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911 FUNDING DEFICIT LEADERS LOOKING AT SHORTFALL OPTIONS

Marion and Crittenden County leaders are intensifying talks about how to meet continued shortfalls in the Emergency 911 Center. The issue has been brewing for the last few years, said City Administrator Adam Ledford. Based on a 2010 agreement, the city is largely liable for operating the 911 dispatch center inside city hall. Because of growing expenses, the city is looking for some relief and has asked county government for additional assistance. City and county officials met Tuesday at the courthouse to explore options. Talks regarding this matter began last winter, but they are gathering steam as the funding gap widens. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says the county is willing to help, but there are some concerns that a line item from the general fund budget may not be enough. Although their discussions remain preliminary, there is talk about increasing both the city and county insurance premium tax or adding a fee to property tax bills, much like is done for county volunteer fire departments. Plans are to continue exploration of the most equitable way to meet the 911 budgetary shortfall, which is about \$80,000 for operations. An additional \$40,000 is needed annually for capital improvements.

RUNNING TOGETHER STATE CONSIDERS 5Y TERM FOR GOVERNOR

The Kentucky Senate has passed a bill that would give Gov. Andy Beshear an extra year in office, if he is reelected. Sponsored by Sen. Chris McDaniel, R-Taylor Mill, the legislation would shift elections for Kentucky's governor and other constitutional offices to even-numbered years, coinciding with presidential elections. The bill would impact the 2027 statewide elections, pushing them back by one year. Thus, the winners of the 2023 elections would have the one-time opportunity to serve five-year terms.

FOURTH CANDIDATE

A list of candidates for the Kentucky Court of Appeals First District, First Division in last week's newspaper failed to include Jenny Hines of Paducah. The other candidates are Crittenden Circuit Judge Rene Williams and two Paducah attorneys, Chris McNeill and Jason Coltharp. There will be a primary race to reduce the number of candidates to two, then a runoff will be held in November during the general election.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 30 at the courthouse.

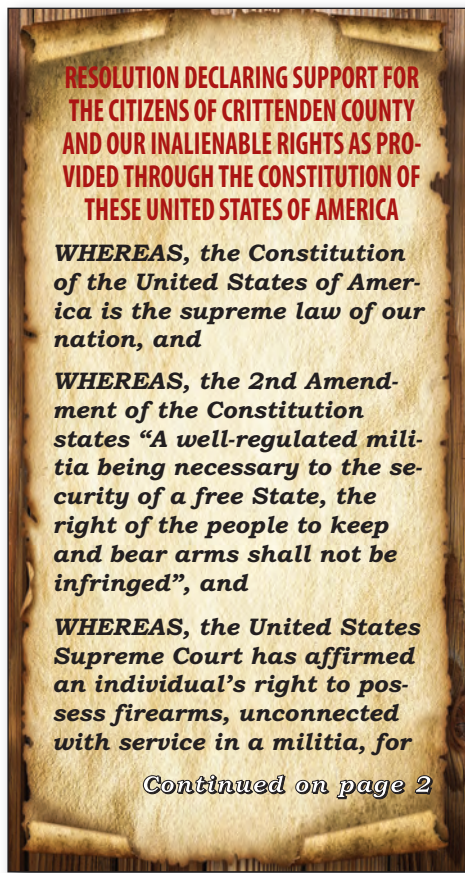


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A large crowd attended last week's fiscal court meeting to support Second Amendment Rights. There were so many people there, most had to stand in the hallway, just outside the courtroom where magistrates met.



RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE CITIZENS OF CRITTENDEN COUNTY AND OUR INALIENABLE RIGHTS AS PROVIDED THROUGH THE CONSTITUTION OF THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of our nation, and

WHEREAS, the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution states "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed", and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for

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Constitutional Convening

Turnout for Second Amendment support fills courtroom, overflows into corridors

STAFF REPORT

It was one of the largest crowds to assemble for a Crittenden County governmental meeting in the past 30 years. Nearly 150 people crammed into the Crittenden County Courthouse last Thursday bent on urging local leaders to approve some type of affirming order to protect their rights, particularly their Second Amendment rights and others guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

It didn't require any arm twisting. Anticipating that a number of supporters would be in attendance for that very reason – as has occurred in a vast majority of other Kentucky counties this month – magistrates and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom were prepared. A resolution had al-

ready been drawn up and magistrates quickly approved it, to loud applause that echoed throughout the courthouse. There was space in the tiny fiscal courtroom for only a handful of those who'd come to show their solidarity for constitutional entitlements, the right to bear arms perhaps paramount in this case.

But, "It's not just about the Second Amendment," said Crittenden County United spokesman Bud Trail, who'd help organize the group largely across social media and had mobilized supporters to attend last week's Crittenden County Fiscal Court meeting.

In some counties, ordinances have been adopted, but based on their

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Greater access to rural broadband mission of proposed county study

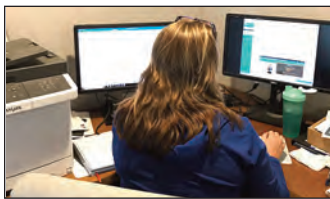
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Local leaders are hoping that a four-county survey aimed at identifying the scope of work needed to improve internet connectivity in rural areas will be a stepping stone for improved service that would allow folks to stream movies, work from home and shop online without the cursed spinning wheel.

Robin Curnel, who lives in the rural northern part of the county, is a work-from-home healthcare professional employed by a University of Kentucky outreach program.

"I get up and go to work at 7 a.m., just like anybody else," she said, but rarely would she have to leave home if her internet service was more reliable.

Curnel said there is no way she could land a job like the one she has now without the personal connections



Robin Curnel of Tolu works from home, but says internet service is too unreliable in many cases to complete necessary tasks, prompting her go to a friend's house for video conferencing.

and network she'd established over many years in the healthcare field.

Why? Because she has less than optimal internet speeds at home near Tolu, and her employer is in Lexington.

"If you look at job listings on Indeed or LinkedIn, you see that it says DSL and satellite connections are not acceptable. You must have a direct link to fiber," Curnel

said about remote jobs in the healthcare field.

At her home, the signal is often good enough to watch webinars, but if she wants to log in with her laptop to a remote meeting with audio and video over the internet, she has to drive to Marion to a friend's home who has a stronger signal.

"I can't do it at home because I can't trust that I will stay connected because of the low bandwidth," she said.

Clearly, there's a need for reliable, affordable broadband service in Crittenden and Kentucky's other 84 rural counties. Leaders from four of those counties – Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon and Livingston – met last week in Eddyville to discuss contracting with NEO Partners, a Minnesota-based company focused on enabling cost-effective planning and deployment for broadband through

an initiative called the Community Networks Quickstart Program.

"They would work on the engineering costs and provide maps to show where towers would go, where poles would go and whether it would be best for a co-operative or company to run the lines. They would also help us with a financial model," said Amanda Davenport, executive director of the Lake Barkley Partnership, an economic development coalition serving the four counties.

Davenport said a matching 50 percent grant is currently available from USDA to provide broadband infrastructure in rural areas. She said the federal government

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Davenport

Recognizing drug use is key objective of Monday program at Marion Ed-Tech

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson says next week's program at the Marion Ed-Tech Center is a must-attend for parents, grandparents, guardians or anyone who wants to know more about recognizing subtle hints of drug usage, particularly among youngsters.



Johnson

Johnson says the program should appeal to every parent whether they have suspicions about drug use or not.

Master Trooper Corey King of the Kentucky State Police will make the presentation. He is a 19-year veteran of the state police and is assigned to Post 16 in Henderson. He resides in Owensboro.

The purpose of this workshop is to en-

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Mills’ voter ID bill will soon get hearing in committee

The 60-day legislative session is moving right along here in Frankfort as the General Assembly begins to advance 2020 legislative priorities this week.

First, allow me to offer my congratulations to our newest colleague, Senator-elect Mike Nemes, who was elected with an overwhelming majority in the 38th Senate District, which encompasses Bullitt County and part of Jefferson County. I look forward to welcoming him to our caucus.

On Tuesday, Kentuckians and legislators from both sides of the aisle listened to Governor Beshear proposed policy goals and recommendations to the Kentucky General Assembly in his first State of the Commonwealth Address. The Governor also noted his legislative priorities for 2020, which included fully funding pension obligations, criminal justice reform, and plans to improve Kentucky public education, starting with a statewide teacher salary increase. As the legislature begins to prepare the biennial budget, Governor Beshear will also be delivering a budget address on January 28. Both of

these addresses are customarily presented each year by the governor and serve as a beneficial element in our state’s separation of powers. We eagerly await to hear how the Governor plans to execute the ideas he has laid out.

Crafting a budget will not be an easy task. Demands placed on state government by our priorities, and other costs continue to outpace revenue growth. In the coming weeks, legislative branch staff and other resources will be utilized to help the General Assembly better determine a path forward for this year’s budgetary balancing act. Per the Kentucky Constitution, budget bills must start in the House. I will keep you informed as the Senate begins to deliberate budgetary mat-



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KY STATE SENATE
Guest Commentary

ters in the coming weeks.

While the new administration formulates its agenda and presents it to the legislature, the majority leadership in the General Assembly is continuing to move forward with a legislative agenda supported by Kentucky voters. Committee meetings are now in full swing, as this past week legislators began discussing bills recently assigned to their respective committees.

