Camp Zachary Taylor's with its 45,000 men, reported over 2,000 cases.

This flu was different in other ways from the normal flu, which strikes the weakest of the young and old. This new virulent strain struck mostly those between the ages of 20 and 40, not the weak, but the stronger and most vigorous. Every serum created failed. Many of the deaths reported not as flu, but as pneumonia, which resulted from the flu, or to other similar symptoms.

History recorded that the 1918-19 flu epidemic killed an estimated 21 million. Most critics agreed the disease affected over half the world's population as the most devastating epidemic in world history.

There are only a few editions of the local paper available in the time period of this devastating epidemic and in the few that are available there is no item about Crittenden County being hit by the flu. It seems our local military veterans were the worse effected. There were six overseas that were killed by this disease, and of the 13 that died in the states, eleven of them died from the flu or complications resulting from the disease.

Edward Baird, Harvey Conger, Joseph Hoover and Edgar Wofford all died at Camp Zachary Taylor that is mentioned in the above article. Their deaths happened only a short time after they had enlisted and been sent to the camp for training.

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Just a short time later in 1920, it looked as if the In-

fluenza was on the rise again, and even closer to home this time. In Feb. 1920, Dr. Atchison Frazer, our county health officer, gave some advise to the citizens of the county.

Influenza has again appeared in epidemic form in this county. It is spreading very rapidly in fact as fast as any mode of travel can carry it.

Influenza is one of the most contagious diseases with which we have to contend and its spread is so rapid that it is impossible to control its ravages. However we can do much to protect ourselves if we will only avail ourselves of the means at hand.

The first and most important step in its prevention is to avoid crowded houses and crowded trains and see that doors and windows are open at all times so we may get plenty of fresh air both day and night.

Avoid coughing and sneezing as much as possible. Sprays from the respiratory organs contain millions of the little germs or seeds of the disease. They are thrown in to the air and breathed by well people who become infected. If you must cough, or sneeze cover your mouth and nose with a handkerchief or your hand and in this way help stop the spread of this deadly disease.

Influenza vaccine. Yet not perfect through proven of sufficient value that every person hold take it. It is harmless and when syringe and needle are boiled and the site of the injection properly sterilized no harm can come from its use.

We are short of Doctors in this county. It is impossible to give the people the service that the emergency demands, therefore this condition makes it more imper-

ative that we use the necessary measures of prevention.

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Outbreak of Typhoid Fever in 1927

In the summer of 1927, near the southern part of our county in the community and surrounding area of Frances and Dycusburg, an outbreak of typhoid was being carefully watched and treated by Dr. T. A. Frazer, county health officer.

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From the archives of The Crittenden Press August of 1927.

Dr. G. H. Buck, member of the State Board of Health was in Crittenden cooperating with Dr. T. A. Frazer in the fight against typhoid, a disease that at the present time has a particularly strong hold on several communities near Marion.

The disease is especially prevalent around the Caldwell Springs area where already nearly ten cases have been reported. At least one death in that section of the county has been attributed directly to that dread disease.

Dr. Frazer, Dr. Buck and other physicians have inoculated about one hundred people near Caldwell Springs with the typhoid serum. Measures to eradicate the disease are being taken in the stricken territory. These steps are the destroying of the causes of typhoid as well as the inoculation of the individuals.

Over 1,000 people in Crittenden County have been vaccinated for typhoid fever within the past few weeks, most of the vaccinations being made by Dr. T. A. Frazer, County Health Officer.

The entire student bodies in five schools of the county have already been vacci-



Dr. Atchison Frazer (left) was the County Health Officer in 1920 and 1927. He gave advice to the citizens of Crittenden in an effort to help minimize the spreading of infectious diseases. Two local men, Winston Woodson (center) and Sheffer Sullenger, died from the influenza that was spreading through Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville. They had only been in training for a few weeks when they contracted the flu and were unable to recover from it.



ated. The districts are Caldwell Springs, Boaz, Frances, Owen and Bethel. The vaccine is administered at the school buildings where Dr. Frazer is accompanied by Fred McDowell, county school superintendent.

In these districts many of the parents and other relatives of the school children have also taken the vaccine.

Employees of five mines operated by the Franklin Fluorspar Company have been vaccinated, or are in the process of being vaccinated, all expense being met by their employers who are also paying for the vaccination of the families of the employees and the students enrolled in the school districts in which the mines are located.

The vaccine was administered to the employees and their families at the Haffaw mines last year and will not be necessary this year.

The other Franklin mines and the school districts in which they are located are Mary Belle Mine, Bethel school, Hodge mine, Owen school, Franklin mine, Siloam school, Beard mine, and Forest Grove school.

A few of the deaths caused from the typhoid epidemic were reported to the Press.

Miss Eula Brown, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown, of near Frances, died Thursday August 18, after a short illness of typhoid.

Mrs. Elvin Travis, whose home was near Caldwell Springs, died Wednesday, August 24, after several weeks illness of typhoid fever. She was 27 years old. Surviving are her husband, Elvin Travis and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tammell, of Caldwell County.

Mr. T. W. Davenport, 59, a farmer of the View community, died August 22. Surviving Mr. Davenport are his wife and two sons, Owen and Ercil and a daughter, Miss Lucile Davenport.

By the end of the year the typhoid epidemic was about under control and news of its sickness and deaths were not heard from the Press news items. School and community activities were once again back to normal.

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In December of 1928 yet another epidemic was making headlines, it was the winter of the "Flu" Epidemic in Crittenden County.

The flu epidemic, which has been threatening to become widespread in Crittenden County for the past few weeks, has reached more se-

rious proportions and at least one death has been reported from this disease in the county.

The increasing number of flu cases in Marion and throughout the county has affected the attendance at church and other public gatherings. Many of the rural schools have the attendance cut more than half.

The Press reports many deaths caused from the influenza pneumonia. December of 1928 and January of 1929 seemed to hit the county the hardest.

By the end of March 1929 the flu epidemic had about ran it's course and community activities and family lives once again resumed their normal routine, but in many homes there was also left much sadness and sorrow.




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Parks inks with LHHS

Codie Parks (right) last Wednesday signed a two-year contract with Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services to be their first on-staff pharmacist as part of the requirements of an \$80,000 grant to repay her student loans. Through the Kentucky State Loan Repayment program that aims to attract new professionals in the medical field to rural, underserved areas, most of Parks' debt from her degree at Howard University in Washington, D.C., will be paid. According to LHHS CEO Elizabeth Snodgrass (left), as her sponsor, the hospital agreed to pay half of the total awarded. The remainder is covered through the National Health Service Corps. Parks is a 2006 graduate of Livingston Central High School.

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Hansen’s devotion inspires authorship of faith-based book

By ALEXA BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Author, songwriter, businessman and Salem native Todd Hansen has a new book, “Live a Full Life of Inspiration and Devotion.” It was written to provide encouragement for those who seek the Lord, Hansen says.

