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## Shopko closing date scheduled for Feb. 4

Shopko has set a date for closing the doors of its Marion store. The retail outlet will officially be out of business on Saturday, Feb. 4, according to

Michelle Hansen, public relations manager for the Wisconsin-based company.

In November, it was announced the store would be closing in early 2017 due, in large part, to poor sales, and the liquidation process began. Shopko opened in 2013, which was a rebranding of the previous store, Pamida, which first opened in 2001.

About two dozen workers were employed at Shopko at the time closure was announced. There are currently no plans for the empty building.

## Marion native dies from electrical shock

The Marion native critically injured during an accident earlier this month while working as a journeyman line technician for Jackson Purchase Energy Corp. has died.



Franklin

Josh Franklin, 29, succumbed to injuries sustained by an electrical shock on Jan. 6 in Cracker County. He was a 2006 graduate of Crittenden County High School and lived in Paducah with his wife Christa and their two young children. He is the son of Bro. Curtis and Deann Franklin, formerly of Marion. At press time, funeral arrangements were incomplete at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Paducah.

Two funds have been set up to help the family. Donations can be made at any Regions Bank location to the "Joshua Franklin Beneficiary Account" or online on the "Injured Lineman Josh Franklin" GoFundMe.com page.

## Public meetings

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse for its monthly meeting.

- **Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the district office on East Main Street in Salem.

- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will convene at 6 p.m. Tuesday for its regular monthly meeting.

- **Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the hospital administrative annex.



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# Inauguration Day

## CCMS pair earns trip to witness Friday's historic introduction of President Trump

STAFF REPORT

Two local middle schoolers will be among outstanding students from across the United States who will gather in the nation's capital for the Presidential Inauguration Leadership Summit this week.

Kenlee McDaniel and Kate Keller were nominated by Crittenden County teachers, and they were accepted into this unique program that will culminate with the students attending Friday's inauguration in Wash-

ington, D.C.

McDaniel said she has grown to become a supporter of President-Elect Donald Trump and is excited to be there for his swearing in and the other educational opportunities this program will provide. She is especially captured by Trump's dogged determination.

"He is not a life-long politician, and he doesn't owe anyone anything," McDaniel said. "It will be beneficial for a businessman to run our country, and it's a

chance for our country to have a fresh start from lifetime politicians."

This will be the eighth-graders' first real opportunity to experience the capital. McDaniel has never been there and Keller went as young child but says she remembers nothing about the trip.

"I am super excited," Keller said. "I am happy Trump won and excited to be able to go to the inauguration, although I am a little nervous going by myself with just Kenlee. But, I am prob-

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FILE PHOTO

Crittenden County Middle School students Kenlee McDaniel (left) and Kate Keller have earned a trip to Washington, D.C., to witness Friday's inauguration of President Donald Trump at the Capitol.

# CDC: Flu activity in Ky. rising

STAFF REPORT

The number of flu cases in Kentucky is on the rise, prompting state health officials to designate influenza activity in the commonwealth as "widespread," the highest level. The change from "regional" indicates increased flu-like activity or flu outbreaks in at least half of the regions in the state.



Hiter

"Across the state of Kentucky, there have been a total of 92 lab confirmed cases across (the) 12 regions, predominately in north central and eastern Kentucky," Charles Hiter, director of the five-county Pennyrile Area Health Department, said last week.

There has been only one laboratory confirmed case of the viral infection in the Pennyrile Area, and that was in Livingston County. Despite the low number of confirmed cases, those living Crittenden County and the other counties in the region are not out of the woods.

"The state and nation have seen an increase of lab confirmed cases over the last three weeks, so we would still encourage those individuals who are at a higher risk to still go ahead and get the flu vaccine," Hiter urges.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the pro-

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

# Hurts so good

Psychology suggests that we, as humans, hurt those we love the most. That was certainly on grand display Saturday night at Fohs Hall when the first-ever Newsmaker Tribute gave a dozen friends and colleagues from across almost 80 years of knowing Gordon Guess a chance to publicly roast the former banker and community icon while raising money for upkeep of the 90-year-old community center. Above, Kory Wheeler (left) needles Guess (right) for his tipping habits at The Coffee Shop as Brad Dossett stands by. Little was left off the table as speaker after speaker stepped to the mic to pick at Guess in good jest about nicknames, eating habits, manners, driving abilities, attire and his unique way of getting things done. "We're willing to do things way out of our comfort zone because we love you," said Dossett, who volunteered for six years as public address announcer at Marion Bobcats games, a sport which he knew little about at the time. Whether a business or personal acquaintance, each speaker ended their zingers with a poignant word of appreciation. Guess, seen taking it in good sport throughout the night rared back with a hearty laugh, had his own words of appreciation to share at the close of the event. "It's been a good trip I recommend for anybody," he said. "I love the place. I love the people." The side-splitting event raised \$1,000 for Fohs Hall.

# Woman credits granddaughter with book idea

STAFF REPORT

A grandmother's love is shown in many ways. And for Betty Brantley, it's now preserved in a story she has published with the help of her granddaughter Rhyann Beverly.

The idea for the book was Brantley's, but it wouldn't be possible without Rhyann's colorful imagination.

Published in December by CreateSpace, an arm of Amazon.com, "Rhyann's Rainbow" tells the story Rhyann first told her grandmother as part of a memory game.

Rhyann, now 6, has short-term memory issues and developmental delays due to a stroke she suffered during heart surgery when she was nine days old.

Her mother said doctors originally were unsure whether she would walk or talk and could not predict the types of developmental delays she may experience.

About that time, Brantley closed her daycare in Salem and began commuting to her



Beverly

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# Chamber hoping crime pays

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is tinkering with the idea of bringing a terrible crime to Marion. In fact, they're thinking it may become an annual event.

Chamber members met last week and discussed preliminary ideas about hosting a murder mystery weekend as a way to attract tourists and commerce to downtown. The event would be modeled after a similar production in Langley, Wash., a small island town on the Pacific Coast about the size of Marion that has attracted hundreds of visitors for the past 33 years. All of them come to solve the who-done-it produced by virtually the entire town.

Adam Ledford, Marion's new city administrator, has been to Langley and participated in the event. He says it's a great deal of fun, and it creates big revenue for the community. The newspaper in Langley gets involved, too, he said, producing a special edition with information and clues about the mock murder.

## Chamber revamps its website

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce has changed its online identity.

Under direction of the Chamber's board of directors, a new website has been established and new URL selected that more accurately reflects the Chamber's name, its mission and its activity in the community.

[CrittendenCountyChamberOfCommerce.com](http://CrittendenCountyChamberOfCommerce.com)

der. Businesses provide hints to help sleuths solve the crime and usually the police and other town officials get into the production through cameo appearances.

"Their participation can be to whatever extent they want," Ledford said.

Guests would be able to peruse town and interview live suspects, view the scene of the crime, read sensational newspaper stories, gather clues and try to identify the murderer.

Chamber leaders are going to look further into the idea and begin to work around any obstacles that might derail the proposal, such as the town's few overnight lodging options.

Chamber directors also discussed last week plans to consider some additions to the annual Christmas parade. Chamber leaders say they want to incorporate more activities with the night-time parade, perhaps caroling and ice skating.



# Marion busy mercantile town in 1900

Marion was a busy mercantile town in the early 1900s, now just something we can read about. Most all of the buildings mentioned in the article were destroyed in the 1905 fire that claimed all of Marion's main street businesses. The names of many of the businessmen have also disappeared from our community. It's nice to know that someone took the time to record some of these past times in our history so we can read about them today, 117 years later.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

### Forgotten Passages

#### 1900s Marion businesses

All sorts of merchandise and public services were available in the town of Marion around the early 1900s. Businesses with general merchandise were Pierce-Yandell-Gugenheim Co. and J.H. Clifton & Sons. Grocers were M. Schwab, Herman Koltinsky, M. Copher (grocery and restaurant), A.M. Hearin, J.M. McChesney, James Paris and Ed Haynes, McAfee and Hill and A.M. Gilbert. Robert F. Dorr was an Undertaker, C.E. Doss ran a saloon, Duvall and Hurley had a transport and coal business. Robert F. Haynes and John H. Orme were each in the drug business, M.E. Fohs, the father of Julius Fohs, was tailor. There were two butchers, John W. Givens and Thomas White. The two livery stables were run by Dudley Wallingford and Pierce & Son. There were around 80 horses in the two stables and a number of buggies and hacks. Drummers and other traveling men would rent the vehicles for as long as a week at a time, taking along a driver from the stable, as they made their rounds of the county. The two hardware establishments were owned by Thomas H. Cochran, Andrew J. Baker and Pierce & Son. "Uncle" Doc Gilbert was a harness maker; saddles were made on order, and horse colars, harness and bridles

were made regularly. The hotels were: Cook's Hotel, owned and operated by Henry M. Cook. (The Cook Hotel was located where Roy and Tim's Barber Shop now sits on Main Street.) Other hotels were, Gill House and Mrs. Clement's Hotel. Fred Robertson had a distillery. "Old White Hickory" brand whiskey was made there and was sold by the jug and at wholesale. A flour mill was also located in this same area, and this mill was run by Dewey and Orme. There

was a spring just beyond the present garage that furnished an abundance of water to run the still and the mill. (The Conrad's parking lot) Out on the east of Marion near the railroad tracks was The Marion Milling Company run by John R. Clark & David B. Kevil. The Marion Milling Company was one of the largest milling establishments in western Kentucky and these mills were among the best equipped in the state. There were two banks located in Marion on opposite sides of the street. John W. Blue was president of the Marion Bank; Thomas J. Yandell was Cashier. Wm. Fowler was President of Farmers Bank with E. J. Hayward, Cashier. James G. Gilbert had a first-class blacksmith shop, as did Sandy Adams. Come see them for anything in the machinery line or blacksmith work, they can suit you with what you need. A number of blacksmiths worked here for both Adams and Gilbert. The most prominent of these was Joe Hopson, who was strong enough to put his shoulder between the legs of an average horse and lift it off the ground. He was the father of Sig Hopson. There were two barber-shops in Marion, one operated by William Morgan and William Woolridge and the other by Samp Bigham. M. D. Boyd, colored, had a grocery store on the ground now occupied by the Woman's Club. Henry