I am proud to report that one of my bills, Senate Bill 66 (SB 66), was passed favorably out of the Judiciary Committee. Known as the “Slayer Statute”, SB 66 would amend statutory language to make sure that a person who has been criminally charged in the death of another cannot make decisions regarding what is done with the victim’s body. I spoke with a family whose daughter was murdered by her husband. While the husband sat in a jail cell, he wielded the authority to make the determinations on what would be done with his wives body. Fortunately, he chose not to exercise that right that exists under current statute, but the family

endured an excruciating five days waiting to find out if he would. SB 66 corrects this problem. It gives families peace of mind, and ensures the decedent’s body receives a proper disposition. SB 66 is now eligible for a full vote by the Senate Chamber.

My other bill, Senate Bill 2, the Voter ID Bill, is assigned to the State & Local Government Committee where it is expected to receive a hearing soon. I am honored to have recently been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of this committee and I am thankful for the opportunity to utilize my 18-years of experience as a Henderson City Commissioner to help form government policies that benefit Kentuckians.

The State Senate fully passed Senate Bill 3 (SB 3) during week two. This is a great bill that proposes a constitutional amendment to the voters of Kentucky. If adopted, the amendment would move Kentucky’s statewide elections to even number years, in unison with Presidential elections. This would save the state \$3.5 million dollars and counties \$13 million dollars. It’s a fis-

cally responsible measure that will both alleviate voter fatigue, and increase voter engagement in the election of our state Constitutional Officers. Finally, Senate Bill 11 (SB 11) was also passed. SB 11 provides recourse for property owners to pursue legal action for intentional damages done to residential rental property. It would classify intentional or wanton destruction, defacement, or damage to such property as criminal mischief under Kentucky Law.

SB 3 and SB 11 will now head over to the House for consideration.

As we head into the third week of the 2020 Regular Session, your input is greatly appreciated. Kentuckians have many avenues to follow the General Assembly throughout the session, including seeing legislative action in person here in Frankfort, or viewing online at KET.org/legislature.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or other public policy, call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me directly at Robby.Mills@LRC.KY.GOV.

Bechler’s co-sponsored foster care bill aimed at finding homes

Last week was the first full week of the 2020 session and the pace of business began to pick up as the first committee hearings were held. It is estimated that one in five Kentucky children don’t know where they will get their next meal, so before the session kicked off on Monday, a bipartisan group of Republicans and Democrats of both the House and Senate joined together at the Capitol to stuff over 2,000 bags of food for the Backpack for Kids program. The event was planned by House Majority Floor Leader John “Bam” Carney who has been hospitalized after suffering acute pancreatitis in late December. Rep. Carney was unable to attend, but I was pleased to work with Feeding Kentucky and their local organizations.

The Governor’s State of the Commonwealth speech was presented at a joint session of the House and Senate on January 14, and it was good to

hear him say that the State of the Commonwealth was good. After that he then began to talk about all the ills of the State and then recite his campaign promises. I really wish, however, that he would have provided even a small bit of information about how he intends to pay for all of his promises made on the campaign trail. Unfortunately, we will have to wait until he presents his budget speech on January 28 before any details will be provided.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Rally for Life, hosted by Kentucky Right to Life. I am so impressed with the organi-



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zation’s focus on both pregnant mothers and unborn children, illustrated by their “Love Them Both” theme. The event gave us a chance to honor the warriors who fight to protect the unborn, as well to talk about our future priorities and to recognize the legislative gains we have made. I am proud to be a member of the pro-life caucus and the most pro-life legislature in the history of Kentucky, but we must remain committed to this cause. Just this week we heard that Governor Beshear’s administration has invited Planned Parenthood to apply for a license to open a new abortion clinic in Kentucky.

House bill 167 (HB-167) which I co-sponsored is a major piece of legislation aimed at continuing our efforts to find permanent homes for the more than 8,000 Kentucky children now in foster care. Among other things, HB-167 would allow foster parents to partici-

pate in any action relating to the involuntary termination of parental rights. This is a major change from current law. The bill passed out of committee and is now headed to the House for a floor vote. It is my hope that the bill is quickly brought forth for a vote.

I am also a co-sponsor of House bill 236 (HB-236) which was also voted out of committee. HB-236 would allow the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to establish hemp testing procedures and to set forth requirements for the transportation of hemp or hemp products. This bill is needed to get Kentucky in compliance with “the feds” so that we can continue to make hemp a viable product for economic development in Kentucky.

House Bill 137 (HB-137) is another bill that was voted out of committee. HB-137 would set standards for fantasy sports play and would also

allow betting on professional or collegiate sports contests. Sports betting could be done in person at “professional sports venue” such as a race track, arena, or stadium. It would also allow betting on sports through an “app” on a cell phone.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the Fourth District. I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 800- 372- 7181, directly at 502- 564- 8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at www.lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the “Email Your Legislator” link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex – Frankfort, KY 40601.

Staying tuned in gives us perspective on where we’ve been

In an effort to expand my children’s musical knowledge and interest in the rock genre, I make them listen to Hair Nation sometimes in the car. Sirius XM listeners will know that as Channel 39. They also get the enjoyment of hearing me sing along to tunes on 80s on 8, which I habitually remind my 12-year-old were popular when I was her age.

While amid one of my “when I was your age” recollections, a flashback to my first home stereo came to mind. It was THE Christmas gift I was beg-



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Write Now Commentary

ging for, probably about the time I started spending more time in my room so I could lock out my much-younger siblings. The other day, somewhere along Mott City Road, I had a memory-check. Culture Club was playing on Channel 39, and I began explaining how I used to listen to that on a record – on a stereo.

I wasn’t even sure my pre-teen would know what a stereo was, much less a record player. She probably wouldn’t have any idea about the matter, but vinyl is making a comeback, believe it or not. I wish I had pictures of my old stereo as I tried to explain the big contraption. The component had a record player on top, an AM FM radio and a cassette player with two speakers connected by long wires that you could spread out in an attempt to

simulate surround sound. Pretty sure that conversation both raised her eyebrows and made her wish she’d ridden with her dad to school.

For her, music comes out of a phone. No need for a stereo system in the house – or in most modern vehicles for that matter, either.

I got to thinking about the evolution of the way we listen to music and started feeling nostalgic, and quite frankly old.

In nearly 50 years, I have quite a playlist of musical apparatus with which I’ve sung the wrong words, memorized new lyrics and longed to hear at school dances.

Some of those songs I first heard on an 8-track tape are now remakes accessible by wireless earbuds and WiFi. If that doesn’t make you feel your

age, I don’t know what will.

There was the 8-track then the record player, the Walkman, the dual cassette player, the CD player and the coveted CD disc changer first in trunks of cars then in the dash, then the tiny iPod and its cousins (iPhones) that play digital music.

I guess our generation has golf games and tennis matches followed by adult dinner parties to thank for our love of music.

When the parents had friends over, the kids naturally would end up together, playing upstairs. I’m guessing it wasn’t the best use of Pledge, but we sprayed lots of furniture polish on the hardwood floor so our socks would slide better as we danced to our parents’ old records. A few years later, I memorized every line of “Killing

Me Softly” on an 8-track my grandmother kept in the bench seat of her Buick next to the Aqua Net and the latest issue of The Crittenden Press. Fast forward and I experimented with Def Leopard, Motley Crue, Aerosmith and the like when I was the master of my own ride cruising the streets of Marion.

When you look at your life in music, it’s funny all the people and places you recall. Now here many of us are, our lives in music coming full circle, re-living those days while driving our kids to school just a few miles from where it all started.

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VOTE

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understanding of the law and through consultation with legal experts, Crittenden County leaders opted to adopt a resolution affirming its support of the entire U.S. Constitution.

At first it wasn’t clear who said it because the woman’s voice was projected from the hallway, outside the overflowing courtroom, but her statement may have summed up the entire grassroots effort.

“This will show our unity. It shows our community and its citizens are standing together,” the female voice said to nods and gestures of endorsement. Come to find out it was Marion resident Kim Collyer.

Judge Newcom told the court and those in attendance who were close enough to hear that based on his insights to the political climate in Frankfort,



Clayton Croft of Marion passes along a sign-in sheet at last week’s meeting that included 136 signatures.

he does not believe any laws that would be overtly offensive to gun owners will come out of the current session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

“In fact, the officials that I have spoken with do not believe any of the bills before the legislature will even make it out of committee and to the floor for a vote,” Newcom said.

Newcom also acknowledged that this was probably the largest gathering of individuals at a fiscal court meeting for, or

against, something that he could recall.

“I don’t think we’ve ever had this many show up even when we’re contemplating taxes,” he said.

Newcom said similar resolutions have been passed in other nearby counties and that he believed it was prudent for Crittenden County to do the same. Even though there is wide speculation of stricter gun laws across the country based upon political posturing and legislative proposals, New-

com said he thinks Kentucky residents “are safe.”

The impetus for such speculation is largely centered on Virginia where a Democratic majority is pushing for tighter controls.

Magistrate Todd Perryman said that his understanding of the resolution passed last week by the fiscal court is that it doesn’t condone disobeying any current law, but that it’s a “policy statement showing that Crittenden County citizens are against any laws or bills that would infringe upon our rights protected by the Constitution.”

Few in the large crowd spoke during the short exchange prior to the court’s vote. One military veteran did speak up.

“I, along with other veterans in this group, spent a lot blood, sweat and tears protecting our Constitution and we will not stand by and see it stepped on,” said veteran Randy Manley.

Resolution: Continued from page 1

traditionally lawful purposes, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has affirmed that the right of an individual to “keep and bear arms”, as protected under the 2nd Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment against the states, and

WHEREAS, the Crittenden County Fiscal Court desires to express our support of, not only the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, but the Constitution of the United States of America in its entirety, and

WHEREAS, the Oath of Office for all elected officials including local, state, and federal; states that we will support the Constitution of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Crittenden County Fiscal Court declares, through means of this Resolution, our continued support of the Constitution of the United States of America while encouraging our state and federal legislators to do the same.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, on behalf of all Crittenden County Citizens, request our state and federal legislators to pass no laws of which would infringe on any of our Constitutionally guaranteed rights provided in the Constitution of these United States of America being ONE NATION UNDER GOD AND INDIVISABLE.