A former staff writer for both The Crittenden Press and The Livingston Ledger, Hansen is a graduate of Murray State University with a master of business administration. Currently, he sings at churches and other local settings such as nursing homes and Celebrate Recovery meetings. He has a family history in the ministry – his father and grandfather were both preachers – which has been an influencing factor throughout his life.

Hansen’s love for God and ministry is a recurring theme in all of his endeavors. His book is a compila-

tion of devotionals and an extension of both his “Live a Full Life” column in a local paper and a daily radio program he formerly produced.

The book delves into the application of Biblical principles to modern day scenarios, and Hansen makes a point to use clear analogies and examples and his own experiences to illustrate how God operates in the average person’s life. It delves into a variety of subjects, from encouraging the reader to refrain from settling for less in life, how to deal with inevitable change that leads to growth and God intervening to remove us from negative circumstances.

Hansen also seeks to reach people amid struggle and give them incentive to get their lives and minds back on track.

“If you know God and have faith in him, He will help you long the way and



Todd Hansen is well known in a number of area circles, but he’s best described as a devoted Christian. He has just published an inspirational book and will host a book signing on Saturday at Glenn’s Pharmacy in Salem.

open the right doors for you,” Hansen said. “I’m not seeking to simplify God’s message in this book by any means, but I want to get the gospel out there in practical, every-day situations people can really relate to and apply to their lives.”

Hansen will be unveiling

his new book on Saturday at Glenn’s Pharmacy in Salem. The book-signing event will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Following a brief presentation, the author will sign copies and books will be available for purchase for \$10.

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Mexico Baptist clothes

The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

Fredonia clothes

The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday at the church's Family Life Center.

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Farmer

Donald Paul Farmer, 64, of Marion died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018 at Crittenden Hospital.

He was a member of Salem Masonic Lodge No. 81, a member of UMWA Local 1793 and served in the Army National Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann Farmer of Marion; sons, Brian Justin Farmer and David Paul (Cagney) Farmer both of Marion; grandchildren, Draven and Creadyn Farmer, both of Marion; brothers, Joey Farmer and Dennis Farmer of Marion and Eddie Mosley of Evansville, Ind.; a sister, Patty Hoppgood of Morganfield; and an aunt, Peggy Reynolds of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James H. and Lois Farmer Jr.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 13 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.



Belt

Gladys Belt, 88, of Marion died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Surviving are her daughters, Julie Hodge of Marion, LeAnne Miller of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Bonnie Klinkkammer of West Branch, Iowa.; sons, David Bub of Hartford, Conn., and Mark Bub of Monticello, Iowa; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Charlotte Genzler; her first husband, John Bub; second husband, Charles Belt; sisters, Marie Pappas, Ruby Ellsworth and Phyllis Thomas; and a brother, Auther Genzler.

Services were Monday, Jan. 15, 2018 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

Byler

Mervin D. Byler, 21, of Marion died Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 at his home from an apparent heart attack.

He was born Aug. 24, 1996 to David R. and Lydia Byler, who survive. Also surviving are five brothers, six sisters, a special friend and many other friends.

Services were held at the home at Byler's Cabinet Shop in the Amish community. Burial was at the Amish Cemetery.

Area Deaths

Beavers

Kenneth Dwayne Beavers, 85, of Marion died Tuesday, 9, 2018 at Crittenden Hospital.

He was a member of Marion United Methodist Church. He was previously a member of Siloam Methodist church.

Beavers served in the U.S. Armed Forces from 1953 to 1955 and was a Korean war veteran.

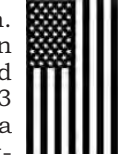
He operated the DX gas station on Gum Street starting in 1958 and in 1960 opened the Texaco gas station, car wash and wholesale distributorship. Shortly after starting the business, he became partners with his brother Jerry Beavers and together they ran the Beavers' Brothers Texaco until 1995, when he retired.

He was one of the founding board members of the Crittenden-Livingston Water District and served on the board of directors for over 25 years. He also served on the board of directors at Crittenden Hospital and the Crittenden County Farm Bureau for two terms.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine H. Beavers of Marion; daughter, Lisa G. Quader of Marion; brothers, Donald Beavers and Jerry Beavers of Marion and Billy Beavers of Lacrosse, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Melvin Beavers; and four sisters.

Services were Thursday, Jan. 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery with full military rites.



Beavers

Reta Mae Beavers, 67, of Paducah, formerly of Cave In Rock, Ill., died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018 at her home.

She was a board member at the Village of Cave In Rock, an officer at the Illinois Department of Corrections in Cave In Rock, former CNA at Crittenden Hospital in Marion, worked in the admissions department at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah and was a manager of Park Avenue Mini Storage in Paducah.

Surviving are her husband, Bobby Leon Beavers; a sister, Betty Lamb; brothers, Bob Davis and Dwight Davis; children, Paul Folta, Tammy Mesaris, Chris Beavers, Billy Joe Beavers, Jason Lane and 13 grandchildren.

She was the daughter of Alfred and Mary Davis of Cave In Rock.

No service or visitation was scheduled. Private cremation was conducted by Gilbert Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice, 911 Joe Clifton Drive, Paducah, KY. 42001-3747.

O'Bryan

Patricia "Patsy" O'Bryan, 78, of Dycusburg, died Thursday, Jan. 11, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. She was a homemaker and a member of Dycusburg Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Debbie Joiner and husband Terry of Dycusburg; sons, Billy O'Bryan and wife Michelle of Dycusburg and Richard O'Bryan and wife Teresa of Murray; six grandchildren, Samantha Jahr and husband Eric, Justin O'Bryan, Brandon O'Bryan and wife Kendra, Lisa White and husband Caleb, Daniel Joiner and Christopher Joiner; 10 great-grandchildren, Alex, Jordan, Keegan and Brody Jahr, Sawyer, Raylee and Knox O'Bryan, Raelyn and Raegan White and Lucas Joiner, who will arrive in three weeks; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilford Newman O'Bryan; her parents, Millie and Virginia Conger Peek; a daughter, Lisa Gail O'Bryan; and one sister, Sue Bailey.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. James Oates officiating. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery.

Hall

Yvonne Delores Hall, 62, of Joy died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 at Livingston Hospital.

She was a retired LPN, Tupperware Agent, a member of North Livingston Baptist Church and a member of the Carrsville Homemakers. She enjoyed crafts, gardening, traveling, piano and singing.

Surviving are three sons, Bryan (Keely) Hall of Lola, Chad Hall of Joy; Alan (Alison) Hall of Joy; a sister, Joan Powell of Carrsville; three grandchildren, Charlee Kay, Henry Wade and Margaret Yvonne "Maggie"; two nieces; and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Hall; and her parents, William Henry "Bill" and Geneva Nora Belt Bolen.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Rev. Jim Wring officiating. Burial will follow at Carrsville Cemetery.



mond Davis; a brother, Robert Davis; and sister, Sally Davis.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Graveside services are at 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 19 at Ashland Cemetery in Ashland, Ky..