George, colored, was also in the grocery business. John B. Grissom was in the produce business. The Crittenden Press was the only paper published in the county, its editor and publisher being Robert C. Walker. Joe Stewart and Mr. Kingston were the photographers, and there are many examples of their work in the county today. There were two tin shops, Sam Ramage and Marion Clark, both had shops and did splendid work. From their places of business you would hear the sounds of the squeak of shears cutting sheet metal, the tap of a hammer, and the muffled thump of a mallet as they made cups, kettles, other kitchen items as well as tools and smaller items for the farm. Henry and Henry, builders of monuments, is the only business that has continued in the same family, now in the third generation. Mrs. Nina Howerton was a milliner, in her shop you would find her busy in the process of designing, making and selling her finery, all in the latest fashions. Miss Nelle Walker, who had previously taken a business course in New York City, was working in the law office of Nunn, Cruce and Blue, the



IMAGE SHARED BY BARBARA WHEELER (ABOVE); SUBMITTED IMAGE (AT LEFT) **Moore & Paris Lumber Co. was located in the building now owned by Gilbert Funeral Home. This historic building was never destroyed by any of the fires that hit Marion in the 1900s. At left, Marion's well-known jeweler of the 1900s was Levi Cook. His place of business was located in the Orme Drug Store, where the old Marion Café was located. Cook is the gentleman standing in front of the store. The shop was destroyed by the 1905 fire.**

first woman to work in a public office in Crittenden County, and she had brought with her from New York the first typewriter to be used in Marion. The first typewriter was the kind with invisible type, to see an error you had to lift the carriage. Early in the century, Mrs. Ada Cavender came here from Rosiclare and went to work in McConnell & Son's Dry Goods Store. A prominent businessman, who was not very far-sighted, said that a woman working in that store would ruin their business. Bigham & Browning were in the hardware business, Levi Cook the jewelry business, and Bob Cook was laundry agent. John F. Floyd was the City Police. Dr. J.B. Morris, Dr. O.S. Young and Dr. Cossitt were the dentists. Moore and Paris Lumber Co., is owned by R.L. Moore and O.H. Paris, with James T. Hickman as district manager. Robert L. Moore the President is well-known in the vicinity and a great business man. Obadiah H. Paris, the secretary-treasurer and manager, has had 15 years experience in the business. (In 1904, J.N. Boston would purchase this company and it would be merged with the Boston Lumber and Planing Mill.)

John L. Nunn and Ollie Tucker ran the leading and only exclusive furniture store in Crittenden County, their inventory included parlor suites, bedroom suites, dining accessories, hall chairs, hat racks, sofas, Divans, tete-a-tetes, chiffoniers, and much more. They also were the funeral directors, located in the same building. Their ad read: We are prepared to bury your loved ones when such a misfortune befalls you and our charges are reasonable. Also have funeral car and fine hearse. Tobacco was one of the farmer's principle money crops and there were two large tobacco factories, one run by Mr. Dupuy and the other by Cardin Bros. During the tobacco season it was not uncommon to see 100 wagon-loads of tobacco around these factories and in the various streets waiting to get their turn at unloading. George M. Crider, Cam Wallace and Walter Clements were in the insurance business. C.C. Taylor was news agent, soda fountain jerk, and also sold and repaired bicycles. The Kentucky Fluorspar Company, operating the Memphis and Hodge mines was the largest shipper of fluorspar. The pure white

spar was very much in demand for the glass industry. Harry A. Haynes was secretary and treasurer of this business. Charles J. Haury, had an elegant bowling alley, located above the Cook Hotel. The alley was open for both ladies and gentleman. Of course, perfect order will prevail at all times. The alley can be engaged by the hour by a party of ladies and gentlemen and no others will be admitted. No minors will be allowed in the building. Saturdays and Mondays were the big days for the merchants, and County Court day, the second Monday in each month, was the day that everybody came to town and brought their horses and mules and most of their dogs. In those days horse-trading was a profession and County Court day brought all the horse jockeys in Crittenden and several adjoining counties. Whiskey flowed freely at that time and the jail was generally full of drunks before sundown. Marion has always been blessed with good, friendly and accommodating merchants and I think our businessmen have always been a credit to the town. (Editor's note: Brenda Underdown is a Crittenden County historian, genealogist,

# Sen. Ridley supports abortion bills, opposes labor legislation

As is customary during the first week of a 30-day session, the Kentucky General Assembly concentrated on performing organizational activities such as electing leadership and appointing committees. However, on Day 2 of the 2017 legislative session, we quickly turned to the business of holding hearings in committee and by Saturday, we had passed seven bills out of both chambers. Two of those bills relate to abortions. Senate Bill 5 prohibits a woman from having an abortion if she is 20-weeks or more into a pregnancy. House Bill 2 requires doctors to perform an ultrasound and give women a chance to see images and hear a fetal heartbeat before an abortion. The patient could opt out of the viewing by signing a form. Another bill that passed in the first week was a transparency bill. SB 3, which re-

ceived unanimous approval in the Senate, will expand the state's open records laws to include the retirement benefits of legislators. Under SB 3, the pension manager can – upon request – release the name and benefit amount for any current or former lawmaker. This includes the retirement benefits from the Kentucky Retirement Systems, the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, the Legislators' Retirement Plan and the Judicial Retirement Plan. Transparency is important in all aspects of government. I do not believe this legislation goes far enough. I did not support several other bills that passed both chambers because I do not believe these measures are what is best for our state. I am more inclined to think the rush to pass the Republican agenda during the organizational week was the Republi-

cans flexing their muscles to show that for the first time in 95 years they are in charge of both chambers and the governor's office. In fact, I was very displeased with several bills that passed out of the General Assembly and were signed into law Monday by Gov. Matt Bevin. I would like to have seen more debate on issues that will have a huge impact on the hard working men and women of Kentucky such as prevailing wage and collective bargaining. I proudly stood up for Kentucky's construction workers by opposing HB 3, the repeal of prevailing wage. This bill exempts all public construction projects from requiring contractors to pay workers a specified minimum wage rate. Data shows that wages and benefits for workers are driven down when you do away with prevailing wage, and I do not believe the government should be in the business of driving down wages. Prevailing wage simply promotes paying decent wages to workers on government contracts. Prevailing wage laws encourage a skilled workforce

that does quality work. I believe this measure is going in the wrong direction for our state. It is anti-worker, and it is a low-wage bill. I believe people should not only earn a minimum wage, but should earn a living wage. Repealing this law was a terrible mistake and will affect every man and woman in the commonwealth who relies on construction to make their living. I also advocated for Kentucky workers by voting against HB 1, which prohibits mandatory membership in or financial support to a labor organization as a condition of employment. HB1 allows some people to take advantage of collective bargaining without paying their fair share. Simply put, this measure is anti-labor and will weaken the wages of the working and middle classes. This legislation will make it more difficult for the workers to have a voice. Another bill that I opposed, SB 6, prevents employees from being enrolled in labor organizations or having money withheld from their earnings for union dues unless they give permission in

writing. I stand firmly behind Kentucky's businesses and hard working men and women and will continue to advocate on their behalf during my tenure in the Kentucky Senate. I also opposed SB 12 – the restructuring of the University of Louisville Board of Trustees. I recognize there are problems at UoL that must be addressed, but fear the damage this action will do to the university and its accreditation. All the bills that passed both chambers were signed by the Governor before close of business Jan. 9. The bills all had an emergency clause, meaning they went into effect immediately. Now that the Republicans have passed their agenda, it is time to really get to work on the big policy initiatives – education, job creation, health care, tax reform and pensions – that still remain. We need to work across party lines to formulate legislation that best serves all the people of Kentucky. I know that we will spend long hours in meetings and in other discussions when we return to Frankfort

in February as we try to reach solutions to some of the most complex problems facing our state. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and working with my colleagues to address issues that are important to all Kentuckians. Prior to the first week's bill passing, we elected Senate leaders. I was honored that my colleagues elected me in December to serve as Senate Caucus Chair for the next two years. I join the other two members of the leadership team, Sen. Ray S. Jones of Pikeville, who will continue to serve as Democratic Floor Leader, and Sen. Julian M. Carroll of Frankfort, continuing as Democratic Caucus Whip. I need you to play your role in our representative democracy. I welcome input as we consider legislation important to you. You can leave a message for any legislator by calling the toll-free message line at (800) 372-7181. Citizens with hearing impairments may leave messages for lawmakers at the TTY message line at (808) 896-0305. You may also e-mail me directly at dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

## PRESIDENT

Continued from Page 1 ably more excited than scared." During this five-day program, which takes place amid the excitement of the Inauguration of the President of the United States, Summit Scholars will gain a deeper understanding of the history behind the electoral process and the rich traditions surrounding the Presidential Inauguration. "The Presidential Inauguration Leadership Summit will provide students with an opportunity to take part in historic events that coincide with the Inauguration," said Andrew Potter, the Chief Academic Officer for Envision and the Presidential Inauguration Leadership Summit. "Something that is really wonderful

about so many young people gathering in Washington, D.C., for this event is that it will provide them a chance to become more familiar with and attuned to the president who will govern our country over the next four years. We certainly hope this will inspire the next generation of U.S. leaders." Summit Scholars will be inspired to become change agents while hearing from an unparalleled slate of speakers, including Malala Yousafzai, Gen. Colin Powell, Spike Lee, Abby Wambach, Carly Fiorina, Gov. Martin O'Malley, and more. They will also have a chance to put that inspiration into practice while participating in a Delegations for Change, a simulation where Summit Scholars will work together to create workable solutions to the chal-

lenges that their generation and the new administration will face. To further commemorate Inauguration Day, Summit Scholars will attend the exclusive Envision Inaugural Gala, held at a Smithsonian Institution museum. The two local students were able to select a particular line of interest which will guide their personalized program while in Washington. Keller chose medicine and McDaniel selected women in leadership. In addition to participating in inaugural events and festivities, students will have the opportunity to explore the numerous historic sites and memorials in our nation's capital, as well as participate in activities designed to expand their knowledge of democratic principles and the presidential election process.