Fritts third in competition

Leah Fritts, a member of the Crittenden County High School Speech Team, won third place in Prose Interpretation at Paducah Tilghman's Tornado Alley Invitational Speech Tournament on Jan. 18.

Crider featured at club meeting

Michelle Crider, a soprano vocalist, will perform musical selections at the next meeting of the Woman's Club of Marion, at 1 p.m., Feb. 5 at the club building located at 126 E. Carlisle Street.



Crider

Crider, a Marion resident, keeps a busy performing schedule as a church musician, a cantor, as well as a featured vocal soloist in a vast range of repertoire with The Tapes-try.

Joining Crider for a portion of the program will be her friend and former college classmate April Fisk Roper of Benton. Both Crider and Roper earned Bachelor's degrees in music at Murray State University.

Refreshments will be served at 1 p.m., followed by the music program at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to the program. For further information contact Nancy Hunt, club president at (270) 704-0057.

Hostess committee is Carolyn Belt, Mona Manley and Roberta Shewmaker.

Calendar

• **Shady Gove Cemetery Association** will have its annual meeting at 10 a.m., Feb. 8 at the fire barn in Shady Grove. The cemetery association has changed its annual meeting date from the second Saturday in April to the second Saturday in February.

WKU names Dean's list

Several Crittenden County students were named to the President's List and Dean's List at Western Kentucky University for the fall semester. Recognized on the President's List for 3.8-4.0 GPA are Emily Tinsley, Kylee Beard, Michelle Davidson and Shelby Summers, and honored on the Dean's List is Dustin Perry.

Extension

• The **Extension District Board meeting** has been postponed and will meet on Monday, Jan. 27 at noon at the Extension office.

• **Hooks & Needles Crafter's Corner Club** invites anyone interested in needlework – embroidery, knitting, tatting, etc. to join them. will meet at noon, Jan. 29 at the Extension office. Contact Nancy Lapp (270) 965-4469 for more information.

• **Quilt Club** will meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday at the Extension Office.

• The February Leader Lesson "LED Lighting" will be held at 10 a.m., Jan. 30 at the Extension Office. This class will look at the characteristics of LED bulbs – what makes them unique and how they can best be used in the home. Jill Harris, FCS Agent from Todd County will be teaching this lesson. Everyone is invited.

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• The **Dog Club** will meet from 3:15-4:30 p.m., Monday at the Extension Annex.

Senior Center

The Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day, and is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are encouraged two days in advance but are taken up to a week in advance.

Upcoming menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is tuna noodle casserole, seasoned turnip greens, brownies, wheat roll and margarine.

Friday - Menu is beef pot roast, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, squash casserole, wheat roll and peach cobbler. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Monday - Menu is frankfurter and kraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas,

vanilla pudding and cornbread. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday - Menu is sloppy Joe on bun, hash-brown casserole, baked pork 'n beans, baked apples and raisins

Wednesday, Jan. 29 - Menu is broccoli soup, baked Italian chicken, stewed potatoes, pears, cracks and roll. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

PACS provides milk, coffee, tea and water each day. Aging coordinator Jenny Sosh serves as director of the center.

Volunteers are always needed at the senior center. If you would like to volunteer your time, contact Sosh at (270) 965-5229.

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THROW BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879



Bowtanicals owners Elliot West, Caryn and Keith Steele in 2010 met celebrity Marie Osmond during an Atlanta International Gift & Home Furnishings Market.

50 years ago

Thursday, Jan. 18
• George E. McKinney of Marion was awarded the first improvement prize of \$200 for the Tom Wallace Farm and Forestry Awards contest. He won for his 107 acres of woodland which had been in a supervised management program since 1958.

• The Peoples Bank of Marion announced remodeling plans to completely renovate and modernize its banking facilities in town.

• The Crittenden County Rockets topped the Caldwell County Tigers 75-72. This win broke a three-game losing streak for the Rockets. Jerry Franklin led the team in scoring and rebounds with 28 points and 13 rebounds. Following behind him was Bennett Smith with 22 points. Rockets who added points to the scoreboard were Porter 10, Hawkins 8, Davis 3 and Howard and Heffington, 2.

25 years ago

Thursday, Jan. 12
• The Crittenden County Lady Rockets brought home impressive hardware as they picked up a second-place showing at the Class A Regional Tournament held at Dixon.

• Under the direction of Brenda Foster, the Crittenden County Chess Team picked up a first place, second place, third place and fourth place showing at the 7th annual Lexington Winter Scholastic. The chess teams finished extremely well in local, state and national competitions.

• In order to develop graduates who are ready for both college and the workforce, Crittenden County Schools adopted use of the federal School-To-Work program. The program was designed to help students make the transition from school to a good first job and a high-skill, high-wage career.

10 years ago

Thursday, Jan. 14
• The Crittenden County Fire Department was given approval by the state to install a device that would control the stop light at the intersection of Main and Bellville streets. This gave the department the opportunity to turn all lights to red when pulling out of the new fire station so trucks can proceed without worrying about oncoming traffic.

• Belt Auction and Realty, which was celebrating its 40th anniversary, was selected as the January Business of the Month by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Recognized were Raymond and Sharon Belt, owners.

• Elizabeth Kirby and Patrick Nielsen were the 2010 Crittenden County High School Homecoming king and queen. Attendants were seniors Talley Nix, Dylan Clark, Hannah Brantley and Alec Pierce; juniors Joey Bomia and Jessi Hodge; sophomores Mary Mattingly and Dustin Hernandez; and freshmen Ethan Hill and Randa Leidecker.



Drawer campaign big success

Crittenden County Public Library's annual Drop Your Drawer's collection netted 605 pairs of underwear that were donated to the county's Early Head Start program and the Heart to Heart Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC). Pictured are Kathleen Guess, CCPL's youth services librarian, and Elizabeth Tosh, CCPL's teen librarian. Librarian Brandie Ledford said the library staff and trustees are very appreciative of the community's efforts to make this year's collection drive a success.

Library events

• **Lego Robotics Club** meets at 3:15 p.m., Jan. 23. Youth ages 9 to 18 can register to join Kathleen and Brandie in the meeting room to learn how to code the EV3 robots in preparation to compete in upcoming robotics challenges. Register at

the circulation desk or at the UK Extension Office.

• **Lego Club** meets each Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Kindergarten through 5th grade students can join Kathleen in the library meeting room for creative Lego building.

• **Story Hour** with Kathleen is each Fridays at 10

a.m. Bring your preschool-age children to the library to listen to stories and do early literacy activities.

• **Tech Help with Carol** is offered each Thursday 10 a.m.-noon for people needing help with computers, eBooks and digital audio-books.

Stokes' essay wins state, region and local contest

Crittenden County eighth grader Kailyn Stokes was a big winner with her Patriot's Pen essay. The annual contest had the theme of "What Makes America Great," this year.

Stokes won the district level competition hosted by Marion VFW Post 12022, as well as the district and state levels. Her entry now goes on to be judged for the national-level contest.

Stokes is the daughter of Jason and Sabrina Stokes.

Her essay follows.

Milton Berne once said, "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." Living in America presents people with chances to build a better life without having to build doors. We're blessed to live in a country that allows us to have the freedom to choose any walk of life. Some of the qualities that make America great include our educational pathways, career opportunities and our diversity.

One of the reasons why America is great is because we have many educational opportunities. In America every child has the right to an education. Education helps pave the way to a productive, successful future. For instance, Community Day Charge School in Lawrence, Ma. is the top-rated school in



Stokes

America. They focus on the wellness of students. They want to provide students with meaningful experiences. Their mission is to work together as a community to implement a curriculum that supports the characteristics and learning styles of each student. They are trying to better their students by building an environment based on relationships and academics.

Additionally, America presents a path to fulfillment in that there are many career opportunities for everyone. America offers a variety of professions from highly educated doctors to skilled craftsmen. There's a highly competitive entrepreneurial spirit. In fact, America's foundation was built on the idea of the entrepreneurship with individuals such as Andrew Carnegie, Henry

Ford and Cornelius Vanderbilt. Modern day citizens like Oprah Winfrey, Bill Gates and Sam Walton continue that tradition. Success was achieved by opportunity and effort; America affords the chance for success.

America is enhanced by the many versatile cultures here. Cultural diversity has added to our economy in that it brings innovative ideas. International cuisines have come to America through subcultures, have expanded the food industry and have allowed Americans to try new foods. Immigrants have brought religious values that greatly differ from others. The educational development through foreign nationals has led America to excel.

Simply stated, America is a wonderful country that gives us many opportunities to choose our walks of life. We take for granted that we live here and that we have what we do, but America is one of a kind. Thousands of people are finding ways to come into our country. In America there are many education opportunities, career pathways, and the fact that it does not matter who you are or what you do, you can fit in somewhere. Living in America is a blessing, and we should be grateful that we have so many opportunities.

Auditions net qualified cast

Auditions earlier this month produced talent that director Michelle Crider will cast for a yet-to-be-announced junior Broadway musical.

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Roger, Absalom, and civil rights

Every year on this weekend I attempt to connect my thoughts here to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It is hard because I am the recipient of “white privilege.” However I believe that a thing being difficult to write about is one of the best reasons to do so. Even if it exposes ignorance and blind spots, it may move the conversation forward.