Memorials may be made to the Marion United Methodist Church Building Fund.

McWorthy

Doris Elaine (Jane) Berry Henshaw McWorthy, 87, of Marion died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 at Crittenden County Rehabilitation Center in Marion

She was born Sept. 24, 1930 in Detroit Mich., but moved to Henshaw, Ky. in 1938. She attended Sturgis High School and Western Teachers College (now Western Kentucky University). She was a member of Henshaw Cristian Church.

She was married to John Bell (Bob) Henshaw Jr. from 1950 till 1966. She later married Morris McWorthy.

She was U.S. Post Master in Henshaw for several years and was a member of Eastern Star. She worked for Breckinridge Job Corps in Morganfield and later the Sturgis News. She also was employed as a civil servant from time to time in other states such as Hawaii on U.S. Army Posts.

She left Henshaw in 1987 and lived in Hawaii and Florida but returned to live in Marion in 2007. She worked at the Clement Mineral Museum and Women's Auxillary in Marion.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy (Jimmy) Herran of Marion and Lorrie Voyias of Florida; two sons, Mark



(Cheri) Henshaw and John Willie (Karen) Henshaw; a brother, David Berry of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Ernest (Nig) and Nellie Davis (Nell) Berry of Henshaw, who owners of Berry's Grocery; a brother, Donald (Skee) Berry; a son, Edward Allen Henshaw; and a grandson, Colt Edward Herran.

Burial will be at the Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis. A graveside service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Crittenden County Rehabilitation Center.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

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Dean’s List honorees named

Madisonville Community College has released the Fall 2017 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester and were enrolled in 12 or more credit hours at the 100-level or higher.

Marion residents earning recognition on the MCC Dean's List are Alyssa Curtis, Michelle Davidson, Ashley Hildebran and Leana Riley.

Brescia

Crittenden County High School graduates attending Brescia University were named to the fall 2017 dean's list. Cassidy Moss, a freshman biology major, and Brenden Phillips, a senior history major, achieved the honor by completing at least 12 credit hours with a 3.5 GPA or better.

Calendar

- The next regular meeting of the Friends of the Crittenden County Library will be at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) in the library meeting room.
- The first Adult Trivia Night of 2018 at to Crittenden County Public Library is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday. Trivia Night debuted in November 2016 and subsequent crowds have grown, filling nearly every available space in the library's meeting room. Prizes and snacks are provided. Trivia Night is free and is designed for adults 18 and over. Come meet the new director, Brandie Ledford, and test your knowledge with friends.

Extension events

- A Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m., (Friday) at the Extension Office with guest speaker Dr. Adria Porter.
- A class titled Adulting will focus on budgeting at 6 p.m., Jan. 23 at the Extension Service annex.
- The Leader Lesson for Homemakers will begin at 1 p.m., Jan. 26 at the Extension office. The topic for the meeting will be Downsizing Your Home.
- The Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 29 at the Extension office.

Senior Menu

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

- Thursday (today): Menu is chicken parmesan, baked potato with margarine and sour cream, broccoli casserole and pineapple delight.
- Friday: Menu is breaded pollock, pinto beans, cole slaw, cornbread and vanilla pudding. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.
- Monday: Menu is sloppy Joe on whole wheat bun, hashbrown casserole, baked pork 'n beans, baked apples with raisins. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.
- Tuesday: Menu is baked Italian chicken, mashed potatoes, white gravy, peas and carrots, banana pudding and whole grain biscuit.
- Jan. 24: Menu is beef lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick, Jell-O fruit salad and margarine. 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 Pennryle Allied Community Services.

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

Lottery scholarship doles out \$3.6 million

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Lottery last year helped almost 170 Crittenden County students achieve higher education with nearly a quarter-million dollars in grants and scholarships.

Last week, state Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, announced that during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017, there were 2,271 scholarships worth \$3.56 million awarded to students in the six counties of Senate District 4 that he represents.

"Obtaining a postsecondary degree has been made easier for hundreds of students from District 4 and western Kentucky because of the Kentucky Lottery," said Ridley, who also serves as part of the Senate Democratic Leadership team as Caucus Chair. "I cannot think of a better use for these funds than educating

our young people – many of whom may not have been able to attend college without these grants and scholarships."

In Crittenden County, grants and scholarships valued at \$249,408 helped 168 students in the district. That was the lowest total among the District 4 counties. Other amounts were:

- Livingston County: 180 grants and scholarships worth \$279,821.
- Caldwell County: 311 grants and scholarships worth \$506,536.
- Webster County: 287 grants and scholarships worth \$428,261.
- Union County: 319 grants and scholarships worth \$510,864.
- Henderson County: 1,013 grants and scholarships worth \$1.59 million.

Students received an average of \$1,568. Ridley said that 95 cents of every non-

loan, student aid dollar awarded by the commonwealth comes from the sale of lottery tickets.

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

Altogether, these funds represent a part of the \$2.4 billion in scholarship grants provided for students in the Commonwealth since 1999 from Kentucky Lottery proceeds. Across the Commonwealth, 675,562 students – or one in every five Kentuckians – have received a lottery-funded college schol-

arship or grant since 1999.

"This money has made a positive impact in our district and around the state," Ridley noted. "It has made a college education more affordable for thousands of Kentuckians who otherwise would not have been able to afford a college degree."

Prior to 1999, the Council on Postsecondary Education found the number of students attending college in Kentucky had remained flat for several years. Since the start of the Kentucky Lottery-funded scholarship and grant programs, college attendance in the Commonwealth has jumped 40 percent. At the same time, KEES data indicates more of Kentucky's best and brightest students are staying in Kentucky to attend college.

"Not only are more students advancing their education after high school, but we are keeping more of our

students – our best and our brightest – at home rather than losing them to other states, where they often stay to work and raise their families," said Senator Ridley.

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

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

Crittenden Counseling relocates to Ed-Tech

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Counseling Center now has a new home, but it will continue to offer the same services to hundreds of people since it opened more than four years ago.

The only mental health and substance abuse service provider in the county, the counseling center has relocated to the Marion Ed-Tech Center. The relocation from West Bellville Street became necessary when attorney Wesley Hunt agreed to lease the building for his new law office from its owner, Alan Stout. Hunt Law Group is in the process of opening in the former Stout Law Office building, but s n o w w e a t h e r early this week was hampering efforts.

The new home on Industrial Drive next to Crittenden County Health Department is the third location for the counseling center since it opened in 2014. All have been rent-free. Farmers Bank & Trust Co., Stout and now Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. have all donated the space to provide aftercare for individuals who have completed substance abuse treatment or counseling for other behavioral health issues.



Simpson

Volunteers have donated their time to facilitate this most recent move.

"This is a bootstrap operation," said volunteer Linda Schumann. "We're just doing the best we can."