# Man who allegedly fled to avoid trial gets new date

STAFF REPORT

Roy Tipton, 48, of Marion was ordered held on a cash bond and Circuit Judge Rene Williams set March 20 as a court date in his case.

Tipton was extradited from another state back to Marion after he'd allegedly been on the run for more than a year. A fugitive warrant had been issued for him in October, and he was picked by authorities in Arizona.

Tipton was unwavering during his court appearance last Thursday in his denial of trying to avoid prosecution from his arrest in January 2014 on marijuana cultivation charges. Tipton told the judge that he believed his case had been finalized in the months after his arrest.

Judge Williams and Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill reviewed videotape from Tipton's previous court appearance on Dec. 10, 2015 and could find no evidence

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in the video nor in Tipton's court file where the case has been adjudicated.

The court alleges that Tipton skipped town after his case was set for trial.

Judge Williams said Tipton was a flight risk and set cash bond at \$10,000.

Court records say that Tipton was arrested by Tfc. Darron Holliman for allegedly growing 134 pot plants in an indoor growing operation on East Depot Street in Marion. He also faces a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Michael Chester Knight, 55, of Marion pleaded guilty to fourth-offense DUI, a Class D felony. He will be formally sentenced in February. Knight was arrested Oct. 22 after crashing his vehicle in front of Food Giant on Sturgis Road.

Judge Williams has ruled

that Knight's DUI was his fourth within 10 years, making it a felony. Knight has appealed her ruling because he says the new 10-year look-back period established by the Kentucky legislature last year should not be retroactive to DUIs previous to the new law being enacted. The old law included a five-year look-back period.

Judge Williams said there are other similar cases on appeal throughout the state.

- Jayce Lynn Smith, 21, of Marion had her 2014 pre-trial diversion set aside because she failed to meet terms on the program. She had pleaded guilty more than two years ago to complicity to stealing a set of tires from a residence on U.S. 641. Since March 2016, Smith had not reported to her probation officer. Right before she quit reporting, Smith had failed a drug screen, testing positive for opiates and oxycontin. Smith told Judge Williams

that between the time she quit reporting and when she was arrested that she had given birth to a child that died in infancy. Public Defender Tina McFarland argued that Smith was emotionally traumatized by that event and that is partly to blame for her failing to meet the obligations of her diversion. The judge said Smith would be formally sentenced next month.

- William O. Switzer Jr., 35, of Marion pleaded guilty to third-degree burglary and was given a three-year sentence but it was diverted for a period of two years with supervision by a probation officer. Switzer originally faced additional charges of second-degree burglary, a Class C felony, and harassment a Class B misdemeanor.

The charges stem from an investigation initiated after a woman living on West Central Ave., reported to police that Switzer allegedly forced

his way into her home, smashed her cell phone and shoved her. He is also alleged to have entered her vehicle and taken the keys. The incident reportedly happened on Feb. 19, 2015.

If Switzer completes terms of the pre-trial diversion, the felony charge will be dropped.

- The court was ready to accept a plea from Nicolette R. Price, 22, of Marion on third-degree burglary charges, but a court-ordered drug test on the day of her court appearance showed positive for marijuana. Price, who is accused of stealing a can of gasoline from the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department, told Judge Williams that she had already enrolled in a one-month drug rehabilitation program which was to start the following day. Judge Williams said the court could not accept a plea from someone who tested positive for drugs,

therefore the case was continued.

- Judge Williams issued bench warrants for Christopher D. Stump, 27, of Marion and Timothy Adams, 31, of Princeton for failure to appear. Stump faces a charge of flagrant non-support and Adams faces felony drug charges.

Judge Williams set a jury trial date for Brandon Piper, 29, of Marion who is accused of burglarizing Henry and Henry Monument Co., on Sturgis Road in July. The trial is for March 20.

- In a Rocket Docket case, Jack L. Baker III, 32, of Marion was given pre-trial diversion on a felony flagrant non-support charge after he pleaded guilty. Baker was given a three-year sentence and his case was diverted for three years. If he completes terms of the diversion, including keeping child support payments current, the charges will be dropped.

## Two join chamber board

Two local individuals have been added to the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Natalie Parish of Parish and

Hooks Farms and P&H Cattle Co. was elected to the board, and Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford joins as an ex officio member.

## INFLUENZA

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portion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness, unconfirmed cases of the flu, was 3.4 percent last week. That is above the national baseline of 2.2 percent, according to Hiter.

"While the state has seen a distribution of flu across all ages, a large number are still in the senior population between 51 and 70 years of age," the health director said.

Besides those over the age of 50, others at particular risk for coming down with the flu are:

- Children age 6-59 months.
- Women who are or will be pregnant during the influenza season.
- Persons with extreme obesity.
- Persons 6 months and older with chronic health problems.
- Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
- Those working in health care facilities or as caregivers to those who may have the flu.

Adequate supplies of flu vaccine are available for this year's season. Vaccinations

can be given any time during the flu season.

Hiter said predicting the height of flu season is an inexact science because each year's season is different depending on the predominant type or strain of flu present. In recent years, however, confirmed cases have been reported from late September to well into March.

"We believe this year's flu season has the potential of lasting that late again," Hiter explained. "This is another reason we continue to encourage individuals who work with or live with those who are at a high risk of getting the flu and those at risk to contact your doctor or your local health department and talk with them about getting the vaccine."

## 5 indicted last week by local grand jury

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted five men and women last week on a variety of charges.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely determines whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecuting a felony case in circuit Court.

- Christopher T. Freeman, 47, was indicted on three felonies and a misdemeanor charge for his alleged burglary of an unoccupied home on Country Club Drive in November. Court records say that an investigation led by Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal accuses Freeman of breaking into a home owned by the Nina Winn estate through a window and taking a firearm and costume jewelry. He faces felony charges of first-degree burglary, a Class B felony; theft by unlawful taking, a Class D felony; and being a convicted felony in possession of a firearm, a Class D felony. A misde-

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meanor charge of third-degree criminal mischief was also filed.

- Shallyn N. Stoner, 35, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and second-degree possession of a controlled substance. Police and court records indicate that Assistant Police Chief Bobby West answered a complaint Aug. 5 on Gum Street where Stoner occupied a residence. There, he found Adderall, rolling papers, a spoon and pipe believed used for meth use and methamphetamine.

- Clayton C. Dickerson, 21, of Salem was indicted on a dozen charges, including two felonies, for allegedly leading police on a vehicle chase through town on Dec. 13 that ended with him exit-

ing his vehicle and fleeing on foot. Dickerson was identified by two other passengers in the vehicle and arrested a week later in Livingston County. Police and court records indicate that Assistant Police Chief West was investigating a complaint about a gunshot being fired from a van last seen traveling on Bridwell Loop. He witnessed the vehicle operating on North Weldon Street and initiated a pursuit after the van sped off. The police report says the van was traveling reckless and well beyond the speed limit, when it went through a stop sign, across a residential lawn and through a chain link fence. Dickerson jumped out of the vehicle and went over another fence, eluding police, the report says. He is charged with felony counts of first-degree fleeing or evading police and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth). Additional misdemeanor charges of reckless driving, disregard-

ing a stop sign, speeding 20 mph over the limit, operating on a suspended or revoked license, third-degree criminal mischief, second-degree criminal mischief, second-degree fleeing or evading police on foot, possession of marijuana, illegal possession of a legend drug (Viagra) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Ty Joseph Yaw, 28, of Burna was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth) and misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and illegal possession of a legend drug. Yaw was on Dec. 13 allegedly an occupant in the van driven by Clayton C. Dickerson (see above) which reportedly tried to elude police. Inside the van, several illegal items were found.

- Benjamin Williams, 42, of Paducah was indicted on a charge of felony flagrant non-support for allegedly being in arrears \$9,573.48 in child-support payments.

**Crittenden County Animal Clinic**



Thomas G. Shemwell,  
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# USDA: Transfer of land to next generation easier

STAFF REPORT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture now offers an early termination opportunity for certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts, making it easier to transfer property to subsequent generations of farmers, including family members. The land that is eligible for the early termination is among the least environmentally sensitive land enrolled in CRP.

This change to the CRP program is just one of many that USDA has implemented based on recommendations from the Land Tenure Advisory Subcommittee formed by Agriculture Secretary Tom

Vilsack in 2015. The subcommittee was asked to identify ways the department could use or modify its programs, regulations, and practices to address the challenges of beginning farmers and ranchers in their access to land, capital and technical assistance.

“The average age of principal farm operators is 58,” Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary Lanon Baccam said in an announcement last week. “So, land tenure, succession and estate planning, and access to land is an increasingly important issue for the future of agriculture and a priority for USDA. Access to land remains the biggest barrier for beginning farmers and

ranchers.