There is a long list of different groups of people stomping on the rights and freedoms of other groups in the history of North America since the arrival of Europeans. There is not one group (Europeans, Native Americans, Africans and Asians) who has not been victims of slavery, indentured servitude or enslaving poverty. The founders of the colonies and many of our founding fathers were notoriously complex (some say hypocritical) and blind concerning the rights of other races.

Those same people penned some remarkable ideals that we have been reinterpreting and moving toward for over two and a half centuries. It is just as important to celebrate progress, however minimal it may be, as it is to remind ourselves of how far we have yet to go. Concentrating on one to the diminishment of the other will either stall progress or build polarizing differences. For today, let’s consider progress. I want to borrow from two people who lived about a century apart as examples of ideals and celebrating minimal progress.

The first is a Puritan preacher who founded the Providence Plantations, which became the Rhode Island colony, in the seventeenth century. He is well-known for his writings concerning religious freedom and nearly came to blows with Massachusetts over the Quakers, whom he allowed to live in Rhode Island and openly practice their faith. He was, like many of his time, not entirely consistent on slavery, but he did believe that slavery as a result of war or poverty should be for a limited time. He lived before the chattel slave trade with Africa turned into the economic machine it was to become.

He was very influential in promoting the idea that the state should not endorse or compel citizens to support an established religion (church). Much of his thinking is in the DNA of our founding documents written around 100 years later. The Puritans fled England because they did not want to submit to the religion imposed upon them by the state. Those in Massachusetts came to establish a Christian nation to be chosen and blessed by God. They were well down the road of the state enforcing those beliefs on all who lived there.

At the conclusion of his book, “Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul,” John Barry summarized, “Roger Williams declared that the state must not enforce those of the Ten Commandments which defined the relationship between humanity and God. . . [he] separated himself from the dominant view of the day and declared a citizenry,

‘distinct from the government set up . . . such governments as are by them erected and established have no more power, nor for longer time, than the civil power of people consenting and agreeing shall be trust them with.’” (pg. 394).

As for celebrating progress, let’s turn to Philadelphia on Jan. 1, 1808. It was on this day that the United States abolished trans-Atlantic slave trade. It would take six more decades and a civil war to abolish the practice, but on Jan. 1, 1808 Absalom Jones delivered a Thanksgiving sermon in the African Episcopal Church expressing joy at this small step of progress.

It is a powerful example of praising progress and calling for continued change. It is a powerful sermon and still holds up today. He says, “Let us unite, with our thanksgiving, prayer to Almighty God, for the completion of his begun goodness to our brethren in Africa. Let us beseech him to extend to all nations in Europe the same humane and just spirit towards them, which he has imparted to the British and American nations. Let us, further, implore the influence of his divine and holy Spirit, to dispose the hearts of our legislatures to pass laws, to ameliorate the condition of our brethren who are still in bondage; also, to dispose their masters to treat them with kindness and humanity; and, above all things, to favor them with the means of acquiring such parts of human knowledge, as will enable them to read the holy scriptures, and understand the doctrine of Christian religion, whereby they may become, even while they are slaves of men, the freemen of the Lord.”

It is my hope and prayer that our nation and our world will continue to move toward equal rights for all. Let us continue to praise the progress as we strive toward our ideals. Let us never be so content with our station in life that we forget others.

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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Spiritual growth comes through obedience of faith

When people are converted and receive the forgiveness of sins, they are lifted up from the natural, into a higher level of consciousness. The Jews were lifted onto this level by the law. If they were obedient to the law, they were lifted to a higher degree of awareness that the Gentiles were on, and through their sacrifices they received the forgiveness of sins. There was however, no question of spiritual growth. That possibility came only through the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

We can see from the book to the Hebrews that they had started on the new and living way, Jesus consecrated for us. But they didn’t continue to progress, because they became dull of hearing about obedience. Therefore the apostle writes, “For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised



to discern both good and evil.” (Heb. 5:12-14). Our senses are in our soul, and they need to be exercised by being used. We exercise our senses in those things we are interested in, and since everyone is earthly to begin with, our senses are exercised in earthly things. This is not sin, it is merely what is natural for human beings. It is only when the fleshly lusts, such as honor-seeking, covetousness, and so forth come into the picture that sin appears. We must then walk in the way Jesus walked. Of course, this cost Him suffering in the flesh; and if we are to be made alive in the spirit, then we too must arm ourselves with the mind to suffer in the flesh and cease from sin. See 1 Peter 4:1-13.

When a person exercises his senses in earthly things, he becomes a personality and many have become world famous. However, anyone who wants to become a disciple of Jesus must give up everything in order to enter through the narrow gate and learn of Him. This is a life of faith. The

senses are then exercised and he becomes a spiritual man. Spiritual growth comes through obedience of faith. People could not partake of this salvation under the law, because the promises of the law were of an earthly glory. So naturally, people were interested in those promises, and through obedience they became rich and successful. Deut. 28. We on the other hand have heavenly promises and a heavenly calling. Through the knowledge of Christ we have been given these precious promises, that through them we might be partakers of divine nature.

The church in our time has become dull of hearing, much like the Hebrews had. Not only that, but many feel uncomfortable when hearing about obedience to the faith. That is why they give ear to messages on unconditional eternal security. Then, when the secular world deems things as acceptable and proper, they, ere long, follow suit. Here I want to share a prayer by Minister Joe Wright, when he was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate.

“Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness, and to seek your direction and guidance. We know your Word says, Woe to those who call evil good; but that is exactly what we have

done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word and call it Pluralism. We have exploited the poor, and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbors’ possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of Your will and to openly ask these things in the name of your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Felty Yoder is a member of the local Amish community. He is a regular contributor to this newspaper.

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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

—Matthew 18:20



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-Matthew 18:20

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Wednesday: 6 p.m.

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Worship service: 11 a.m.



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Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Father John Okoro

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Pastor: Tim Burdon

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Area Deaths

Millikan

Karen Yvonne Millikan, 64, of the Lola community died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020, at her home.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church on Dover Road.

Surviving are her husband of 45 years, Kenneth Millikan of Salem; daughter, Wendy Smith and fiancé Brad Culp of Paducah; sons, Keith Millikan and his wife Julie of Marion, and Kyle Millikan of Lola; sister, Gail Lynch of Iuka; grandchildren, Makayla Emmons and husband Alan of Ledbetter, Clay Smith of Paducah, Dally Millikan and Kallen Millikan both of Marion; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces; and great-great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Donna Jean Cooper, Anita Peek, Shirley Jones, Glenda Stembridge and Kathy Smith; and her parents, Grundy and Nellie Brasher Pendergrast.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 18 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Nick Forsythe officiating. Burial was at Lola Cemetery.

Ramage

Mary Jean Ramage, 92, of Hampton died Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 at Liv-



ngston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She was a member of Old Salem Baptist Church where she enjoyed playing the piano and working in Bible school.

Surviving are her son, Mike Ramage (Debbie) of Smithland; daughters, Winnie Futrell (Robert) of Calvert City, and Gina Tabor of Burna; five grandchildren, Garrick Ramage (Amy) of Smithland, Lauren Ramage (Steve) of Smithland, Megan Moody (Ed) of Brentwood, Tenn., Brandon Walker (Kelly) of Reidland and Samantha Tabor of Bowling Green; and eight great-grandchildren, Brady Walker, Lyla Walker, Kyle Moody, Reese Moody, Ethan Ramage, Emersyn Ramage, Selah Ramage and Jolene Ramage.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don L. Ramage; son-in-law, Paul Tabor; sister, Ann Threlkeld; brothers, Clinton Mitchell and Robert Mitchell; and her parents, George and Mabel Riddle Mitchell.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 19 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was at Old Salem Baptist Church Cemetery.

Collins

Anthony Lee “Tony” Collins, 65, of Sturgis died Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He was a coal miner for several years then served as a water treatment operator for the City of

Sturgis, City of Marion and the Crittenden-Livingston Water District.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Graingertown Baptist Church.

Survivors include his high school sweetheart and wife of 45 years, Debra Collins of Sturgis; a daughter, Lee Anna Jones and husband Robert of Sturgis; two sisters, Lisa Collins Jones and husband Darrell of Sturgis and Pamela Lynn Collins of Sturgis; two grandchildren, Toby Lee Whitson and Robby Jones, both of Sturgis; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his parents Luther and Rita Russellburg Collins; and a brother, Joey Collins.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 19 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Rev. George Beach officiating. Burial was at St. Ambrose Cemetery in Sturgis.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Bates

Robert E. Bates, 62, of Marion died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 at his home.

Survivors include his children, Channa (Chris) Woodall of Murray, April (Anthony) Timms of Arkansas, Toni (Eddie) Yarbrough of Arkansas, Bobby (Kayla) Bates of Smyrna, Tenn., and Rochelle Bates of Marion; several grandchildren; sisters, Leda Martin and Brenda Sigler both of Fredonia and Joyce

Bates of Marion; and brothers, William Wayne Bates of Beulah and Boyd James (Kathy) Bates of Fredonia.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sybrena Bates; parents, Ray R. and Ruth Bates; and brothers, Mark Allen Bates and Johnny Ray Bates.

Services were Monday, Jan. 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery.

Myers

Judith “Judy” Myers, 72, of Sullivan died Monday, Jan. 20, 2020 at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson.

Survivors include her two sons Roy Don Gobin Jr. (Mary Beth) of Sullivan and Ronald Dean Gobin (Becky) of Dekoven; four granddaughters; Ruth Gobin, Anzie Gobin, Bailey Gobin, and Chelsea Gobin; a sister, Kay Hovey of Marion; and her mother, Jewel Hunt of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Myers; and her father, Oliver Hunt.

Services are at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 23 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will follow at Maplevue Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22 and from 10 a.m., until service time on Thursday.