She said there were numerous offers for a free home, but finding a location in Marion that meets all state requirements for providing counseling services was difficult.

More than 90 percent of all expenses for the center come from Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community and other private donations. The remainder of expenses are covered by drug court treatment fees. Non-drug court clients pay only \$10 per session.

Certified Alcohol Drug Counselor Randa Simpson is the service's only paid employee. Simpson, a former regional supervisor of Kentucky Drug Courts and resident of Marion, was instrumental in getting the center started to help treat the community's burgeoning substance abuse problem.

Marsha Hires and Jennifer Harwood, licensed social workers from Henderson, combine to donate mental health counseling twice a month. The women together have almost 40 years of treatment experience. Most private insurance providers can be billed directly, but the center does not currently have the capability of billing Medicare and Medicaid.

The center, which also provides family resources to those with a loved one battling substance abuse, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday and Tuesday and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Hires and Harwood offer counseling every other Monday.

Often, they say, individuals are released from substance abuse or mental health care facilities without a support system in place. Simpson said a support system is important for continued care after in-patient treatment is complete and individuals return home.

At any given time, Simpson is treating 20-25 patients, Schumann said. In 2017, she helped more than 125 people – most court-ordered – but more are coming of their own volition or from doctor referrals, added Schumann, who has been involved with the Coalition since Simpson helped start it 16 years ago.

"The community has become aware of the need and that people do get well when they are in treatment; they do become productive," said Schumann. "Many don't make it, but we see miracles every day. That makes it all worthwhile."

She would like to see the center be able to offer more services to more people, but it is reliant on donations to survive.

"We do have some openings, but we're pretty much filling up," Schumann explained. "If we can't handle the volume, we try to refer somewhere else."

To receive treatment elsewhere, patients would have to drive at least 30 minutes to the Pennyroyal Center in Princeton. Many of the people needing treatment don't have a vehicle or license," Schumann said.

Donations to the center are tax-deductible.

For more information on treatment or donations, contact the facility during normal business hours at (270) 965-0224. For an after-hours emergency, individuals can call (270) 969-0227.



Seniors receive Woodman donation

Woodmen Life responded to a reported need of supplemental funding last week by donating \$1,000 to the Crittenden County PACS Senior Citizens Center. Making the presentation are Grant Rogers and Josh Ray of Woodmen Life in Princeton. Pictured with the donors is PACS employee Kim West along with numerous seniors who frequent the center for Bingo, billiards and daily hot meals.

Steele jail’s January employee of the month

Crittenden County Detention Center's employee of the month for January is Deputy Kevin Steele.

Deputy Steele was born and raised in the Chicago, Ill., area on a 250-acre farm with about 30 horses. He was the only child in his family, and his mother was a professional horse instructor. As a child Deputy Steele worked on the farm alongside his parents learning how to garden and run a farm.

He spent the majority of his adult life working as a carpenter building houses for about 30 years and then came to the area to be close to his son. When he began his career at the detention center in 2010, he worked inside the facility; however,



Steele

when Jailer Robbie Kirk took office Deputy Steele was chosen to oversee a crew of

inmates to work at the Victory Garden. Deputy Steele and his crew helped clear space on the property, planted fruit trees and planted the garden plots with vegetables that would later be distributed to the community free of charge.

With his experience in carpentry, he assisted in the construction of the Restricted Custody Center as well.


He sets a great example of a good work ethic to the inmates and his positive energy motivates everyone around him, Kirk said. The jail administrative staff is appreciative of the hard work he has put into everything he does for the benefit of the community, the jail and the inmates.

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Lyon County	3-10	3-2
Crittenden County	4-10	0-5

Girls		
Livingston Central	10-9	5-0
Crittenden County	9-7	3-2
Lyon County	9-5	2-3
Trigg County	6-10	0-5

Crittenden Rebounding

Rockets

Player	Games	Rebounds	Average
Preston Turley	13	96	7.4
Sawyer Towery	11	55	5.0
Tyler Boone	12	55	4.6
Logan Belt	12	45	3.8
Gabe Mott	13	29	2.2
Hunter Boone	11	16	1.5
Braxton Winders	12	17	1.4
Sean O'Leary	12	15	1.3
Tyson Steele	13	12	0.9
Jaden Carlson	10	6	0.6
Erik O'Leary	9	3	0.3

Lady Rockets			
Nahla Woodward	16	132	8.3
Madison Champion	16	103	6.4
Shelby Summers	16	71	4.4
Chandler Moss	15	80	5.0
Mauri Collins	16	40	2.5
Jaelyn Duncan	8	16	2.0
Taylor Guess	7	9	1.3

Upcoming Games

Tuesday
Rockets at Union County

CCMS basketball

7th Grade Game Jan. 9 at Marshall
Marshall Co. 56, Crittenden 28
CCMS Scoring: Preston Morgeson 20, Seth Guess 5, Zach Counts 2, Case Gobin 1.

8th Grade Game Jan. 9 at Marshall
Marshall Co. 41, Crittenden 17
CCMS Scoring: Maddox Carlson 4, Trace Derrington 3, Ben Evans 2, Logan Bailey 2, Triston Davidson 4, Coleman Stone 1, Hayden Adamson 1.

Hunting Seasons

Bow Deer/Turkey	Sept. 2 - Jan. 15
Raccoon Hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Fox	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Rabbit	Nov. 13 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trap	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Quail	Nov. 13 - Feb. 10
Canada Goose	Nov. 23 - Feb. 15
Bobcat	Nov. 25 - Feb. 28
Duck	Dec. 4 - Jan. 28
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 3 - Feb. 4
Coyote	Year Round
Coyote Nighttime	Feb. 1 - May 31
Spring Turkey	April 14 - May 6

No. 1 in deer harvest

For maybe the first time ever, Crittenden County has ended up as the top deer harvest county in Kentucky. Crittenden commonly ranks among the top three or four, but this year's take of 3,451 whitetails during all hunting seasons gives it the distinction of being the highest in the commonwealth. Behind Crittenden was Hardin County at 3,374, Pendleton County at 3,281 and Christian County at 3,277. Crittenden was third last year with a harvest of 3,081, finishing behind Pendleton and Owen counties. Deer seasons begin in September and run through Jan. 15. The final segment of archery season ended Monday.

No baseball clinic

The baseball clinic scheduled for Saturday in Marion has been cancelled due to an unforeseen scheduling issue with the featured instructor. No makeup date has been set at this time.

Youth baseball ump's

The Crittenden County Dugout Club is looking for qualified individuals to umpire youth baseball and softball games this spring at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Umpires are paid weekly. For more information, contact Chris Evans at (270) 704-0435.