“The chance to give young farmers a better opportunity to succeed when starting a farming career makes perfect sense.”

Normally if a landowner terminates a CRP contract early, they are required to repay all previous payments plus interest. The new policy waives this repayment if the land is transferred to a beginning farmer or rancher through a sale or lease with an option to buy. With CRP enrollment close to the Congressionally-mandated cap of 24 million acres, the early termination will also allow USDA to enroll other land with higher conservation value

elsewhere.

According to the Tenure, Ownership and Transition of Agricultural Land survey, conducted by USDA in 2014, U.S. farmland owners expect to transfer 93 million acres to new ownership during 2015-19. This represents 10 percent of all farmland across the nation.

Details on the early termination opportunity will be available starting Monday at local USDA service centers. For more information about CRP and to find out if your acreage is eligible for early contract termination, contact the Salem Farm Service Agency office at (270) 988-2180.

# Ag, natural resources scholarships available

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County high school seniors and college students pursuing studies in agriculture and natural resource fields are encouraged to apply for scholarships from the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Auxiliary. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be offered for 2017.

High school seniors may apply for the George Crafton Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a student presently in high school, who is enrolled to attend college, and intends to major in the field of agriculture or conservation of natural resources.

The Conservation of Natural Resources Scholarship is awarded to any student currently enrolled in college and pursuing an undergraduate degree in agriculture or a related natural resources field.

The third scholarship is the Betty Barrick/Non-Traditional

Students Scholarship, for a student that is at least 25 years old and pursuing an undergraduate degree in agriculture or a related natural resources field.

Each application requires two letters of recommendation, most recent transcript and completion of a 200-300 word comprehensive essay.

Applications for all three scholarships are available at the Crittenden County Conservation District office located at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion or online at the Division of Conservation website, KACD Scholarships tab.

The local application deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. Completed forms and information must be submitted to the conservation district to be eligible. Scholarships will be presented at the annual KACD state convention in July. For more information call the Conservation District at (270) 969-3069.

# Kentucky beekeeping schools set for 2017

STAFF REPORT

Events aimed at educating beekeepers of all experience levels are scheduled through May 2017.

“Beekeeping has a proud heritage in Kentucky, but it also has a promising future for honey production and pollination,” Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. “Whether you are a veteran beekeeper or just getting started, I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to find out more about this fascinating and growing industry.”

The 2017 beekeeping school schedule for nearby lo-

cations is as follows:

- Ohio County Basic Beekeepers Workshop, Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ohio County Cooperative Extension Service office, Hartford.
- Audubon Beekeepers Bee School, March 4, Henderson County Cooperative Extension Expo Center, Henderson.
- Field workshop, April 12-15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Kent Williams Apiary, Wingo.

For more information on the beekeeping schools and other opportunities, go to [kyagr.com/statevet/honeybees.html](http://kyagr.com/statevet/honeybees.html).

# Local Kentucky food sales rake in \$65 million

STAFF REPORT

Local food sales in Kentucky in 2015 totaled \$65.4 million, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Last month, NASS released its results for the first-ever nationwide Local Food Marketing Practices Survey today. The survey was designed to collect data related to the marketing of foods directly from farms and produce official benchmark data on the local food sector in the United States. The statewide total from 2015 came from 3,227 Kentucky farms that reported direct farm sales of food, including value-added

products.

“Kentucky has made tremendous progress in recent years to develop a dynamic local food system through Kentucky Proud and other initiatives,” Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. “This report shows how far we have come, but it also shows that we have plenty of room to grow. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture's marketing office will continue to seek new markets for Kentucky farm products in Kentucky, across the nation, and around the world.”

For a full breakdown of all the report's data, visit <https://goo.gl/t6yhkl>

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Providence woman arrested for meth

A Providence woman was jailed for possession of methamphetamine after a traffic stop lead to her arrest by Kentucky State Police last week.

On Jan. 11 around 10 p.m., Trooper Cody Kromer conducted a traffic stop on the 2000 block of Fishtrap-Derby Mine Road for a traffic violation. The driver of the vehicle, Robert D. Farthing, 56, of Clay was reportedly operating the vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance and was arrested. Kattie M. Harmon, 44, of Providence was a passenger in the vehicle and was also allegedly under the influence of controlled substances.

A search of her person reportedly revealed a plastic container that had suspected crystal methamphetamine inside of it. Harmon was arrested and charged with public intoxication; first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Farthing was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle with one headlight, op-

erating on a suspended operator's license, second offense operating a motor vehicle under the influence (aggravating circumstances) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both Farthing and Harmon were transported and lodged in the Webster County Jail.

### Crittenden Schools' refund much lighter

A refund from a defunct insurance trust will be much lighter than Crittenden County School District first expected.

Late last year, Franklin Circuit Court approved a judgement to return funds from the Kentucky School Board Insurance Trust (KSBIT) to nearly 200 Kentucky schools, colleges and education groups. That includes Crittenden County Schools, which was expecting back half of the \$69,000 it was billed a couple of years ago to make up for KSBIT's \$50 million shortfall.

However, last week Superintendent Vince Clark said the amount will be significantly less, only \$1,400.

“Boy, was I disappointed,” he said.

The school district will be getting a prorated refund from only \$1 million as opposed to the \$50 million total to cover the shortfall. However, school districts have also been released from paying back a separate \$8 million KISBIT assessment.

### Farmers can get FSA text messages

Crittenden/Livingston County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Nina Hunt says farmers and ranchers in Kentucky now can receive notifications from their county office through text messages on their cell phone.

Whether producers are in the field, on a tractor or even on horseback, this service enables FSA customers and stakeholders to receive notifications while on the go. Producers will receive text messages regarding important program deadlines, reporting requirements, outreach events and updates.

Producers can text KY Crittenden or KYLivingston to FSANOW (372-669) to subscribe to text message alerts from Crittenden and

Livingston counties. Standard text messaging rates apply. Contact your wireless carrier for details associated with your particular data plan. Participants may unsubscribe at any time.

Contact the Salem FSA office at (270) 988-2180 with questions regarding FSA's email news service or the new text message option.

### 2016 record year for state soybeans

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the Crop Production 2016 Summary last week, highlighting another record breaking year for soybeans.

“This past crop year had its highs and lows, successes and disappointments,” said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. “Soybean production was the highlight, setting both a record production and yield, while corn and tobacco failed to reach expectations.”

Soybean production for Kentucky is estimated at 89 million bushels, up slightly from 2015. Yield was estimated at 50 bushels per acre, up a bushel from a year ago. U.S. soybean production is forecast at 4.31 billion bushels, up 10 percent from last year.

Meantime, corn production in Kentucky is estimated at 223 million bushels, down 1 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 159 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from the 2015 level. U.S. corn production is estimated at 15.1 billion bushels, up 11 percent from the revised 2015 estimate.

“The corn crop started strong,” Knopf noted, “but faded down the stretch. It had the potential to be a record crop, but pollination and grain fill issues left growers disappointed.”

## Crittenden not among top producing counties

STAFF REPORT

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the first of its county estimates last month from the 2016 production year.

Christian County is the leading wheat producing county in Kentucky for 2016, with production totaling 5.5 million bushels harvested from 67,000 acres. The state's top five producing counties account for 52 percent of Kentucky's wheat production. The other top counties were Logan, Todd, Simpson and Graves, respectively.

Warren County had the highest yield at 90.1 bushels

per acre, setting a new statewide record. The previous record was set in 2013 by Union County with 85.7 bushels per acre.

“It was one of those years farmers hope for, but seldom get,” said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. “Anything that could go wrong, largely didn't.”

Kentucky farmers harvested 32 million bushels of winter wheat during the summer of 2016, down slightly from 2015. Yield is a record high 80 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels from 2015. Kentucky ranks 15th in U.S.

wheat production.

Corn and soybeans rankings from 2016 will be released Feb. 23, with hay to follow on April 13.

Meantime, some of Kentucky's leading agricultural counties in the 2015 production year are right next door.

According to NASS, Christian County was the top corn- and winter wheat-producing county, while Henderson County grew the most soybeans. Union County was second in corn production, sixth in soybeans. Webster County ranked ninth in corn.

Crittenden County did not rank in the top 10 for any major agricultural product.

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# Area Deaths

## Walton-Martin Brown

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

She was a member of Unity General Baptist Church.

Surviving are daughters, Belinda Kay Scott (Tommy) of Jonesboro, Ark., and Beth Ann Belt (Bobby) of Marion; son, Jeff Lester of Marion; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Vilas Walton and Roger Martin; granddaughter, Brittany Deshae Lester Hinchee; brother, Jack Dunning; sisters, Betty Davis and Donna Wilbanks Davis; and parents, Ralph and Mamie Guill Dunning.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 14 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem with Chaplain Brent Easton officiating. Burial was at Cedar Grove Cemetery.



Vernetta Myers Tabor Brown, 92, of Fredonia died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a Christian and fellowshiped with Fredonia First Baptist Church and Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was also a member of Rosie the Riveter and worked at Serville in Evansville, Ind., as a riveter during World War II.

Survivors include two daughters, Gail (Jerry) Brown of Fredonia and Kaye (Doug) Phelps of Fredonia; six grandchildren, Shane Perkins, Justin (Hope) Perkins, Amy (Chad) Driskill, JaLynn (John Paul) Rowland, Ashley (Matt) Cavanah, Derek (Emmili) Perkins; 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse H. and Pearl Allen Myers, four sisters, Mary Lou Gerrard, Dorothy June Myers, Janie Barnett and Martha Belt; five brothers, Kenneth Myers, Edwin Greer, Randall Myers, Cotton Myers and Gilbert Myers; and a great grandson, Laikin Kale Rowland.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Caleb Perkins officiating. Burial was at Mexico Church Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Memorials may be made to The Laikin Kale Rowland Evangelist Fund, c/o Fredonia First Baptist Church, PO Box 123, Fredonia KY 42411 or the charity of your choice.