Wallace

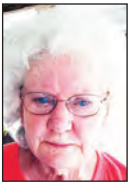
Rosalee Wallace, 74, of Crayne died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was a member of Dycusburg Baptist Church and had worked as a home health caregiver.

Surviving are her son, Darren (Sharon) LaRue of Marion; daughter, Starla (Frank) Bates of San Antonio, Texas; sisters, Nancy Buchanan of Paducah; Dixie Ray of Paducah and Darlene Tabor of Marion; a brother, Harold Buchanan of Marion; 10 grandsons; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Lula Martin Buchanan; two sisters; and two brothers.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery.



Salem, Blake Shuecraft (Abby) of Mayfield, Brit-tany Harris of Salem, Tori Harris of Grand Rivers; and two great-grandchildren, Raelyn Harris and Remi Shuecraft.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl “Denny” Harris; sister, Rosemary Beverly; brother, Johnny Dunbar; grandchildren, (twins) Clayton and Drake Harris; and her parents, John and Betty Jennings Dunbar.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 22 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Tim Fouts and Bro. Bill Baker to officiating. Burial was at Lola Pentecostal Church Cemetery.

Summers

Maudie Rae Summers, 80, of Marion died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020 at Palmer Place in Providence. She was a member of Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her daughters, Marcie (Mike) Conger of Marion and Gina Summers; and granddaughter, Macie Conger of Marion.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Gene Summers; parents, Elbert and Mary Opal Hunt; sisters, Martha Keeling and Imogene Vinson; and a brother, Wayne Hunt.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time. Memorials may be made to Repton Cemetery or Sugar Grove Cemetery.



WIRED

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has about \$600 million allocated for such spending.

If there’s any skepticism, however, it’s probably warranted. The road toward providing high-speed internet to rural areas is littered with years of unkept promises, poorly managed funding and doubt.

Federal and state governments have spent millions upon millions of dollars for service providers to build trunklines for high-speed service.

“Copper and fiber were put in years ago with federal funding,” Davenport said.

Indeed, Crittenden County has fiber-optic lines as far out as Tolu, but the company that owns the lines has not made them available to residential customers at an affordable price.

Barkley Hughes, a computer programmer who operates a private business, Motion Design Group, from his home in Tolu, has been able to tap onto the high-speed, fiber-optic line owned by AT&T, but he says the cost is prohibitive for most residential applications.

“It is very, very expensive,” he said, much more than residents would be willing to pay for monthly service to watch movies, surf the web, shop, bank and check email.

Hughes said speeds of 25 Mbps for downloading and 2 Mbps for uploading would be acceptable for most residential applications. Those types of speeds would be available in rural Crittenden County with the current infrastructure. He says residential customers also need to be ensured that providers will not throttle back those speeds when customers reach usage plateaus. The fiber base already exists here to provide that type of service, but it’s setting dormant waiting for a provider to offer it at an affordable price to consumers.

Hughes, who is well versed in technology and has done a great deal of research with regard to provider services, said the FCC spent billions of government dollars in a

two-phase rollout of fiber-optic lines over the past 15 years, which is why he was able to tap onto a high-speed line in Tolu. He said AT&T installed the fiber years ago, but it is his understanding that the communications giant isn’t interested in making it available to residential consumers at this time.

Additionally, KentuckyWired is in the process of installing 3,000 miles of fiber-optic cable across the state to improve high-speed internet access. Davenport said Crittenden Countians may have observed some of this activity recently, which is being done here by Ledcor. The contractor is running fiber-optic line into Marion along U.S. 641 and from Marion into Livingston County along U.S. 60.

Funding of the KentuckyWired project – which has been often criticized for its over-budget spending and delays – is currently uncertain. Gov. Andy Beshear announced last week that the bold plan to improve connectivity across the commonwealth should be completed by October. The project was started by his father, Steve Beshear, when the latter was governor. The Courier-Journal recently reported that the KentuckyWired program could cost taxpayers as much as \$1.5 billion — 50 times what was originally expected and legislators will soon consider whether or not to continue funding the program. The ambitious KentuckyWired plan aimed to string fiber line to government centers in rural counties. Local governments could tap onto the KentuckyWired service and pay the program instead of other providers like AT&T, thus providing a future funding source for KentuckyWired. Some state leaders remain skeptical that KentuckyWired will ever be able to compete with major suppliers like AT&T on price and service.

Davenport discussed the four-county study proposal last week with Crittenden County magistrates. NEO Partners would charge \$24,000 to examine the area and develop a regional plan. Davenport said that the Kentucky Department of

Agriculture would help pay for the study. Crittenden County’s cost would be about \$3,000.

Davenport said there is no need for a financial commitment at this time. Plans are to first seek financial assistance from the state. Application for the grant will be due later this winter and if approved, by spring the four-county group would need to pay its share. The study would be complete by late spring or early summer, she predicts.

Then, it would be time to pursue potential providers like AT&T and Mediacom which already have substantial infrastructure in place here. If neither of those is interested, she said other companies might be attracted with costs offset by USDA funding.

If this was a water distribution project, Davenport said, characterizing the situation that exists in Crittenden County right now, some of the water lines are already in the ground. In many cases, the lines are running in front of peoples’ homes. The problem is that there are no companies willing to invest in the additional infrastructure necessary to take broadband service from the existing lines into homes. They are reluctant, she said, because of the uncertainty of recouping the investment necessary to build a system for scantily populated areas.

Hughes mostly agrees with that characterization. He said there needs to be some type of governmental intercession that would allow a third party to tap onto the fiber lines that already exist in remote places in the county. That, he said, would greatly reduce the expense for a smaller company that might be willing to provide and maintain consumer connections in lowly populated rural areas like Crittenden County. He is skeptical that the embattled KentuckyWired program will be a legitimate option in the quest for greater rural connectivity.

Davenport and other leaders from the four-county area hope this proposed study will mollify corporate provider fears and/or provoke further development. If not,

they think it could arm the four counties with at least some of the resources to attract a new provider to the area.

Kentucky Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) isn’t so sure a simple study will get the job done.

“I don’t know what the answer is, but I am not sure KentuckyWired is it,” said Bechler, who has been a critic of the public-private partnership that he says should have been completed two years ago.

Bechler says he has spoken face to face with AT&T officials during meetings in Frankfort, and based on what he’s

heard doesn’t believe the telecommunications company will be willing anytime soon to provide more rural opportunities for high-speed service, even though the government funded the fiber lines AT&T has installed in the county.

The state representative who lives in a remote part of Crittenden County says he knows all too well how difficult it is to get a reliable, efficient connection in places like Dycusburg, Tolu, Sheridan or Shady Grove for instance. He thinks local entrepreneurship may be the best way to go.

Otherwise, western

Kentucky and Crittenden County are going to be “way down the list” when it comes to landing affordable broadband in very rural areas.

KentuckyWired’s mission is simply to provide what’s known as the “middle mile” when it comes to infrastructure. The last mile – which means taking a strong internet signal into homes in counties like Crittenden – will be up to local or regional companies, or perhaps local agencies backed to some degree by local government, much like the drinking water system.

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Remembering winter of Dec. 1917-Feb. 1918

It is always interesting to read and recall the history of the early days and times in our county. We call them the good ole days, but they were rough, hard times for the people that lived then. They seemed to make the best of the times and good memories were made for some of them. The weather was always an important part of their lives, as it is ours today, but I think they were more prepared for winter weather than some of us are today.

From The Crittenden Press, Dec. 13, 1917, comes the story of the beginning of an extremely harsh and cold winter for the citizens of Marion and Crittenden County.

The recent blizzard which began Friday afternoon Dec. 7 with a few snowflakes falling, gave warning of a snowstorm, but no one expected so much snow or such a blizzard. The coldest weather and the worst snowstorm ever seen here at one time came Saturday and Sunday. In many places the thermometers registered -12 degrees.

The blizzard came in a rather sudden and unexpected manner and without a doubt it was the worse snow we have had in a number of years. It is doubtful of whether anyone can remember a worse blizzard which has ever occurred during the early part of December.

A number of people all over the county were unprepared to meet the terrific rigors of these weather conditions and more than one person was put to considerable inconvenience in order to procure supplies of food and fuel. Sunday school and divine services were suspended at some of the

churches, school was dismissed Monday as the Marion High School building could not be heated comfortably. One of the press reporters writing about the weather states that the recent blizzard was certainly an unusually severe spell of weather and it caused a considerable amount of suffering among the stock and poultry of Crittenden County. People everywhere lost fruit and vegetables and in some cases livestock perished from exposure. The cold still hangs on and about all people can do is to keep fires and provisions and attend to their stock.

The Marion Electric Light and Ice Co., plant has had much trouble to keep running, as the water pipes were hard to keep open.

The correspondent for the community of Fords Ferry sends his news. Snow, snow, never have we witnessed so much snow during any other winter we have ever seen. Never before have such gigantic snows followed each other to such swift succession. It has hindered travel and greatly interfered with outdoor work.

January 17, 1918.

Here in Marion the thermometer registered -23 degrees at 4 o'clock, and -19 degrees was reported at 6 o'clock, which is about as cold weather as ever known in this place. Some who have kept count say 20 snows have fallen since the 1917 fall set in.

January 25, 1918

The third big snow storm of the past several days came Sunday night with an additional fall of



Mamie Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Joseph Hughes and James B. Hughes on the ice in the Ohio River in 1918

The Hughes family that lived at Weston, had their picture taken on some of the ice chunks that had gathered near the Ohio River landing.