Thompson named head football coach



Thompson is the 15th head coach in CCHS history

STAFF REPORT
For the first time ever, Crittenden County will have one of its own guiding the football program.
Crittenden County High School officially hired Sean Thompson as head football coach last week, making him the first Crittenden County graduate to lead the team.
It was no surprise to local football fans that Thompson was selected from two applicants for the job.
A 2004 graduate of Crittenden County High School, Thompson has been offensive coordinator, assistant head coach and the heir apparent to Al Starnes over the last few years.
Starnes retired from coaching

this fall after 27 years as the head coach at CCHS. He made Thompson his head assistant last summer and made it no secret that he supported Thompson to become the next head coach.
Thompson played quarterback at Crittenden County then at Campbellsville University. He joined the Rocket football coaching staff in 2009 then spent a few years at Union County before returning to Crittenden as offensive coordinator in 2014.
Thompson says he is thankful for this new leadership role.
“My ultimate goal is to be the best leader and role model that I can for the youth of Crittenden County,” he said. “There’s so much more to football than the game itself. I will strive to set the

best example I can for the players.”
Superintendent Vince Clark said the selection of Thompson as head skipper was an easy one.
“Coach Thompson is a Rocket, through and through,” he said. “Not only has he distinguished himself as one of the offensive gurus in western Kentucky, but also he has a strong commitment to carry on the principles and beliefs that Coach Al Starnes has spent 27 years establishing. Building relationships and teamwork are his hallmarks.”
A reception for the new head coach was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but weather postponed it to a yet-to-be-determined date.

Classic Boys

Friday's Opening Round Games
Lyon County at Livingston Central
Caldwell County at Crittenden County, 7pm
Dawson Springs at Fort Campbell
University Heights, bye
Saturday's Semifinals
At Crittenden County
Lyon/Livingston vs. Caldwell/Crittenden, 5pm
Dawson/Ft. Campbell vs. UHA, 6:30pm
Sunday Championship
At Crittenden County, 2pm

Classic Girls

Opening Round Games
Livingston Central at Fort Campbell
Crittenden County at Lyon County
Dawson Springs at University Heights
Caldwell County, bye
Semifinals
At Caldwell County
Ft. Campbell/Livingston vs. Lyon/Crittenden
UHA/Dawson vs. Caldwell County
Championship
At Caldwell County

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Late buck spoils Rockets upset

STAFF REPORT
A last-second putback let Trigg County get away with a 51-50 comeback victory over the Rockets last Thursday at Cadiz.
“We’re playing better,” Rocket coach Denis Hodge said. “The take-away from this game is the same thing we’ve talked to our guys about all along. It’s that we’re a pretty good team, but we’re just really young.”
With senior Logan Belt out of the lineup for the past week with an ankle injury, Crittenden has three and sometimes four freshmen on the floor at the same time.
Hodge says they’re improving game by game, particularly point guard Gabe Mott, who’s scoring more and gaining in his passing and ball handling.
A 3-pointer by freshman Tyler Boone ignited a big third-quarter rally at Trigg as Crittenden reeled off a 25-10 run to take the game’s lead. Boone, who had four treys in the game, dropped in his last with 28

seconds to go, giving the Rockets a two-point lead.
However, the Wildcats answered with a tip-in of a missed three pointer as time expired to help Trigg take the lead in the Fifth District standings. The Wildcats had beaten Livingston the previous week. The Cardinals had gone undefeated through the first half of the district schedule.

Trigg 51, Crittenden 50				
Crittenden Co.	7	16	41	50
Trigg County	15	23	33	51
CRITTENDEN – Towery 7, E.O’Leary, S.O’Leary, Mott 6, Carlson, T.Boone 14, Winders, Steele 3, Turley 10, H.Boone 10. FG 18-43. 3-pointers 7-13 (T.Boone 4, H.Boone 2, Towery). FT 7-9. Rebounds 26 (Turley 11).				
TRIGG – Triplet 12, Brown 15, Barnes 3, Bingham 2, Day 4, Grubbs 2, Jordan, Mitchell, Kent 6, Adams 7. FG 21-58. 3-pointers 5-17 (Brown 3, Barnes, Adams). FT 4-8. Rebounds 33 (Day 7).				



Lady Rocket senior Mauri Collins runs down a loose ball and heads toward her team's basket for a bucket that helped turn the tide at Trigg County last week.

Lady Rockets' pressing defense turns tide in close game at Trigg

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County relied on its press at Trigg County last Thursday to kickstart what was otherwise a painfully slow offensive game.
The game was tied 1-1 after the first period and 10-10 at the half, but when the Lady Rockets picked up the defensive pressure, CCHS went on a 12-7 run and took the lead 22-17.
Trigg scratched its way back into the contest after a couple of Lady Rocket turnovers were converted into Wildcat points.
Senior Mauri Collins scored to get the girls back ahead 26-23 then Crittenden poured on the press down the stretch to seal the deal.
“Trigg is a tough place to play and they have gotten better,” Crittenden coach Shannon Hodge said. “I still think the district is wide open.”
The Lady Rockets are in second

place in the league race after Livingston beat Lyon by one point last week.
Hodge said senior Madison Champion has been nursing a bad knee and believes the snow has hit in a timely fashion.
“I think we needed a physical rest,” she said. “Now we just need to come back with a renewed desire to play.”

Crittenden 33, Trigg 26				
Crittenden Co.	1	10	22	33
Trigg County	1	10	17	26
CRITTENDEN – Champion 15, Collins 9, Moss, Summers 4, Woodward 4, Long, Guess 1. FG 10-42. 3-pointers 3-8 (Champion, Woodward 2). FT 10-17. Rebounds 23 (Champion 12).				
TRIGG – Oliver 14, Stallons, Simpson, Stone 3, Bush 1, Phillips 6, Barbee 2, Reynolds. FG 10-39. 3-pointers 1-7 (Stone). FT 5-10. Rebounds 34 (Oliver 15).				

Beavers, Starnes earn All Purchase selections

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County defensive end Adam Beavers was named to the All Purchase Area Football Team last week during a ceremony at Murray State University.
Beavers becomes just the sixth Rocket to ever receive the distinction.
Beavers played four years at Crittenden County and finished his career as the all-time tackles and sacks leader. He also set a number of other single-season and career records and ranks among the top five in many other statistical categories.
At last month’s Crittenden County post-season football banquet, Beavers was selected

LEAVING A MARK

All Purchase Team

2017 – DL Adam Beavers
2011 – OL Stephon Cozart
2008 – RB Rodney Robertson
2008 – LB Gaike Courtney
2009 – DL Aaron Berry
2009 – DB J.D. Gray

as MVP and also recognized for defense and leadership with other awards. He recorded a school-record 151 tackles in his final season while leading the Rockets to an 8-5 season and berth in the regional championship game.
Beavers joins former Rock-

ets Stephon Cozart, Aaron Berry, J.D. Gray and Rodney Robertson and Gaike Courtney as players who earned recognition as an All Purchase Team selection.
Rocket football coach Al Starnes was selected as the Purchase Coach of the Year. Starnes guided his team to a regional championship berth before it bowed out to Campbellsville.
Starnes is the first coach to be recognized by the Purchase Area selection committee.
Starnes is also a finalist for the Associated Press Coach of the Year in Kentucky.
After 27 years as the head coach at CCHS, Starnes retired after the 2017 season.