## Hunt

Mary Helen Hunt, 98, of Princeton, formerly of Marion, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017 at Princeton Health and Rehab. She was a member of Marion General Baptist Church.

Survivors include her sisters, Juanita Hillyard of Fredonia and Lucille Kamensky of Detroit, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eston "Buck" Hunt; son, Marvin E. Hunt; parents, James Albert and Cora Shinall; brothers, Jesse and Luther "Toot" Shinall; and sisters, Rantha Newman, Flossie Dyer and Ethel Hunt.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

## Gott

Shirley K. Gott, 63, of High Ridge, Mo., died Monday, Jan. 16, 2017 at Des Peres Hospital in St. Louis.

Surviving are her husband of 43 years, David Gott of High Ridge; a son, Vince Gott of Woodson, Mo.; mother, Betty Knight of Salem; five sisters, Beverly Hackney, Linda Barron, Diann Martin, and Gail Knight, all of Marion; and Cindy Travis of Salem; two brothers, Jackie Knight of Eddyville and Timmy Knight of Gilbertsville.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roy Knight.

Services are 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial will follow at Hebron Cemetery.

Friends may call from 10 a.m., until the funeral hour Saturday at the funeral home.

## Martin

Kenneth Wayne Martin, 74, of Clay died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 at his home.

He was of the Baptist faith and a retired coal miner.

Survivors include his wife of 17 years, Gladila Martin of Clay; sons, Steven and John Martin both of Clay; daughters, Dianne (Don) Lundy of Marion, Peggy (Gary) Cooper of Marion, Glenda (Marion) Jones of Blackford, Tracey Gamblin of Owensboro, Karen (Tony) Johnson of Beulah, and Amy Beth Martin of Madisonville; a brother, Donald Ray Martin of Marion; a sister, Linda Flavell of Henderson; 13 grandchildren, a great-grandchild; six nieces and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernis and Myrtle Martin.

Services are were Sunday, Jan. 15 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Blackford Cemetery.



## 'You can bet, when it rains we have a wreck out there' – Sheriff Agent Rosebud crash among holiday accidents

STAFF REPORT

Local fire and rescue personnel were busy over the holiday with a couple of wrecks and a barn fire.

Kentucky State Police investigated a single vehicle accident that occurred on U.S. 60 East near Ky. 365 Monday just before 3 p.m.

A preliminary investigation revealed that Kylie Collins, 16, of Marion was operating a 2011 Toyota Corolla, traveling westbound when she lost control of the vehicle. Rescue workers ex-

tricated Collins and she was taken to Crittenden Hospital by ambulance.

She was wearing a seat belt.

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent investigated an accident about the same time on U.S. 60 at Rosebud. The male driver was not seriously injured.

"You can bet, when it rains we have a wreck out there," the sheriff said. "It's slick. Slick as ice."

The sheriff said motorists are usually not even speed-

ing, but the road becomes so slippery there, crashes are inevitable.

"Knock on wood, since the state put that no-skid surface on the other curve at Rosebud, I haven't worked an accident there," the sheriff added.

Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department responded to a barn fire on Pleasant Grove Road Monday evening. The barn was a total loss. It was located on property owned by the Larry Orr estate.

## Retirement age could go up with longer lives

Those who think they will retire at the age of 65 may need to think again, says the Association of Mature American Citizens.

The world is growing older and more and more people are remaining in the workforce past the traditional retirement age thanks to the marvels of modern medicine. Some experts are even suggesting

that the retirement age should be raised to 75.

Government statistics show that in the year 1900, little more than four percent of the U.S. population lived past 65 – just three million of the 62.5 million Americans who were around then. By the year 2050, nearly one quarter of the country – 90 million people – will be 65 and older.

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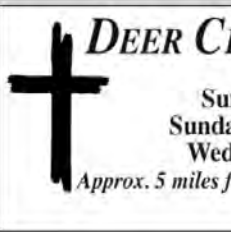
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## Calendar

– **Friends of the Library** will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday (today)in the Crittenden County Public Library meeting room.

– **Trivia Night** returns to the Crittenden County Public Library at 7 p.m., Friday. Teams of five or fewer people will compete. If you do not have a team, you will be placed on one at the start of the event.

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

– **Crittenden County Middle School SBDM** will meet at 3:15 p.m., Monday in the principal's office.

## Extension events

– **4-H Cloverbuds** will meet right after school at CCES until 4:30 p.m., Thursday (today). All children ages 5-8 are welcome to join.

– **Winter Care of Backyard Birds** with Extension Specialist Matt Springer will be held at 4 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Extension annex. Please RSVP by calling (270) 965-5236.

– **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m., Friday at the Extension Office. Anyone is welcome to attend and learn more about diabetes, diabetes self-care and how to help your loved ones who are afflicted with this disease. Kelly Dawes from the Trigg County Health Department will be presenting to the group this month.

– **4-H Pinterest Club** will meet at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 28 at the Extension Annex. All children ages 9-18 are welcome to join this fun, hands on club.

## Phillips named to Brescia Dean's List

Brenden Phillips, a junior history major from Marion, was named to the Fall 2016 Dean's List at Brescia University in Owensboro. Students recognized on the Dean's List must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and maintain a 3.5 GPA.

## Senior Menu

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

Thursday (today): Menu is Hashbrown with ham casserole, lima beans, whole wheat roll and ambrosia.

Friday: Menu is Chicken and dumplings, buttered broccoli, seasoned corn, Jell-O fruit salad and cornbread. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Monday: Menu is Baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and pear crisp. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday: Menu is Beef lasagna, buttered broccoli, whole wheat garlic breadstick and Jell-O fruit salad.

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Menu is BBQ chicken, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, green bean casserole, wheat bun and baked apples and raisins. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

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# Porter earns Post 217's January honor

Larry Don Porter was recognized by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217 of Burna as Veteran of the Month during a Jan. 13 meeting at the post in Burna. Porter was chosen because of his many contributions to the auxiliary, post, his community and his country.

Porter was born Sept. 19, 1948 in Marion to the late Jess and Melva Porter.

He spent much of his childhood in the Carrsville and Salem area of Livingston County. His dad was in the U.S. Army, so he also spent time in Georgia and North Carolina. He attended Livingston Central High School and graduated high school while living in North Carolina.

Porter had two sisters and one brother.

Porter joined the U.S. Army in December of 1968 and was sent directly to Fort Campbell for basic training. He had been working in Peoria for Caterpillar Company for approximately one year at the time he joined the Army. After basic training, he went to Fort Leonard Wood for AIT and was assigned to the 517 Combat Engineers before being sent to build airstrips in Vietnam. One of the projects assigned during his time in Vietnam was to build an airstrip near the Cambodia border, because our military was preparing to enter Cambodia and needed an airstrip. This was very dangerous territory to be in, as there was constant fighting day and night. When it was mentioned how many never returned alive, Porter quoted the number by memory.

Between his two tours of duty, he only had 30 days in the States before returning to Vietnam. Porter served two tours in Vietnam from 1969-1971. Upon returning to North Carolina, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne. He left the military in 1971 as SP5.

He returned to Salem where he met his wife, Sammie in 1972. They were married June 30, 1973 and have two children, Chad and Cory, and two grandchildren. Chad resides in Reidland and Cory in Salem.

After retiring from the military, Porter worked in the coal mines and hauled coal for Smith Coal before he started his own business as Porter & Sons.

Porter joined American Legion Post 217 in 2016 and has since been a tireless worker.

"He works with the Post in its monthly breakfast fundraisers, helped with the first fish fry of the Post and even arranged entertainment for the evening. He also arranged to have soil donated and delivered to level the land in the Memorial Garden," said auxiliary member Faye Gibson. "While at the Post's monthly breakfast, a phone call was received from the Salem Hospital stating that someone had been released and had no one to take him home. The caller said the patient was a veteran and



Porter



Above, Larry Porter is pictured during graduation of basic training at Ft. Campbell in 1968. Below, he receives recognition as Veteran of the Month for Post 217 in Burna from Faye Gibson.

maybe there would be someone there who could help. Without hesitation, Porter – who was working the door taking the money for the breakfast – said he would do it. He picked up the gentleman at the hospital and drove him to Marion. A veteran helping another veteran is a good example of the man he is."

Gibson said Unit 217 is very pleased to acknowledge Porter as January's Veteran of the Month.

"His service to the Auxiliary, Post, community and country are very much appreciated," Gibson said. "Larry shines as an example of what a good citizen and friend should be."



# Overdue library materials accepted without penalty

What is amnesty? You've heard of "Amnesty International," and on cop shows anybody who has "amnesty" doesn't have to pay their debt to society. So what is amnesty at the library, of all places? Isn't everything free, anyway?

Why yes, everything you can check out of the library is free – unless you keep the items beyond the due date [printed on that little slip of paper we give you every time you check out]. Then, there is a cost involved.

It's called an overdue fine. For books (which have a two-week checkout and can be renewed twice for a total of six weeks), that amounts to a whopping \$0.05 (that's a nickel) a day a book is late. For a DVD (which has a one-week checkout and can be renewed twice), it's \$1 a day for day it's late. So people actually allow themselves to

have overdue fines?

Unfortunately, yes.

We ran a list of overdue books and materials that are still out, that had due dates from 2005-2011. Would you believe there are 105 Easy books and 105 Adult Fiction books, and several others in other categories, on that list? That is approximately \$5,000 worth of books that are not available for you to check out.