Ohio River ice gorges, Dec. 1917-Feb. 1918

When the boats got torn from their moorings, the huge chunks of ice as shown in the picture, would carry them down river destroying their bottoms as they were carried along. The showboat, Cottom Blossom, and the steamer, Jewel, both were destroyed by these ice gorges.

the "beautiful" of several inches, making it now about 12 inches deep. The thermometer dropped Saturday night to -2 degrees. The temperature was such as to cause considerable suffering throughout western Kentucky with thermometers registering from -2 to -10 degrees.

Water froze in pipes and the plumbers have been kept busy for several days. There is now more snow on the ground in this section than has been in a number of years.

The sub-zero cold and blizzard-like conditions held on into February. The Ohio River was freezing and causing many problems. The headline in the Feb. 14, 1918 Press reads "The Greatest Ice Gorge Ever Known On The Ohio River. Barnett Estate And Charles Don-

akey Heavy Losers." The river at Rosiclar rose 25 feet Friday night as a result of a great gorge, which formed there in the afternoon. The people at Rosiclar and Fairview were greatly alarmed and fled to the high places, and everyone was quickly hoisted from the mines. The gorge broke, however, without overflowing the Illinois towns and mines, but not until it had created great havoc on the Kentucky side.

Barnett's lower farm occupied by Charles Donakey suffered the loss of 65 or more head of cattle and many acres of corn and much valuable timber. The water was 25 feet deep Saturday morning where the cattle were feeding the evening before.

The ice cakes that washed out into the fields

were acres in extent and as big as houses. Giant trees were cut off as by a mowing machine. On account of the wet weather conditions during harvesting time, the corn had not been gathered, and in order to save it, the cattle and hogs had been turned into it. No one ever thought or heard of such a gorge or so unexpectedly a flood. The wharf boat, Owensboro, floated over into Barnetts corn field and is still lodged there.

The papers tell of the frozen Ohio River during this time and say that the "ice gorge" of 1918 was the most spectacular river disaster that had ever happened.

Steamboats were imprisoned in the ice at their moorings. When it started thawing, the boats were torn from their docks and caught in the clutches of the swift grinding ice and carried down the river. The ice splintered the boats' hulls beneath the water. The river was full of ice gorges from Dec. 11, 1917 until Feb. 23, 1918. Navigation on the river was suspended during this time.

Two of the steamers that people from the Crittenden County were familiar seeing along their docks were the Cotton Blossom and the Jewel. Both steamers were torn from their home moorings when the ice started moving and were carried downstream striking the reef and sinking.

After this destructive time, the steamboat became more of a memory than a mode of transportation.

On a lighter side of this harsh arctic winter that happened in 1917-18, Mr. Billy Joel Hill from

the Sugar Grove community wrote about the good times he and his wife, Polly Jane Phillips Hill, were having during this cold spell and the Weston correspondent tells of the young folks having fun sledding.

February 2 was a regular blizzard, but wife had cooked a big fat chicken for dinner. My, the pot of rich gravy and sweet potatoes, and them fine biscuits. We ate our meals in front of the warm fire.

Tuesday the wife and I killed a 300-pound hog. Such big hams, and sausage and the middlings we had to put up. We would have lots of good meals from this fresh meat.

It's a fine sport this living in the country with a good wife, a big wood fire, plenty to eat and a clear conscience.

The boys and girls of the Weston vicinity amused themselves by coasting down the hill, torn clothes, severe bruises, unexpected collisions and even somersaults have not dampened the enthusiasm of these husky young people who have enjoyed the winter sport immensely.

Have to respect those hardy folks from long ago and how they coped with the hardships of everyday life, as they had to supply themselves with everything they needed to live and still made some good memories.

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

ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison



Making amends leads to less difficult life

Question: Is it better to know when you are going to die so you can make amends or is it better for you to die quickly and unexpected? J. W.

Answer: No one knows what tomorrow will bring and to presume you'll know when you are going to die is arrogance (James 4:13-15). Your future is in God's hands.

As for making amends with someone you have wronged or hurt before you die, it is obvious you should. When you don't, the one you wronged builds up anger toward you and makes the situation between you more difficult.

Jesus taught us to, "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court," (Matt. 5:25, 26). He gave practical advice. One should get his problems with anyone straightened out as near to the time it happens as possible.

If you are in a dispute or you have hurt someone, you need to admit fault and apologize to the one you hurt. When personal relations go wrong, in most cases, immediate action will mend them. If you borrowed something: return it. If you sold something: return it or pay for it.

Make things right with your fellowman, while you can, for one day – you know not when – your life will be over, and you will go to stand before your Maker. If you want happiness now and in eternity, never leave a quarrel or a breach between you and anyone unattended (Matt. 6:15). Doing so will make your life less complicated. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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BASKETBALL

FIFTH DISTRICT STANDINGS

BOYS		
Lyon County	10-7	4-1
Trigg County	9-9	3-1
Crittenden Co.	8-9	2-2
Livingston Cent.	0-18	0-5
GIRLS		
Trigg County	14-5	5-0
Crittenden Co.	10-6	3-1
Lyon County	9-9	2-4
Livingston Cent.	3-8	0-5

Upcoming Games

THURSDAY
Lady Rockets at Trigg County

FRIDAY
Rockets host Fort Campbell

SATURDAY
Rockets at Paducah Tilghman

TUESDAY
Rockets at Union County
Lady Rockets at Hardin Co., Ill.

The All A Classic

BOYS' TOURNAMENT

OPENING ROUND RESULTS
Lyon Co. 104, Dawson Springs 80
UHA 72, Crittenden Co. 31
Caldwell 72, Livingston Central 44
Ft. Campbell, bye

SEMIFINAL RESULTS
UHA 78, Lyon County 58
Caldwell 77, Ft. Campbell 39

CHAMPIONSHIP
University Heights 69, Caldwell 61

GIRLS' TOURNAMENT

OPENING ROUND RESULTS
Crittenden 46, Livingston 35
Caldwell 49, Dawson Springs 37
Lyon Co. 46, Ft. Campbell 10
Dawson Springs, bye

SEMIFINAL RESULTS
Caldwell 49, Crittenden 46
Lyon 48, Dawson Springs 42

CHAMPIONSHIP
Lyon County 56, Caldwell Co. 37

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

Bow Deer	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Bow Turkey	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Crossbow Deer	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29
Raccoon (trapping)	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Red/Gray Fox	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Beaver	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Canada Goose	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Dove	Dec. 21 - Jan. 12
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 1-2
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

Deer season ends

Kentucky's deer hunting seasons came to an end on Monday. Several other seasons go out at the end of this month.

RUNNING

Keller 1st, 2nd at race

Crittenden County's Kate Keller won a race and finished second in another on Murray State University's campus last weekend. Keller won the 3,000-meter race and was runnerup in the 1,600-meter run. The races were part of the West Region High School Invitational hosted by McCracken County. This was an open event, so Keller was racing against girls from all classes. The event was held inside the CFSB Center at Murray, which has a short track, only 242 meters, therefore times were a bit slower than normal with so many turns in a race, and also because runners were not allowed to wear spikes on the indoor surface, limiting traction.

BASEBALL

HS Umpires needed

Second Regional Pennyrile Umpires Association is looking for umpires for the 2020 high school baseball season. Any interested should contact Matt Bell at matt.bell@webster.kyschools.us or by phone at 270-871-6956.

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Preston TURLEY

Current Points Total 984

Points Average 16.8

Projected Date To Reach 1K Friday



Chasing Entry 1,000-Point CLUB

Juniors Preston Turley and Gabe Mott are both on the cusp of joining the exclusive 1,000-Point Club. Turley is the closest and may earn entry into the club as soon as Friday when Crittenden County hosts Fort Campbell. He is averaging almost 17 points per game and is just 16 from 1,000.



Gabe MOTT

Current Points Total 936

Points Average 16.1

Projected Date To Reach 1K Feb. 1



ROCKET BASKETBALL 1,000-POINT CLUB MEMBERS									
POINTS	PLAYER	CAREER	GAMES	AVG.	POINTS	PLAYER	CAREER	GAMES	AVG.
1,822	Tim Hill	2000-2005	129	14.1	1,191	Aaron Owen	2009-2014	124	9.6
1,596	Bennett Smith	1968-1972	73	21.9	1,090	Casey Oliver	2007-2011	88	12.4
1,326	Don Brasher	1950-1953	62	21.4	1,063	Lige Shadowen	1955-1958	58	18.3
1,205	Greg Thurman	1983-1987	75	16.1	1,030	Tom Wring	1953-1956	78	13.2
					1,024	Spencer Cozart	1975-1979	95	10.8

Honoring 1,000 points; Hall of Famers

On Feb. 7, Crittenden County High School will honor members of the boys' basketball team that have scored 1,000 or more points.

There are currently nine players who have scored more than 1,000 points in their careers and junior Preston Turley is likely to achieve that plateau on Friday. Classmate Gabe Mott will get there at some point late this month or in early February.

The basketball team will unveil a new

banner that will hang inside the gymnasium, honoring all those who have scored over 1,000 points. As part of the unveiling ceremony, the team is inviting the nine members of the club and it is planning a reception as part of the evening's festivities.

The recognition will be during a varsity doubleheader at Rocket Arena with CCHS hosting Dawson Springs. That will also be the annual Hall of Fame induction night.

SECOND REGION TOP 10 Weekly Regional Media Poll

BOYS	GIRLS
1. Madisonville (9)	1. Henderson Co.
2. Webster County	2. Madisonville
3. University Heights	3. Webster County
4. Henderson Co.	4. Trigg County
5. Hopkinsville	5. Christiain Co.
6. Christian Co.	6. Caldwell County
7. Lyon County	7. Lyon County
8. Caldwell County	8. Hopkinsville
9. Crittenden Co.	9. Crittenden Co.
10. Trigg County	10. Union County

Rockets win across river

STAFF REPORT

The Rockets went across the Ohio River Tuesday and beat Hardin County, Ill., 64-61.