Al Starnes and Adam Beavers

Rutledge likes UK’s talent as Calipari reloads

Just a few hours after she worked the Alabama-Georgia national football championship game, ESPN/SEC Network reporter Laura Rutledge was in Rupp Arena for the Kentucky-Texas A&M basketball game.

She managed to get to Lexington in time for UK’s shoot around before the game and liked the references Kentucky coach John Calipari made to the national championship game won by Alabama in overtime the night before.

“Both of those teams (Georgia and Alabama) fought so hard and coach Calipari made the analogy to his team about playing tougher,” Rutledge said. “He said if you are not dealing with insane mental toughness on both sides of that football game, then somebody would have won it sooner. There was no give on either side.

“That’s just coach Cal showing his chops as a coach and giving respect to both of those programs and trying to challenge his team to have that same level of intensity.”

Rutledge says she knows UK basketball fans are accustomed to the “reload” that Calipari’s team has to make each year and that sometimes it clicks faster than ever. However, she likes what she’s seen from Calipari’s team.

“Watching them in practice (before the Texas A&M game), my goodness, they are overloaded with talent. It’s just getting those guys to play together,” she said. “It’s what makes coach Cal incredible because most coaches could not accomplish what he does trying to get new talent to play together. I do think they will figure it out eventually and hopefully sooner than later for Kentucky fans.

“But the league is much more talented, much stronger. It’s great for SEC basketball. I think the SEC Tournament is going to factor into a bigger picture (with the NCAA Tournament) more than it has in recent years.”

She knows how talented the top two SEC football teams, Alabama and Georgia, are and will continue to be based on the freshmen that played for both teams – and played well – in the national championship game.

“Obviously, Georgia had a freshman quarterback and plenty of freshman talent. Specifically for Alabama, Nick Saban has never taken a greater risk than what he did by bringing (true freshman quarterback) Tua Tagovailoa into that game,” Rutledge said.

“I had watched him in practice at the Sugar Bowl and leading up to the na-

tional championship and we knew that he had some packages and could run the

offense efficiently, but to put him in that spot (at half-time) in the national title game is just unthinkable. Lots of coaches would not have had the gumption to do that, but it ended up working out. You could see the pure talent Alabama has, but on Georgia’s side the future is so bright, too. SEC football is not going away.”

Zion Harmon

After helping Bowling Green win the state title as an eighth-grader, Zion Harmon transferred to Adair and is averaging 32 points per game this season. He had 54 points in a win over Caverna last week and got 34 the next game.

The 5-10 Harmon attended UK’s Big Blue Madness in October and was impressed.

“They treated us so well. We (recruits) walked out, and I didn’t expect it, but everybody started clapping for us. I was walking behind Zion Williamson and Darius Garland and it was just great,” Harmon said. “I didn’t really want to smile. I was trying to act like I was just being cool, but inside there was a big smile because they were clapping for us. It was a great experience.”

He has several college scholarship offers, a ton of interest from numerous schools and a lot more offers likely to come in the next few months.

“I like the Kentucky program a whole, whole lot,” Harmon said. “I don’t want to speak too much about any colleges right now, but I do have certain ones I am leaning towards.”

One certainly is Kentucky.

“I like what my uncle said, the Kentucky program gives their kids the most opportunity to get to the league. They put so many kids in the league. I feel like it is a great program,” Harmon, a 5-11 point guard averaging 32 points per game this season, said.

His father, Mike, likes Kansas and coach Bill Self because that’s the system he has had his son play.

“Since I was young I have been running his (Self’s) offense and that’s what developed my left hand, right hand and reads,” Zion Harmon said. “I also took a trip to Vanderbilt. There are a whole lot of colleges out here that are just great. When the time comes, I will make my decision and it will be a good one. Hopefully the best of my career.”

Recruit Tyler Herro

Kentucky signee Tyler Herro of Wisconsin is known as a 3-point shooter. Kentucky fans were delighted



PHOTO BY JEFF HOUGHINS

Laura Rutledge believes John Calipari's team is "overloaded" with talent that can still develop into an elite team. Troy coach Neal Brown says there's a big gap in the support for high school football in Alabama and Georgia compared to Kentucky. Adair County freshman Zion Harmon, the top point guard in his recruiting class, likes Kentucky a lot.

with his recruitment because John Calipari’s teams at times have lacked great outside shooters. However, Whitnall (Wis.) coach Travis Riesop says he’s much more than just a 3-point shooter.

“He’s a really good offensive player but he has also really improved his defense and loves locking people down. He’s not only a threat to score offensively, but he’s going to lock you down on defense a lot better than most people understand.”

The 6-5 guard already had four games with 40 or more points this season. He’s averaging 29.3 points, 6.6 rebounds, 4.1 assists, 2.6 steals and 1.4 blocks — all team highs — per game and shooting 81.7 percent at the foul line. He’s averaging 3.5 3-pointers per game. The numbers would be even better if he had not been hurt in the first quarter of one game and then missed two games before returning to get 34 and 41 points, respectively, in his first two games back.

“Tyler works on a lot of things other than just shooting,” Riesop said. “He has concentrated on getting stronger, more physical. He understands at Kentucky you have to take pride in more than just shooting. He’s trying to get all the parts of his game ready for that next level and he will bring a lot to the table.”

“Kentucky is really getting a good player. He’s just a special kid. A lot of people have talent but he works at his game a lot. I can’t give him enough credit for that. He’s always the hardest worker on the team.”

“For him, going to Kentucky is the best decision he could have made. Calipari’s style if more of a fit with Tyler’s style. That’s his personality. He wanted to go to a school that would make him the best player he could be. That’s his goal and he just realized for him Kentucky was probably the better option.”

Brown coaching Troy

Troy University coach Neal Brown was an all-state receiver at Boyle County High School who went on to play at Kentucky and then

UMass before starting a successful college coaching career.

He was offensive coordinator at UK for two years for Mark Stoops before taking over at Troy three years ago. He’s seen improvements in Kentucky high school football he likes.

“The quality of Kentucky high school football continues to get better. There are more fans that probably come to high school football than basketball games,” Brown said. “But the talent level of Division I prospects being produced in Kentucky is still small compared to Alabama and Georgia.”

“The biggest difference between Alabama high school football and Kentucky is the commitment at the administrative level is much higher in Alabama than Kentucky overall. The thing in Kentucky is that when I was out recruiting I was shocked to see the low number of coaches in the school. It’s not like that in Alabama.”

Brown says one common problem for college football teams everywhere is declining attendance for a variety of reasons.

“A lot of fans come to games but just stay in the tailgate area,” Brown said. “We set attendance records at Troy the last two years, but we sell alcohol — and that helps. TV is great but people have some nice setups at their house. You have to do a great job from a marketing standpoint to bring people into the stadium because there are a lot of things that keep fans out of the stadium now.”