But here's the good news – we are providing library fine amnesty until Feb. 1. There are still three weeks where any overdue material may be turned in without having to pay any



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fines. If it's a book, put it in the drop-box if you're embarrassed. If it's a DVD, slip it onto the desk when no one is looking.

But you know what? We're not angry. There is not a Library Police. I distinctly remember having young children and finding a stack of library books that were several months late. The library was nice enough to give me an estimate – and still loved me. Our library staff will give you the same consideration. We just want the items back so that others can enjoy them. After all, taxpayers paid for these items – they have a right to get to use them.

# Education trust contest offers \$1K savings account, school rewards

Kentucky's 529 college savings plan kicked off the annual Dream Out Loud Challenge this week, inviting families of students in grades Pre-K through 6 to participate for a chance to win a \$1,000 college savings plan account and \$500 for their school. Students may enter Dream Out Loud by submitting an original drawing, poem, essay or video answering the question: "How will I change the world after I go to college?" Parents can learn more by visiting [www.kysaves.com/DreamOutLoud](http://www.kysaves.com/DreamOutLoud).

The Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust (KESPT) is Kentucky's official 529 college savings plan. KESPT sponsors Dream Out Loud to encourage Kentucky families to start planning for higher education with their children.

"Over the years, thousands of Kentucky children have participated in the Dream Out Loud Challenge and shared their dreams for the future" said KESPT Manager David

Lawhorn. "Dream Out Loud encourages families to talk about college while their children are at a young age, which is an important time to start saving for higher education expenses."

Dream Out Loud runs from Jan. 16 through March 20. Entries must be postmarked by March 20 and received by March 24. The contest has two categories: drawing or video and essay or poem. One winner will be chosen from each category in grades Pre-K and K, grades 1 and 2, grades 3 and 4 and grades 5 and 6. The winning students will receive a \$1,000 KESPT college savings account, and their schools will win \$500.

KESPT has awarded more than \$94,000 in Dream Out Loud prizes to winners and their schools over the past seven years. The plan is administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing Inc. KESPT helps parents, grandparents and others invest in a child's fu-

ture college education. A KESPT account can be started with as little as \$25 and can be used at any qualified institution in the nation. For more information about KESPT, tax advantages and the eGifting feature, visit or call toll-free 1-877-598-7878.

Visit [www.kysaves.com/DreamOutLoud](http://www.kysaves.com/DreamOutLoud) to learn more about the Dream Out Loud challenge, including official rules, a communications toolkit and a complete description of entry requirements. No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited.

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Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate the 100th birthday of my dad, Kenneth Drennan. Also, thanks for all of the cards and calls. Winona, Shelly and LeAnn, I appreciate your help so much.

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# Gamecocks, firecrackers visit Rupp Saturday

Kentucky figures to have an entertaining game with South Carolina Saturday in Rupp Arena. However, odds are the halftime show will be even more entertaining.

That's when the Firecrackers, a jump rope performance team made up of fourth through eighth-graders from Kings Local School District in Ohio, will put on their annual show for Kentucky fans. Coach Lynn Kelley founded the team and now has open tryouts — and two-hour practices five or six days per week — for the girls who perform at major college and NBA games as well as other special events across the country.

But year after year, the girls insist that Rupp Arena is one of their favorite venues to perform.

"I enjoy performing at Rupp Arena because of the setting and how large it is, is very cool. Other arenas don't treat us the same as you guys do," said eighth-grader Morgan Hubbard, a fourth year Firecracker. "I love how we get to ride on the UK bus. I really appreciate how everyone treats us and it is and honor to perform for UK. The UK fans are a great crowd and they always motivate me to perform a great show for them."

Kentucky always sends a bus to Ohio to pick up the jump rope team — something other places do not do. Kentucky also gives each girl a swag bag with gifts.

"The UK fans know us so well that they cheer so much for us and their reactions always make you smile for the rest of the show once you see them," sixth-grader Sophie Miller, a third year Firecracker, said.

Eighth-grader Grace Peters ranks the UK fans as an 11 on a scale of 1 to 10.

"Performing for UK is by far my favorite. The crowd is amazing. They get so into the show, making it so much fun," Peters said.

Saturday's show could be even more entertaining based on what eighth-grader Sydney Baker shared.

"I always look forward to going to Rupp Arena because the crowd is always super excited to see us come and the crowd goes crazy when we perform. This year our show is even more challenging, so I can't wait to see how they react," Baker said.

It might be as much fun to see how first-year Firecrackers enjoy their time performing in front of 23,000 fans.

Third-grader Corina Macy isn't even sure what Rupp Arena is.

"I know my mom used to work at UK and she is a fan. I like to perform at the games. This will be my first time at UK," Macy said.

Fourth-grader Eva Moore hopes Rupp Arena is "big and loud" Saturday.

I wondered if the Fire-

crackers would like to get UK coach John Calipari's autograph. The overwhelming response was yes.

However, I thought you might enjoy what Macy and Moore thought.

"Yeah! Who's that?" Moore said.

"Yes, I would! But I don't know who he is," Macy said.

Oh well. It doesn't matter because Kentucky fans in Rupp Arena will all know who the Firecrackers are and by the time the game is over, the girls will all know Calipari as well.

## Lynn Bowden

It's not hard for Warren G. Harding High School coach Steve Arnold to explain just how good recent Kentucky football commit Lynn Bowden is.

"He's been with me two years and he's the best I have seen," said Arnold.

This from a coach who had Mario Manningham, who went on to play for Michigan and in the NFL won a Super Bowl with the New York Giants, as well as former Ohio State star Maurice Clarett.

Bowden could play a lot of positions because of his size, speed, athleticism and toughness. He played quarterback for Arnold and last season ran for 2,277 yards and threw for 1,366 yards while accounting for 57 touchdowns. The 6-1, 185-pound Bowden had one playoff game where he ran for 370 yards and six scores on 24 carries and threw for 106 yards and another touchdown.

"When he has the ball in his hands, he can beat you with his feet or arm," Arnold said. "I think he's probably a slot receiver in college, but you can put him in a package as wildcat quarterback. From the slot, he could run sweeps or bubble screens. He has huge hands. He has deceptive power and speed.

"His biggest attribute is he is a kid who hates to lose. He's been gifted with great ability but couple that with his spirit and the thing that goes unnoticed, and you couldn't know until you coached him, is that his football IQ is off the chart. Put all those components together and you have something really special."

## Makayla Epps

From the time she stepped on the court at Kentucky, Makayla Epps knew there would be comparisons to her father, former UK point guard Anthony Epps.

She didn't mind because her father has had a huge influence on her game. However, she also thinks of him in a bit different manner.

"Me and him are a lot the same. My mom says I am like his twin. It's crazy because he's male and I am female. We are 20 years apart but we are so similar with actions, emotions," the Kentucky senior said.

"It is father-daughter when we talk but (teammate) Evelyn Akhator thought that he was my big brother. She never really knew. We just have a relationship where we can go a long while without talking but the love is still there. He texts me after big games, and if we lose like after Louisville he sent me a text that really uplifted me. It's just small things he does as a dad. We are so similar it is kind of scary."

Her father has had to make himself stay quiet during games — or at least most of the time. He catches himself wanting to coach her, but knows that is not his place or job.

"There have been times where he has been in Memorial (Coliseum) and like the ball went out of bounds or we are going to a timeout. I will look up and the camera will be on me and then on him. I am like, 'I wonder what they are saying on TV?'" she said.

"He always has this face where he is staring. No idea what he is thinking. My dad is not a quiet person. He was a player and is a coach and dad. His coaching instincts are going to want to take over but I think he has done a real good job of restraining himself."

## Vitale: Calipari big time

ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale says Kentucky coach John Calipari has "gotten big" now that he's got his own podcast with guests such as Louisville coach Rick Pitino, Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh and former NBA star Charles Barkley.

"He better ask me to do one now, too," Vitale said. "But I think it is great Rick and John did one together. People can talk all they want,



Above, University of Kentucky women's basketball star Makayla Epps (25) says she is so much like her father, former UK point guard Anthony Epps, that sometimes it is "scary." Inset, high school juniors Jaylen Hoard (left) and Aaron Wiggins are both coached by former Maryland star Keith Gatlin and both players have drawn attention from Kentucky.

was coaching Detroit. The Titans won 26 games that year, including 21 in a row. They beat eventual national champion Marquette during the year and had three future NBA players that Vitale recruited. After that win, Vitale danced at midcourt as he told his team he would.

Detroit beat Middle Tennessee in the NCAA first round to reach the Sweet Sixteen in Rupp Arena against No. 1 Michigan. I remember

game." It was. Michigan won 86-81 but Vitale earned a lot of respect that game and I never forgot the passionate, intense coach who turned up on ESPN a few years later — and is still there.

"Until my dying day, I will believe we cost Michigan that national championship because we played them in such an emotional game and they didn't have anything left for UNC-Charlotte in the regional final," Vitale said.

## Aaron Wiggins

Just having Kentucky assistant coach Joel Justus come to watch him play made a big impression on 6-6 Aaron Wiggins of High Point (N.C.) Wesleyan Christian.

"They came to Wesleyan and said they really liked me and I was able to score really well and do a lot of things well. I am excited they saw me play and said I was a good player and at least could see a little bit in me. That's big," Wiggins, who played in the McCracken County Mustang Madness, said. "Kentucky is a great program and it is an honor just to be seen by them. They are such a big deal."

Former Maryland star Keith Gatlin is Wiggins' coach. He's seen schools such as Arizona, California, Maryland and Providence all offer scholarships recently and expects many more offers to come.

"Aaron is the real deal," said Gatlin. "He's 6-foot-6, he's long and he can handle it. He can shoot it really well, too. He feels like he belongs now and he's taking advantage of it."