Gabe Mott led the charge with 28 points and Erik O'Leary scored 17.

The Rockets (8-9) host Fort Campbell (6-11) Friday night.

Crittenden 64, Hardin County 61			
Crittenden County	11	26	40 64
Hardin County	17	28	43 61
CRITTENDEN – Morgeson 5, O'Leary 17, Mott 28, Winders, Davidson, Champion, Adamson 2, M.Carlson, J.Carlson, Yates, Turley 12. FG 27. 3-pointers 1 (O'Leary). FT 9-14.			
HARDIN – Fields 7, Johnson 9, Banks 6, Vaughn 2, Smith 10, J.Vaughn 18, Je.Johnson 9. FG 20. 3-pointers 7 (Je.Johnson 2, Smith 2, Fields 2, Johnson). FT 14-21.			

Rocket junior Braxton Winders dribbles through a press in last week's game against UHA.

Lady Rockets to face Trigg in key contest

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Rockets will play a key Fifth District game Thursday night at Trigg County. The game was originally scheduled earlier this month, but changed because of the 2A Tournament.

CCHS needs a win to keep its hopes of a regular-season district title alive.

The Lady Rockets (10-6) lost 48-30 at home Tuesday to Mayfield (12-5).

All A bid falls short

Crittenden County's bid for a seventh All A Classic Second Region championship came up a bit short last Thursday at Dawson Springs. The Lady Rockets lost 49-46 in a closely-contested finish against Caldwell County.

The Lady Rockets fell behind by 16 points early, but chiseled its way back and led

by one point twice in the final minutes of the fourth period. However, missed opportunities down the stretch, some at the foul line, allowed the Lady Tigers to scratch out a win in the final seconds. Crittenden was 14-for-21 at the free throw line, including a couple of late misses that could have helped close the gap.

Junior Jaelyn Duncan led the Lady Rockets with 15 points. Point guard Taylor Guess, who had just two points at the half, finished with 14 and junior center Nahla Woodward had 11.

Caldwell 49, Crittenden 46			
Crittenden Co.	4	16	31 46
Caldwell Co.	13	23	33 49
CRITTENDEN - Guess 14, Boone, Driskill 2, Duncan 15, Woodward 11, Moss 4, Long. FG 16. 3-pointers none. FT 14-21.			

Caldwell County's Tamia Walker races to keep up with Crittenden County guard Taylor Guess during last week's All A Classic semi-final match at Dawson Springs.

Caldwell 49, Crittenden 46			
Mayfield	14	26	31 46
Crittenden Co.	8	14	21 30

Mayfield 46, Crittenden 30			
Mayfield	14	26	31 46
Crittenden Co.	8	14	21 30

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1993 ... 2,357	2007 ... 2,927
1994 ... 1,826	2008 ... 2,707
1995 ... 1,857	2009 ... 2,549
1996 ... 2,065	2010 ... 2,952
1997 ... 1,874	2011 ... 2,829
1998 ... 2,728	2012 ... 3,010
1999 ... 2,201	2013 ... 3,033
2000 ... 2,597	2014 ... 3,224
2001 ... 2,272	2015 ... 3,359
2002 ... 2,695	2016 ... 3,081
2003 ... 2,586	2017 ... 3,451
2004 ... 3,032	2018 ... 3,302
2005 ... 2,593	2019 ... 3,498
2006 ... 3,085	

2019 KENTUCKY'S TOP 25 DEER HARVEST COUNTIES

County	Buck	Doe	Total	County	Buck	Doe	Total
Hardin	1953	1925	3878	Webster	1099	1429	2528
Christian	1816	1878	3694	Muhlenberg	1255	1266	2521
Crittenden	1572	1926	3498	Washington	1225	1253	2478
Breckinridge	1560	1733	3293	Trigg	1170	1272	2442
Pendleton	1347	1703	3050	Caldwell	1083	1145	2228
Hopkins	1457	1533	2990	Pulaski	1163	935	2098
Shelby	1435	1479	2914	Logan	1108	989	2097
Grayson	1476	1382	2858	Bracken	937	1071	2008
Hart	1386	1458	2844	Grant	998	991	1989
Owen	1297	1413	2710	Green	1012	928	1940
Ohio	1351	1261	2612	Bullitt	933	943	1876
Graves	1099	1505	2604	Livingston	938	925	1863
Nelson	1304	1278	2582				



Junior league basketball is underway in the region. Crittenden County teams played Caldwell and Trigg teams over the weekend. Pictured above is Conner Poindexter dribbling against a Trigg County defender. At right is Bryson Walker shooting and at far right is Alexis Mattingly racing down court. The players are in grades 3-6.



Can UK's football team put up big numbers into the future?

After playing a receiver at quarterback for eight games in 2019, it seems almost ludicrous to wonder if the Kentucky offense can be as productive in 2020 when the Cats figure to have a traditional quarterback — hopefully 2018 starter Terry Wilson who led UK to 10 wins before getting hurt in the second game last year.

“That’s a great question to ask at the beginning of year when we get started,” Kentucky offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said.

Wilson tore a knee ligament in the second game of the 2019 season and won’t be ready to participate in spring practice.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

“He will be there but not able to go through full blown drills,” Gran said. “So how healthy will he be when we start in August? We have to develop other guys. What we did learn with Lynn (Bowden) is that we have packages we can use with Terry and Sawyer (Smith) as well and do some stuff. We might not be as explosive but there are different things we can do.”

Bowden did a lot. He rushed for a SEC best 1,468 yards in just eight games and averaged an incredible 7.94 yards per carry, best in the SEC. He ran for 13 touchdowns and led the winning touchdown drive in the Belk Bowl. As a team, Kentucky ran for 3,624 yards and ranked fourth nationally with 278.8 yards per game. The Cats had four players rush for over 500 yards.

Kentucky ran for 517 yards against Louisville, 462 against UT-Martin and 401 in their three final regular-season games and got 331 more in the Belk Bowl against Virginia Tech.

“You always want to be great and what was so amazing after Terry got hurt and then Sawyer was everybody on offense, both coaches and players, bought in to find a way to win,” UK co-offensive coordinator Darin Hinshaw said. “We were able to do that and it’s something we will remember forever.

“We can incorporate a lot of stuff we did next year as we move forward. It’s exciting knowing that. My job will be to get

the quarterbacks ready to play. We are going to throw the ball more obviously but we also know we have to run the football. You can control time and the game that way. Just look at that last drive (in the Belk Bowl) that took 18 plays, 8 1/2 minutes. That is what is fun and we’ve got the pieces back to run the football.”

Hinshaw said UK’s quarterback, or quarterbacks depending on injuries, have to execute the play-action pass as well as the RPO (run-pass option) to make the run game work.

“I would love to be No. 1 in the SEC in rushing again,” Hinshaw said.

That would require UK’s receivers to sacrifice again like they had to do after Wilson and then Smith got hurt. Bowden through 74 passes in eight games and only completed 35 — and two came on the final game-winning TD drive in the Belk Bowl including the winning touchdown pass.

“I don’t know how many passes we even threw the last six or seven games but it wasn’t many. Our receiver had to stay motivated, run routes and be ready but it didn’t work out (to pass). We played four monsoon rain games was one reason,” Gran said. “But they all wanted to win. They knew the circumstances and really believed in Lynn. That actually says a lot about coach (Mark) Stoops and the culture he’s built here.”

When Kentucky was shredding defenses with the run late in the season, the receivers often made key blocks on big runs by Bowden, A.J. Rose and others.

“I think at the end of the year our perimeter blocking was fantastic. They (receivers) knew their role and wanted to win and it meant something to them,” Gran said. “I bet we had more big runs than almost any team in the country because of our perimeter blocking.”

That’s just one thing high school coaches and players across the country might have noticed. More importantly, Kentucky has won 32 games the last four years, including 18 the last two seasons that both ended with bowl victories.

“There’s no doubt we

notice a difference in the perception of UK football when we are out recruiting now,” Hinshaw said. “It’s incredible the response we get from different coaches all over the country. But we still have to roll up our shirt sleeves and go to work every day. You can never take success for granted or know what adjustments you may have to make to be successful like we found out this past season.”

Sporting News columnist Mike DeCourcy remembers watching Keion Brooks Jr. play in high school and wondering if he was good enough to play at Kentucky, much less be a potential one and done player like other freshmen John Calipari has had.

“But he’s fine for a freshman. He’s going to do okay and has a good career ahead of him but he’s not there yet and is not a complete player yet,” DeCourcy said. “There are three in the freshmen class nationally that are exceptional. One has checked out (James Wiseman of Memphis), one is hurt (Cole Anthony of North Carolina). Anthony Edwards of Georgia is the only one playing and the only no-brainer, lock top seven pick in the NBA draft. To expect everybody to be great is unreal.”

Brooks came up huge for Kentucky in Saturday’s win at Alabama when he had 10 points, including four late free throws, and seven rebounds for the second straight game.

Kentucky assistant coach Kenny Payne told Brooks he was going to “grow up” at the end of the Arkansas game and that he wasn’t taking him out of the game no matter what. Payne said it was a test to see how Brooks could do.

“He passed. I’m so proud of him because he’s had a hard road (this season). The pressure that he’s been under to perform is a lot. He stood up and he came through for us. Really big. Big day for him today,” Payne said after the win.

DeCourcy also senses there is a “lot of pressure” on sophomore EJ Montgomery who has yet to consistently reach the level of play most expected from him this year.