Media legends pass

Sports fans in Kentucky lost two well-known, popular media members last week in Bobby Brockman of Campbellsville, 61, and Wes Strader, 79, of Bowling Green.

Brockman was sports editor for the Central Kentucky News Journal for over 30 years and knew more about Campbellsville University sports than anyone I knew. If you had a question about Campbellsville University, he would have the answer. Same with high school

player or former coach with a banner. He was also inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002 and the first time I actually met him was when he was broadcasting the boys state basketball tournament. He was cut from the same mold as legendary UK radio icon Cawood Ledford. Both were classy and the ultimate professionals.

It’s never easy to say goodbye to friends, but it helps knowing both these men did what they loved for so many years and all both ever wanted to do was bring recognition and share stories about athletes. Neither sought the spotlight but their work was so good and so passionate it was impossible not to notice, and I’m going to miss both of them a lot.

Quote of the Week

“He’s an attack dog, he gets in the lane at will and he’s also a matchup problem for bigger guys that can’t move their feet. He’s really special,” Shai Gilgeous-Alexander on teammate P.J. Washington.

Quote of the Week 2

“The first thing I said to Coach Minge when he was our volunteer assistant in 2006 was that once SEC play started he wouldn’t be as enthusiastic and positive. Well, this man has never changed. He’s still as charismatic, energetic and motivational as ever,” former UK baseball player John Shelby on coach Nick Mingione.

Quote of the Week 3

“The SEC feels like it has no true top, middle, or bottom. League is incredibly balanced. Conference’s most talented team – Texas A&M – is 0-5,” CBS Sports’ Jon Rothstein after SEC play on Jan. 13.

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

RECORD

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and soybean yields and production.

“Crop conditions looked relatively good all season, and looks can sometimes be deceiving, but in this case it wasn’t,” said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. “Yields for corn, soybeans and tobacco strongly rebounded from last year when weather conditions limited yield.”

The yield for corn, Crittenden County’s top crop, set a new record high of 178 bushels per acre.

That’s six bushels more than the previous record in 2015,” Knopf said. “Production was down from last year, based on fewer harvested acres, but ranks as the fifth largest corn crop grown in the state.”

Corn production in Kentucky is estimated at 217 million bushels, down 2 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 178 bushels per acre, up 19 bushels from the 2016 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.22 million acres, down 180,000 acres from 2016.

The average yield in the United States is estimated at 176.6 bushels per acre.

Meantime, the county’s No. 2 crop had an even better year.

“The soybean crop is the largest on record in Kentucky, outpacing the previous record by 16 percent,” Knopf said. “Soybean productivity has reached a new level given that four of the five highest yields have occurred in the last five years. The 2017 yield surpassed the previous record of 50 bushels per acre, achieved in both 2013 and 2016.”

Soybean production for Kentucky is estimated at 103 million bushels, up 16 percent from 2016. Yield was estimated at 53 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.94 million acres, up 160,000 acres from the previous year.

Nationwide, the average yield per acre is estimated at 49.1 bushels, down 2.9 bushels from last year. Area harvested is up eight percent from 2016 at 89.5 million acres.

“Tobacco yields returned to average levels following last year’s growing season, which was adversely affected by weather and disease,” Knopf said. “Production was higher for all three tobacco types.”

Alfalfa hay production by Kentucky farmers is estimated at 525,000 tons, down 3 percent the 2016 level. Other hay production is estimated at 4.80 million tons, down 5 percent from last year.

KSP Post 2 2017 fatality information

The following is an unofficial annual report for Kentucky State Police Post 2 in Madisonville, reflecting information from 2017. Post 2 serves Crittenden, Caldwell, Webster, Christian, Todd, Muhlenberg and Hopkins counties.

FATALITIES	TOTAL
Fatalities.....	36
Seatbelt.....	15
No seatbelt.....	15
Seatbelt unknown.....	2
Helmet.....	1
No helmet.....	1
Pedestrians.....	2
Bicyclists.....	0

- Two fatality crashes involved the suspected use of alcohol.

- There were three fatalities in Crittenden County.

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the December 14, 2017, I will on Friday, January 26, 2018 beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:
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Pursuant to Section 324, Title III of the 1986 Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, 42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq., the following information is provided in compliance with the Community Right-to-Know requirements of the SARA Law, and the open meetings and open records provisions of KRS 61.800, 61.805, 61.810, 61.823, 61.826, 61.835. Members of the public may contact the Crittenden County Emergency Planning Committee by writing Wayne Winters, Chairman of the Crittenden County Emergency Planning Committee, 107 South Main suite 208 Marion, Kentucky 42064, or contacted by telephone at 270-965-5251. The Crittenden County Emergency Planning Committee conducts meetings at 107 South Main Suite 208, Marion Kentucky or at other locations, in accordance with the Kentucky Open Meetings Law. Members of the public may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.820. Re-

cords of the Planning Committee, including the county emergency response plan, material safety data sheets, and inventory forms, or any follow-up emergency notices as may subsequently be issued, are open for inspection, and members of the public who wish to review these records may do so 8:00AM-4:30PM Central Time Mon-Fri), at 107 South Main Suite 208 Marion, Kentucky 42064 as required by the Kentucky Open Records Law. The local 24-hour telephone number for purposes of emergency notification, as required by SARA Law, is (270) 704-0457.(1t-28-c)

Notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2018 Pauletta Curry of 577 Needmore Rd., Clarks-ville, Tn. 37040 was appointed administratrix of Virginia Louise Hunter, deceased, whose address was 6560 US Hwy. 60, Marion, Ky. 42064.
All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administratrix before the 10th day of June, 2018 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.
All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.
Crittenden District Court
Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-28-c)

Notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2018 Donna Luncford of 302 North College St. was appointed executrix of Donald Hooten, deceased, whose address was 220 Elm St., Marion, Ky. 42064. Robert Frazer, attorney.
All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executrix on or before the 10th day of July, 2018 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.
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All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administrator before the 10th day of July, 2018 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2018, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") have filed an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission"), Frankfort, Kentucky, pursuant to KRS 278.020(1), 807 KAR 5:001 Sections 14 and 15, and 807 KAR 5:011 Section 6(2)(b) seeking an Order granting KU Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the full deployment of Advanced Metering Systems ("AMS") across its Kentucky service territory and approving its proposed AMS Opt-Out Special Charges. In its application, KU will notify the Commission that the changes to the Special Charges Standard Rate tariff sheets are proposed to become effective on and after February 9, 2018; however, because KU anticipates the Commission will suspend the proposed changes in the Special Charges tariffs to conduct an investigation of the proposed changes, KU will ask the Commission to approve the proposed changes to be effective on June 1, 2018.