Wiggins missed his first seven games this season with an ankle injury, but has now

hit his stride. He showed off his shooting range at McCracken County.

"I have been putting in a lot of work. I transferred this year to Wesleyan and after playing AAU with Team Charlotte, a lot of colleges saw me play," Wiggins said. "Once I came to Wesleyan over the summer, I have been putting in work early in morning and evening. It has shown and I am seeing the rewards with colleges coming in. I just have to keep putting in the same work."

## SEC record pursuit

Malik Monk is trying to become the first freshman to lead the Southeastern Conference in scoring since Chris Jackson did it for LSU in 1989 when he averaged 30.2 points per game. Only two other freshmen have ever led the league in scoring.

You may remember Bernard King of Tennessee, who averaged 26.4 points per game in 1975 to lead the SEC. But I am doubting many of you would have a clue on the other player — Jim Nolan. He averaged 14.6 points per game in 1946 for Georgia Tech.

## Quote of the week

Kentucky sophomore Isaiah Briscoe was recently asked if he ever loses sight of the rim when he drives inside against bigger players. His answer was a classic.

"No, I know where the rim is. It's been in the same spot for 20 years," Briscoe said.

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

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Crittenden County coach Denis Hodge and the rest of the bench react to a late basket by Bobby Stephens to help Crittenden County seal a victory over Trigg County Friday at Rocket Arena.

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BASKETBALL

**Upcoming Games**  
**THURSDAY**  
Boys at Lyon County (tentative)  
Lady Rockets at All A Classic  
**SATURDAY**  
Girls All A final at UHA, 4pm  
Boys All A final at Princeton, 7:30pm  
**TUESDAY**  
Rockets at Union County  
Lady Rockets host Union County

**BluegrassPreps Rankings**  
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3. Ballard
4. Fern Creek
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10. Lexington Catholic
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12. Doss
13. Lexington Christian
14. Hopkinsville
15. Campbell County
16. South Laurel
17. Corbin
18. Apollo
19. Pulaski County
20. Dixie Heights

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

1. Butler
2. Male
3. Mercer County
4. Sacred Heart
5. Simon Kenton
6. Manual
7. Murray
8. Bullitt East
9. Franklin County
10. Henderson County
11. Elizabethtown
12. Holmes
13. GRC
14. Highlands
15. Mason County
16. Monroe County
17. Mercy
18. Scott
19. Ryle
20. East Carter

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

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

**Deer harvest down a bit**  
Deer and wild turkey seasons ended Monday and Crittenden County finished the fall seasons with 3,080 harvested whitetails and only 11 checked turkeys. Livingston County had 12 turkeys checked through the fall and 1,759 deer. The Crittenden County deer harvest was the lowest for the county since 2012 when 3,010 deer were taken. However, it was only slightly lower than the recent five-year average which is 3,091.  
Crittenden County has traditionally been the No. 3 harvest county in Kentucky and it was no different this time. Ahead of Crittenden in harvest was Pendleton with 3,242 and Owen with 3,106.  
Crittenden County gave up 1,552 male deer and 1,528 females. Most of the deer harvested were taken by modern firearms (2,330).

Hometown Happy: Rockets please bias crowd

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County beat Trigg County 48-42 in a dramatic fourth-quarter comeback Friday at Rocket Arena as the two Rocket seniors helped CCHS take control in the final period.  
It was a back-and-forth game that kept the home crowd on the edge of its seat the whole night. In the end, there wasn't a person sitting as the Rockets used a 10-0 run down the stretch to steal the district win.  
Crittenden led by seven in the third quarter, but trailed by nine early in the fourth.  
Bobby Stephens and Will Tolley scored eight points apiece in the final period for Crittenden (5-10, 2-2). Stephens knocked down a three-pointer from top of the key with about a minute to go to break a tie game. Shortly thereafter, Tolley collected a loose ball in Trigg's front court and raced to the opposite end for a layup that sealed the deal.  
Stephens scored 17 and Tolley finished with 14. Trigg's Devron Triplet had 17, too, but that was three below his average and Coach

Denis Hodge was pleased with the way his boys defended the Trigg sharpshooter.  
The Wildcats fall to 5-9 overall and they are winless in league play after winning the last two Fifth District championships.  
"Our guard play out front was great. We didn't allow Triplet to get too many catches and when he did have the ball we did a good job of keeping two guys in front of him," Hodge said.  
The Rockets didn't make out as well across the river in Hardin County, Ill., Saturday night. Crittenden managed just four two-point field goals, but supplemented the offense at the line where the Rockets knocked down 23 points. They also had four three-pointers. Hardin County scored 25 points at the charity strip in the foul-fest.

**All A Classic loss at Livingston**  
Crittenden County led by five points in the second half, but Livingston Central took command in the final four minutes thanks largely to the play of T-Roy

BASKETBALL STANDINGS		
FIFTH DISTRICT BOYS		
Team	Overall	District
Lyon County	8-8	3-1
Livingston Central	10-8	4-1
Crittenden County	6-12	2-2
Trigg County	5-10	0-5

Ringstaff and knocked the Rockets out of the All A Classic Tuesday in the tournament opener.  
Livingston went on a strong run in the fourth period and led by six with just over a mintue to play. Bobby Stephens buried a long two-pointer to pull CCHS within 4, but that was as close as it would get.

Livingston 48, Crittenden 41			
Crittenden County	12	24	34 41
Livingston Central	xx		
CRITTENDEN - Stephens 11, Tolley 8, Dickerson 8, Belt 5, Boone 8, Turley 1, Towerly, Nesbitt. FG 17. 3-pointers 3 (Dickerson 2, Belt). FT 4-11. Fouls 17.			
LIVINGSTON - Dean 9, Sherer 3, Hosick 11, Ringstaff 12, Bebout 5, Head 7,			

Vaughn, Wooten. Kitchens 1. FG 16. 3-pointers 4 (Ringstaff 2, Sherer, Head). FT 12-20. Fouls 15.  
**Hardin County 59, Crittenden 44**  
Crittenden Co. 8 14 23 44  
Hardin County 10 26 44 59  
CRITTENDEN - Stephens 16, Tolley 7, Dickerson 6, Belt 9, Turley, Steele 1, Towerly 3, Nesbitt, Boone 2. FG 8. 3-pointers 4 (Tolley 2, Stephens, Belt). FT 23-31. Fouls 21.  
HARDIN - Winters 11, Cullum 15, Hicks 17, Austin 7, Bridgewaters, Fowler 9, Smock, Field. FG 15. 3-pointers 7 (Hicks 6, Cullum). FT 25-40. Fouls 20.

Crittenden 48, Trigg 42			
Trigg County	14	23	37 42
Crittenden County	13	23	28 28
TRIGG - Triplet 17, Barnes 6, Daniel, Shermwell 2, Bridges 3, Jordan 9, Brown 5, Kent. FG 16. 3-pointers 4 (Triplet, Barnes, Jordan, Brown). FT 6-8. Fouls 19.			
CRITTENDEN - Stephens 17, Tolley 14, Dickerson 4, Belt 2, Turley 7, Steele, Towerly 2, Nesbitt, Boone 2. FG 18. 3-pointers 4 (Stephens 3, Dickerson). FT 8-16. Fouls 15.			

BOYS ALL A CLASSIC

**At Various Sites**  
**Tuesday's Games**  
Livingston Central 48, Crittenden Co. 41  
University Heights 74, Lyon County 60  
Caldwell County 81, Ft. Campbell 62  
Dawson Springs, bye

**At Caldwell County**  
**Friday, Jan. 20 Games**  
Livingston Central vs UHA, 6pm  
Caldwell County vs Dawson Springs, 7:30pm  
**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
Championship, 7:30pm

GIRLS ALL A CLASSIC

**At Various Sites**  
**Monday's Games**  
University Heights 50, Caldwell Co. 46  
Lyon Co 48, Dawson Springs 27  
Crittenden County 67, Ft. Campbell 33  
Livingston, bye

**At University Heights, Hopkinsville**  
**Thursday, Jan. 19**  
University Heights vs. Lyon County, 6pm  
Crittenden Co. vs Livingston Cent., 7:30pm  
**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
Championship, 4pm



Lady Rockets Madison Champion (1) and Meredith Evans (24) trap a Trigg County ball handler on the perimeter during Friday night's district victory at Rocket Arena.

PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Lady Rockets seeking 6th All A trip to state

STAFF REPORT  
Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge has said from the beginning of this year, her team has its sights set on winning the Second Region All A Classic.  
Her team is two wins away from a trip to Frankfort and the small-school state tournament. Crittenden County's girls have gone to the All A Classic State Tournament five times. The last was in 2011. The Rocket girls have also gone in 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2008. In the state tournament, Crittenden has never gotten past the first round.  
The Second Region champion is scheduled to open the five-day All A Classic State Tournament against the 11th Region champion at 5:30 (CST) on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Frankfort Civic Center.  
The Lady Rockets beat Fort Campbell by 34 points Monday in the Classic's first-round game at Rocket Arena. Cassidy Moss scored 26 points and needs 48 more to become the girls' all-time career scoring leader. Jeanne Hinchee, who played at CCHS from 1973 to 1978, scored 1,628 in her hall-of-fame career.  
Moss leads the Lady Rockets into the final two rounds of the All A tournament, which will be played at University Heights Academy in Hopkinsville. The semifinals and championship will be played starting Thursday. The Lady Rockets

face Livingston Central - which received a first-round bye - in one semifinal matchup at 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Lyon County plays host UHA in the other semifinal. The championship game is at 4 p.m., Saturday.  
Coach Hodge believes her team is playing pretty well right now - getting balanced scoring from several key players and good defense, too.  
The Lady Rockets played extremely well in a 51-27 victory over Trigg County (4-10) Friday at Marion.  
Coach Hodge said at times, her girls played some of their best ball of the season. The Lady Rockets improved to 3-1 in district play.  
"We looked really strong at times out there," Hodge said.  
Kiana Nesbitt and Mauri Collins led the team with 10 points apiece.  
Crittenden will wrap up its regular season district slate over the next week and a half as they host Livingston Central Friday, Jan. 27 and play at Lyon County in a makeup game on Monday, Jan. 30. The Lady Rockets have just one district

BASKETBALL STANDINGS		
FIFTH DISTRICT GIRLS		
Team	Overall	Dist.
Lyon County	11-3	4-0
Livingston County	14-3	3-1
Livingston Central	5-11	2-3
Trigg County	4-10	0-5

loss this year and that was at home to Lyon in December. If Crittenden happens to advance to next week's All A Classic State Tournament, the district matchup against Livingston slated for next week in Marion may have to be rescheduled.  
**Crittenden 67, Ft. Campbell 33**  
Fort Campbell 6 14 25 33  
Crittenden Co. 16 38 55 67  
FORT CAMPBELL - Dugger, McLaughlin 4, Blaszkowski 2, Sibert 10, Holt 14, Clayton 1, Evans 2. FG 15. 3-pointers 2 (Sibert). FT 1-8. Fouls 12.  
CRITTENDEN - Moss 26, Lynch 10, Collins 8, Champion 9, Nesbitt 8, Evans, Woodward 4, Summers 2, Ch.Moss, Long. FG 28. 3-pointers 2 (Moss). FT 9-12. Fouls 7.  
**Crittenden 51, Trigg 27**  
Trigg County 10 12 19 27  
Crittenden Co. 13 25 29 51  
TRIGG - Bush 5, Noffsinger 5, Stallons 2, Hughes 4, Oliver 4, Simpson, Shelton 4, A.Bush, Slone 3, Colbert, Reddy, Finley. FG 12. 3-pointers 1 (Bush). FT 1-12. Fouls 15.  
CRITTENDEN- Moss 8, Lynch 8, Champion 7, Nesbitt 10, Evans 2, Collins 10, Woodward 4, Summers 2, Long, Ch.Moss. FG 21. 3-pointers 0. FT 9-15. Fouls 11.



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# Livingston Hospital CEO knows rural health care

**STAFF REPORT**

Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services' new CEO is very familiar with the challenges of rural health care at small facilities.

Liz Snodgrass is now into her second month as head of the 25-bed hospital in Salem. She started on Dec. 5, coming from Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, where she served as the corporate responsibility, or compliance, officer for five years.

While at Paducah's 264-bed facility with a sprawling campus and array of services, Snodgrass served the hospital as a subject matter expert for critical access and rural health, working with several small hospital administrators from the area. She earned much of that knowledge serving as the chief financial officer at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz, a 25-bed critical access hospital like LHHS.

"Rural facilities don't have

the resources a large facility has," Snodgrass said, pointing to Lourdes and even the 48-bed Crittenden Health Systems. "It's much different."

She explains that federal reimbursements for smaller, critical access hospitals has been cut, not unlike those for larger facilities, but the across the board cuts with sequestration over the last couple of years have been particularly hard on rural health care.

"It's harder to attract doctors," she said, adding that attracting and keeping nurses is also a hurdle when bigger hospitals like those in Paducah can pay much more.

"Honestly, we can't compete with larger hospitals," Snodgrass said.

Despite the revolving door of nurses at LHHS and other rural hospitals, Snodgrass said she has found that many caregivers who leave find something missing at the big-

ger facilities.

"They like taking care of their neighbors and providing more personal care," she said. "They want to come back and work with and care for their neighbors, friends and family."

Snodgrass has lived in Cadiz the last six years with her husband Michael and their 15-year-old daughter. They have an adult daughter in Colorado and a son who is a senior at the University of Kentucky. A Mansfield, Ohio, native, Snodgrass met her husband in North Dakota, where both were in the U.S. Air Force. Michael is originally from Ohio County, Ky.

Snodgrass earned a bachelor's of accounting degree at the University of North Dakota and is actively licensed as a certified public accountant and holds a certificate in health care compliance.

She plans to become active in the community, joining groups in both Livingston and Crittenden counties.



Snodgrass

## Comer's new Madisonville office staffed

**STAFF REPORT**

Congressman James Comer, R-Tompkinsville, has a local contact for constituents in Crittenden and other far western Kentucky counties. Amelia Wilson, who lives in Livingston County with her husband Allen, will have a field office in Madisonville for the congressman elected to the 115th Congress in November. The office will be located at Madisonville City Hall, 67 N. Main St., Madisonville, KY 42431. Wilson can be reached by calling (202) 222-5881.



Wilson

Wilson's time with Comer goes back to his days as commissioner of agriculture in Kentucky. Like the congressman, she is from Monroe County, and said she has known him her entire life. She earned her bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees at the University of Kentucky.

Comer also has a nearby field office at 300 S. 3rd St., Paducah, KY 42003.



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## McGowan places 5th

Ellie McGowan, a freshman at Crittenden County High School, finished fifth place in Original Oratory at Paducah Tilghman's Tornado Alley Invitational Speech Tournament on Saturday. Her superior rating was achieved in a competitive field composed largely of upperclassmen.

## BOOK

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daughter's house in Madisonville to help care for Rhyan.

As Rhyan got a little older and her struggle with short-term memory became evident, the two began writing stories and poems and playing memory games with chalk or rocks and riddles and rhymes.

"One of our tools for remembering would be to ask her to tell me stories, so she began telling me a story of 'Rhyan's Rainbow.' The following day, I would ask her to add to the story, so she did. Every day, she would have to recall the story, and then add a little more detail," Brantley recalls. "This exercise not only helped her to learn facts, but focused on sharpening her short-term memory. She loved to tell me the story of Rhyan's Rainbow, and I found she could remember most of the story unprompted."

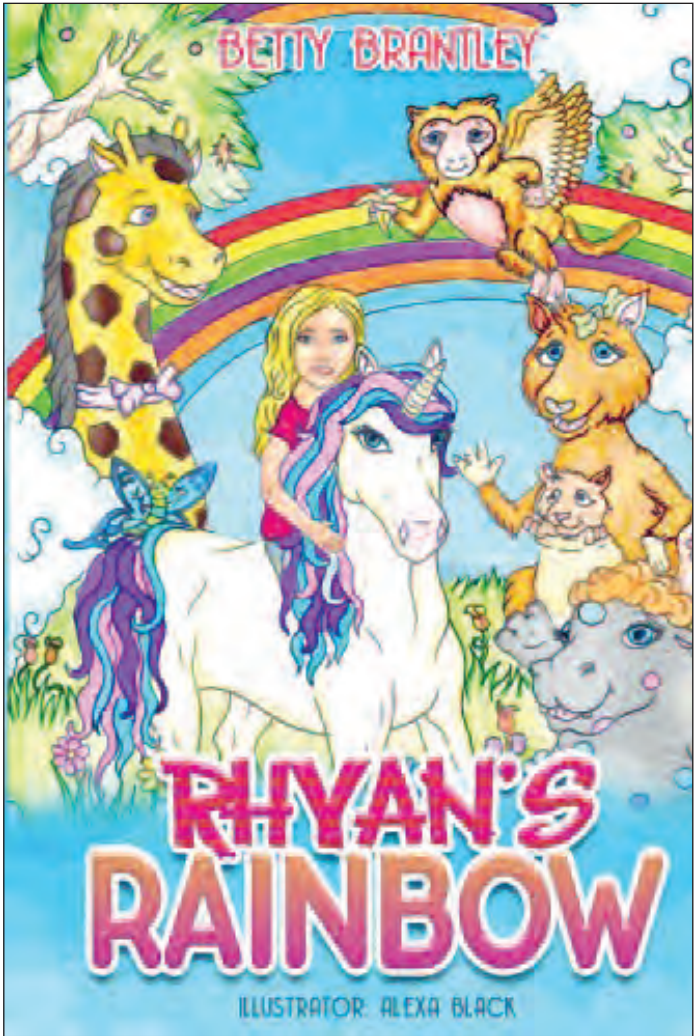
Almost by accident, 6-year-old Rhyan became the creative genius that led to the transformation of "Rhyan's Rainbow" from her imagination into her grandmother's first published book.

Over the years, Brantley has spent day after day with Rhyan. With advice from therapists, Brantley conducted a private preschool of sorts for her granddaughter, and also had the chance to spend extra time with Rhyan's siblings as well.

"My goal was to initiate ways to make learning fun, to make it a game," Brantley said. "If she was learning her ABCs with chalk on the trampoline, or numbers with washable markers on the chair, or finding rocks in different shapes, or telling sto-



Brantley



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The cover of "Rhyan's Rainbow," a children's book by Livingston County's Betty Brantley, is fully illustrated by Alexa Black of Carrsville.

ries about the days of the week, then even though it was still a struggle, she didn't get frustrated. She enjoyed the activities and benefited greatly."

Beth Beverly said her mother can find strategies to help Rhyan when no one else can.

"I'm so happy for her. I don't know what we would have done without her," Rhyan's mother said.

Brantley praised the resources of author Stephen Kingery and said CreateSpace is an affordable option for self-publishing. The

book's amusing, colorful illustrations were provided by Carrsville artist Alexa Black, who she was referred to by a friend at church.

"I never dreamed that this could be a reality for myself, but I have been so excited and grateful during this process," Brantley said.

The book is available in paper format at Barnes and Noble and from Amazon.com and also electronically on Kindle. Brantley plans to make her book available locally during an upcoming book signing at Crittenden County Public Library.



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