“The idea he has got to

be this and that and has to be that today or he is not in the draft in June can put a lot of pressure on any player, but especially a player at Kentucky,” DeCourcy said. “Sometimes that can be overwhelming for a young player, especially one who is not there yet — and he’s clearly not.

“He can do things at times that look like a work of art. But he needs to be physically and mentally tougher. He’s only halfway through his sophomore year and he missed games this year with an injury that set him back.

“I would like to see him play more and play better but there’s still time for him to do that. EJ has struggled with his rebounding. There’s been confusion on offense and times he’s looked lost on defense. The areas he has struggled in are just not understandable and he has to do better.”

ESPN analyst Dick Vitale is waiting for Montgomery to break through, too.

“If they ever get Montgomery to be as good as what many people think he can be, then that’s a real plus for them and then they will be really, really good,” Vitale said. “But he has to get a lot better.”

John Calipari says it’s no accident that Immanuel Quickley has become such an effective player this season.

“He’s a confident kid, and what he does, he spends so much time in the gym, he expects to make them (3-point shots),” Calipari said. “If you know you’re not 100 percent, you’re not spending the time you can, you still look in the mirror.

“And if you’re giving 80 percent and then you get in the game and it doesn’t play out for you, you know, he’s -- the kid lives in the gym. He’s kind of like Tyler (Herro), he’s like Shai (Gilgeous-) Alexander, those guys. He’s just like them.

“The guy, the energy, he finishes first on every run. He’s built his own (confidence).”

That showed when he overcame an off shooting game (3-for-14) to bury a deep 3-pointer late in the win at Arkansas and had his first double-double by getting 10 rebounds to go with 13 points. And he went 6-for-7 at the foul

line.

What’s not as obvious about Quickley is that he’s building that same confidence on defense. He did a terrific job against Louisville’s Jordan Nwora and has carried that momentum into SEC play.

“I think the one thing that Cal talks about on the defensive end and our staff really tries to hit on is defensive confidence,” Kentucky assistant coach Joel Justus said. “That’s something that travels. It should carry over into postseason. It should go from freshman to sophomore to junior to senior, and I think that’s something we teach here a lot is how to do I build my defensive confidence.

“If I’m not making shots, if I’m not playing extremely well or as well as I would think on the offensive end, your defense is based off of your effort. It’s based off of your preparation, and Immanuel is a guy who in his second year has

stepped up. He’s a guy that has paid greater attention to multiple positions in our walkthroughs, and I think that’s what you want and you need out of these veteran guys.”

Quickley was hitting 41 percent from 3-point range this year going into play this week despite going 1-for-5 at Arkansas. He’s also making 92.5 percent (62 of 67) of his free throws.

Kentucky signee John Young thought UK’s Belk Bowl win over Virginia Tech was “awesome” and sets a terrific tone for the 2020 season.

Young, an offensive lineman from Louisville, was at the Belk Bowl in Charlotte along with UK quarterback signee Beau Allen of Lexington. The two are now roommates after starting classes at UK last week.

“It was probably the most fun game I have seen in person,” Young said.

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Truth in Sentencing: A case study

It is no secret that incarceration costs have been a driving force with legislative action over the last several years in Kentucky and other states. As jail costs have skyrocketed and other economic concerns have presented major budget constraints for Kentuckians, our state legislature has sought radical changes in the Kentucky Penal Code and administrative regulations. Some of these changes have been very transparent and others have not.

One of the ways the legislature has sought to save money is a mandate of deferred prosecution or presumptive probation for drug possession cases. In addition, the legislature cut the penalty time back from 1-5 years for possession of schedule II narcotics such as heroin, cocaine or methamphetamine to 1-3 years for the same offense. The parole time for the defendant who is revoked is 15 percent of the time sentenced. Another cost-saving measure is to reduce penalties for most drug trafficking cases involving selling methamphetamine, heroin or cocaine. The penalty for street-level drug trafficking is now 1-5 years and parole eligibility for this offense is 15

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percent (i.e. 9 months on a five-year sentence). Whether these changes were in the public's best interest is to be debated, however, at least the legislature was clear in the mandate to the court system and the changes are transparent.

A larger concern is the strategy that has been employed in reducing the amount of jail time for all offenses classified as a non-violent offense. The particulars of a non-violent offender can be determined by reviewing KRS 439.3401, however, in short to simplify a complicated statute, all offenses are non-violent unless the offense is a capital offense, a Class A felony, Class B felony involving the death or serious physical injury to a victim or some other circumstance specifically enumerated in the statute. Most offenses do not

qualify as a violent offense pursuant to the statute cited above. The importance of offenses not being identified as a violent offense is extremely significant in the amount of time that a defendant will serve. This brings us to the case study.

Recently, a defendant was convicted of second-degree burglary and being a persistent felony offender in the first degree. This is a case that I prosecuted where the defendant's criminal history started in the 1980s. His criminal history included four previous felony cases for which he was convicted. In short, he is a habitual offender. In 2015, the defendant was charged and convicted of breaking into a residential home and stealing items in excess of \$10,000. More significantly was the impact that it had upon the victims of this crime, who lost the safety and security we all expect in the privacy of our homes. We all have stressful lives as we go out into the world to our jobs, schools or any other public settings. When we finish our workdays and retreat to our homes with our families, this is the last point of defense for our safety

and pursuit of happiness with our families. When the sanctity of our home is violated, we expect the law to do something about it.

In the present case, the defendant was sentenced to 10 years as a first-degree persistent felony offender (PFO). By law, that means this habitual offender is not eligible for parole until the defendant has served a minimum of 10 years in the state penitentiary. Common sense tells us that this defendant would serve 10 years. However, the PFO statute does not address jail credits. This case-study defendant received statutory good time credit of two years and six months, educational good time credit of 540 days, meritorious good time credit of 364 days and work time credit of 138 days. After all the credits, this defendant served out in four years, six months and 23 days of actual jail time. This defendant has since walked out of jail and is not even on parole for the 10-year sentence that was imposed in his case.

Everyone wants an easy solution to complex problems. There is not an easy answer for addressing the budget concerns and at the same time ad-

ressing the drug epidemic and providing for public safety. However, I am convinced the answer is not to lump all offenses into the two categories of violent and non-violent, and have a back door for all "non-violent offenses." Moreover, the legislature has shifted the economic burden of not incarcerating habitual offenders upon the general public who will be victims of their crimes.

There will always be critics to the criminal justice system and to the laws they are trying to enforce. Rest assured, law enforcement officers and prosecutors are frustrated with the criminal justice system, too. I don't pretend to have an easy solution for the complex issues facing our legislature. I would suggest that our laws be transparent and that we enact laws that provide truth in sentencing so that we can be honest with victims of crime and the general public.

Zac Greenwell is the commonwealth attorney who is charged with prosecuting felony criminal cases in Crittenden, Webster and Union counties.



4 Chaplains service in Salem on Feb. 2

American Legion Post 217 of Burna will present its annual Four Chaplains Service at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Salem on Sunday, Feb. 2.

The service will begin at 11 a.m. All veterans in the area are invited to attend, along with community members who are interested in hearing an emotional service.

American Legion posts nationwide remember Four Chaplains Day with memorial services that pay tribute to the courageous chaplains and the brave young men who lost their lives on that fateful night during World War II. This will be

the 77th anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army transport Dorchester and the selfless acts of four U.S. Army chaplains aboard. The Dorchester tragically sunk on Feb. 3, 1943, while crossing the North Atlantic, transporting troops to an American base in Greenland.

"As we remember this tragic event, remember today those who continue in the work of our country to see we have the freedoms we have today," said Faye Gibson, of the Legion's auxiliary. "Freedom is not free. May God continue to bless our military and our country."

Dossett, Tabor join CCEDC as directors

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) has announced that it has added two new individuals to its board of directors.

Amanda Dossett of Rogers Group, Inc. and

Tanner Tabor of YTG Insurance have both joined the local economic development group as at-large members.

The CCEDC is a member of the broader Lake Barkley Partnership, a four-county economic development group.

Crittenden added 178 to organ donor list in 2019

There are currently more than 2 million people registered as organ donors in Kentucky, and more than 99 percent of them joined the Kentucky Registry at their local circuit court clerks' office.

Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk Melissa Guill said that supporting the Trust for Life's mission is one of the best parts of her job.

"We want to continue to ask each customer about joining the registry and about making a donation to support the Trust for Life. It is an honor to be a part of this mission that saves lives in the bluegrass state," Guill said.

In Crittenden County in 2019, 178 names were added to the registry, and \$1,365.75 was given to the Trust for Life through public dona-

tions at Guill's circuit court clerk's office. In total, 4,238 Crittenden residents are on the life-saving donor registry.

Shelley Snyder, Executive Director of the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life (TFL), said she truly appreciates the registry additions from each county and the financial support to the TFL that residents from across the state give while doing driver's license business at local offices.

"We are so grateful for our partnership with these dedicated and compassionate public servants," she said. "We no longer sign the back of our license, so it is most important that people add the heart on their license and register as an organ donor."

Currently, 953 Kentuckians are currently

waiting on a life-saving transplant, while many more are in need of tissue and cornea transplants. Nationally, more than 113,000 people are awaiting a second chance at life through organ donation, and

sadly 22 people died each day while waiting.

For more information, call 1-866-945-5433, email info@trustforlife.org or go to www.trustforlife.org.

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Rifle drawing benefits shelter

A Henry Golden Boy .22 rifle is being given away as a fundraiser for the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter.

The gun was donated by Willard and Melissa Guill and Kristi Beavers.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Call (270) 965-2006 or message the shelter on Facebook to purchase a ticket.

Drawing will be held Feb. 14.

Retail value of the gun is \$550, and it can be viewed at Hodge's Sports & Apparel in Marion.

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