KU will propose a cost-based opt-out charge structure for customers who desire to opt out of AMS. The proposed charges will be new and optional; customers who do not desire to opt out of AMS will not have to pay the charges. The proposed opt-out charge structure will consist of a \$72.71 opt-out set-up fee and a \$32.45 recurring monthly fee.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing text changes and proposed rates may be obtained by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 1-800-981-0600, or visiting Kentucky Utilities Company's website at www.lge-ku.com.

Notice is further given that a person may examine this application at the offices of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, and may also be examined at Kentucky Utilities Company's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by sending an email to the Commission's Public Information Officer at psc.info@ky.gov.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates to be proposed by Kentucky Utilities Company, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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Kenergy warns of high electricity usage, high bills

STAFF REPORT

Every year, Kenergy receives calls and emails from members with concerns about their electric bills. Many calls are during the winter months, and they come from members who feel their electric bills are incorrect because they are higher than usual.

“During the winter, heaters are running, we are all inside more, the TV is on, the lights are on, and the kids are inside. In other words, we all use more electricity during the winter; so, usage will typically be higher,” said David Hamilton, Vice President of Member Services.

Kenergy has 12 billing cycles, and because of their particular billing period, the Cycle 4 bills that were mailed out on Jan. 9 will be the highest residential bills of the season, to date.

“During that billing cycle’s time period heating degree days were 35 percent higher this year, which means the average daily temperature was around 10 degrees colder. For example, a sample of 10 electric-heated homes on that particular billing cycle averaged 63 percent higher usage in their kilowatt-hours (kWh) this year, compared to last year. In fact, they used an average of 2,657 kWh more this year,” said Hamilton.

When trying to determine what your usage is, a rule of thumb is that any appliance or equipment that generates heat from electricity are your largest users.

If you are concerned about your bill, there are things you can do to help mitigate your increased usage as the temperature drops. You can also sign up for Budget Billing, where monthly payments are the same amount each month, with an annual true-up in September.

Listed below are things to keep an eye on during the cold winter months.

- Electric-heated appliances. If you are heating with electricity during the winter season, it is likely the highest portion of your electric bill.

- Electric space heaters. These are very high users of electricity. A small heater can cost you \$100 or more per month if used continuously. Avoid using them when you can.
- Electric clothes dryers. You likely have more laundry in the winter because coats, pants, and heavier shirts take up more space in the dryer than the shorts and tank tops of summer. Of course, that heavy laundry needs to be dried, and the dryer is going to have to work longer to get the job done. Consider drying clothes indoors on garment racks or even hanging over your shower curtain rod.
- “Understanding your electric usage can help you lower it. You can monitor your usage on My Account at KenergyCorp.com or download the app on your smartphone,” said Hamilton.

Kenergy also has Kill-a-Watt meter plug-ins that members can borrow to test usage for any one appliance at a time. The device can be reset as you move it from appliance to appliance. You simply pay a \$50 deposit that is refunded when the device is returned.

Kenergy is a member-owned electric cooperative that supplies power to more than 57,000 meters in 14 counties in western Kentucky, including rural Crittenden County.



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Frosty fill-up

Marion Lane, 85, of southern Illinois fills up several cans with kerosene from Five Star Food Mart Monday morning as the winter’s second snowfall drifts down atop an accumulation of ice and snow that fell in the early morning hours last Friday. Lane, who lives on the other side of Cave In Rock, Ill., comes to Marion once a week to fill up on kerosene, his only source of heat. By making the trip, he said he saves about \$12 each time over other nearby places he can find the fuel. And a little snow doesn’t deter Lane from crossing the river. As an over-the-road truck driver, he said he crossed through the Sierra Nevada mountains on the border of California and Nevada where winter snowfall can reach more than 40 feet.

AG’s website enhances transparency

STAFF REPORT

Attorney General Andy Beshear’s new website enhances transparency for Kentuckians seeking information and services from the Office of the Attorney General.

The revised AG.ky.gov helps Kentuckians quickly interact with the office on critically important matters like preventing and prosecuting child abuse; protecting seniors from scams and abuse;

seeking justice for victims of sexual assault; and finding workable solutions to the state’s drug epidemic.

Beshear said the new site also offers visitors information on office contracts, instructions on how to submit open records requests electronically and enhanced search features.

“As the people’s lawyer, I take my responsibility as an advocate for the people of

Kentucky very seriously,” Beshear said Friday in a news release. “In making the information on our website more intuitive, we are reaffirming our commitment to government transparency and to helping to better protect the people of Kentucky.”

The site also helps fulfill the promise Beshear made last month to better assist the media and public in retrieving records from his office.

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plans accordingly.

On the positive side, teachers will see fewer students throughout the day, giving them the ability to spend more time with them individually. Due to the increase in allotted time, longer cooperative learning activities can be completed in a single session, and students will have less information to contend with each day.

Due to a decreased number of classes, there is a possibility of less homework for students, and teachers will be able to provide more instruction during class – something especially good for students falling behind or with different learning styles.

However, this will require a bit of adaptation for the teachers who will have to rethink their lesson plans. There is a chance of more interruptions and a loss of interest, which will be heavily reliant on educators keeping students en-

gaged in their lesson for longer periods of time. Another concern is the possibility of weather-related school cancellations like those in the last week as well as absenteeism. Solutions to such problems, though, are similar to that of traditional scheduling said the school’s top administrator.

“Class periods will be longer, and the advantages of it greatly outweigh the disadvantages we believe,” Brown said. “It’s still going to be a challenge for faculty to make it work.”

2017 Ky. highway fatalities down 9 percent from 2016

STAFF REPORT

For the first time in several years, 2017 saw a decrease in highway fatalities, according to preliminary figures released by the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety and Kentucky State Police last Thursday.

The number fell from 834 in 2016 to 770 in 2017, a drop of more than 9 percent, which is the lowest total since 2013, when 638 fatalities were recorded.

Highway Safety Executive Director Dr. Noelle Hunters commended Kentuckians for taking responsibility behind the wheel.

“We are encouraged by the reduction in fatalities and want the traveling public to know they’ve done a great job in helping our efforts to save lives,” she said.

But the lower figure is still too high for the safety director.

“Let me be clear: While this achievement is to be celebrated,” Hunters said, “we

2017 Ky. traffic fatalities

Traffic fatalities in Kentucky were down to a four-year low in 2017, according to preliminary figures from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety and Kentucky State Police. Below is a comparison of traffic fatalities for the last 10 years in Kentucky, the seven-county KSP Post 2 district that includes Crittenden County and locally.

YEAR	STATE	POST 2	COUNTY
2017*	770	36	3
2016	834	43	1
2015	761	40	3
2014	672	31	4
2013	638	30	2
2012	746	31	2
2011	720	35	3
2010	760	44	5
2009	791	38	1
2008	826	35	2

**Figures are preliminary. Official figures released in April.*

believe one fatality is too many and are committed to continue working with our local, state and federal highway safety partners until this number is zero.”

The figures will remain considered preliminary, until all highway crash data is collected. A final report is expected to be released in April.

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